

BUSINESS RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Rideau Lakes is home to many amazing local businesses. The Economic Development Committee is pleased to celebrate their success and recognize their contributions to the community. Thanks to everyone who nominated a business and congratulations to all of the nominees.

BUSINESS INNOVATION NOMINEES

The Business Innovation Award acknowledges a business that demonstrated innovation in enhancing its business and services. This may relate to implementing an “outside the box” system or rejuvenating its operations through new technologies and facility upgrades.



millersbayfarm.com/

Millers Bay Farm

Millers Bay Farm is a 4th generation family farm, which has evolved over the decades. The farm is in Lombardy and provides the community with many opportunities to access locally grown, fresh and healthy produce. In addition to employing many local youths, operating a popular strawberry patch and running their Bountiful Basket program, the Miller family is always willing to help. Members of the Miller family can be found volunteering for several charitable causes, donating produce to the Food Banks and supporting local beautification initiatives. This family is comprised of hardworking community minded individuals and this spirit is displayed in all the work they do.

BUSINESS INNOVATION & YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR



fernandfoxyoga.com

Fern & Fox Yoga

In 2018 Tao purchased one section of the Jubilee Block in the village of Delta with the dream of opening a Yoga Studio. She has been working tirelessly while raising a family and actively volunteering in her community. While doing most of the renovations herself, along with the help of her many friends, and while trying to find funding along the way, she managed to start up Yoga classes 3 times a week using the Old Town Hall during the summer and fall of 2019.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINEES

The Business of the Year Award recognizes a business operating within the Township of Rideau Lakes that has demonstrated a commitment to the community and its residents, while displaying strong ethics within the business and society.

Browns Marina

brownsmarina.com

Brown's Marina

Brown's Marina values the opportunity to create a long-term relationship with their customers, and they do that by giving you the best customer service available. Owner Dave Brown has worked for his family business since 1976. Brown's Marina has provided countless jobs for residents in the Township. A very conscious responsible approach to the selling of wine and beer has enhanced the local experience with the opening of the LCBO. Dave's environmental dedication is exceptional, being active in the "Clean Marine" program through Boating Ontario.



clairejfineart.com

Claire Jacobs Fine Art

Situated in Portland, Claire Jacobs Fine Art-features artwork that covers a wide range of subject matter as she is influenced by so much all around her. Through her use of vibrant colour, light and movement, Claire looks for you to enter her paintings and feel and experience your own story. In 2019, Claire created the ever-popular Portland Series, a full series of paintings which celebrate the local flavour and architecture of the Village.

**DEBBEE'S
BEES**

(613) 483-8000

Debbie's Bees

Debbie of Debbie's Bees is a fifth-generation beekeeper. Her farm is in North Crosby, home of the Hutchings bees since 1848. Not only does Debbie produce incredible honey, she is an active member of her community and willingly shares her knowledge. Debbie's Bees raises, breeds and sells queen bees all over the world.

**Delta
COUNTRY
MARKET**

(613) 928-2030

Delta Country Market

The Delta Country Market is family owned and a great asset to the community of Delta and beyond. Paul & Pauline Park have been running the business since late 2014. The Staff at the Delta Country Market are incredibly accommodating. If they do not have something in stock, they will order it in special, and they can often be seen helping seniors pump their gas or delivering groceries. They are great stewards of the community and readily donate to local causes.

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



[pharmachoice.com/
locations/elgin-drugs](http://pharmachoice.com/locations/elgin-drugs)

Elgin Drugs

At the core of PharmaChoice is their belief that local businesses are the foundation of a strong community. Each of the more than 800 locations across Canada is unique and tailored to the community it serves. Elgin Drugs hires local employees and provides a range of products and services to meet the needs of residents and visitors. They go out of their way to ensure seniors are taken care of.



giffordselfstorage.com

Gifford Self Storage

Gifford Self Storage is a family owned and operated business. They opened in 2005 with one building, expanding over the years to their current capacity of 180 regular self-storage units, 40 heated units, and a store where they sell moving and storage supplies. Their next expansion included becoming an authorized U-Haul dealer in 2014, and in 2018 they expanded again to include portable storage units that can be delivered to your home or business. They pride themselves on shopping local and supporting local charities and sports teams.



(613) 359-5227

Gordanier Grocery

Gordanier Grocery is a second-generation family business. This community grocery store has a great selection of household staples, an in-store deli counter and bakery and a variety of locally made products. The store employs over 20 individuals from the local area. Aside from being a friendly and welcoming store, Gordanier's is a long-time supporter of community events including the Breakfast Program at South Crosby P.S and are significant contributors to the local Food Bank and many other local fundraising events and initiatives.



ronthompsonplumbing.com

Thompson's Plumbing

Owned and operated by Ron and Krista Thompson, Thompson's Plumbing has been providing full plumbing services for commercial and residential customers for over 24 years. Their team of highly trained, government certified and fully insured professionals is your assurance to a job well done. No job is too large or too small. They are dedicated to serving the public with honest and dependable service. Ron and Krista are incredibly giving of their time and expertise and are always willing to help in their community.



COMPUTING

tscomputing.ca

TS Computing

TS Computing is a family-run computing equipment sales and service business that opened in 2002. They provide on-site mobile service in Rideau Lakes and beyond, offering fast, reliable, affordable and honest service to business and residential clients. TS Computing supports local community organizations with advice on adapting to changes in technology from wi-fi to social media. They have also implemented a recycling program for surplus equipment.

YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR NOMINEES

The Young Entrepreneur Award honours the hard work demonstrated by a young entrepreneur who either resides, operates an active business, or grew up primarily in the Township.



Leah Allen – Cowgirl Corner

Cowgirl corner is the Allen’s family farm-based business in Chantry that provides locally sourced meats, dairy products, eggs, honey and produce. Leah Allen is the youngest family member on the farm. Leah manages the store in addition to her farm chores and her busy schedule of being a student at Rideau District High School, taking part in plays and sports, and volunteering for many community organizations including the library. Leah’s commitment to her family’s farm, and to many other farms in her community whose products she sells, is a hopeful sign for the future.



etherealmassage.ca

Elizabeth Okum - Ethereal Massage Therapy

Ethereal Massage Therapy is a business providing therapeutic massage services by a Registered Massage Therapist. Elizabeth Okum welcomes clients of all ages. She is very professional, kind and knowledgeable and provides a service that is needed in this area. She has worked extremely hard to restore and relocate to one of the buildings in Delta, so that she can stay in Delta and help it flourish.



(613) 532-5057

Brock Tye - Extreme Landscape and Construction

Now in its fourth year, Extreme Landscape and Construction offers a variety of property maintenance and improvement services to homeowners and businesses in Rideau Lakes, including important local services like snow removal and lawn care. Brock Tye provides employment to other young residents and is quickly gaining a reputation for quick response, quality workmanship and competitive prices.



(613) 200-7208

Corey Laroque and Whitney Gibbs - LaroqueGibbs Forming

Corey Laroque and Whitney Gibbs founded LaroqueGibbs Forming one year ago. In less than a year the two young men have been able to establish a successful and thriving concrete forming business that serves Rideau Lakes Township and beyond. Their dedication, extreme hard work and the individual strengths and assets of both Corey and Whitney go unmatched, and their knowledge and skill base is proven in every job they do. Rideau Lakes holds a special place in the hearts of Corey and Whitney.



(613) 484-6664

Corey Evans – Rideau Roots

Corey Evans founded Rideau Roots three years ago. Rideau Roots offers a range of professional gardening services. Corey's knowledge, expertise and friendly demeanor have made the business into a success. Born and raised in Rideau Lakes, Corey supports many community events and beautification efforts through volunteer time, donations and sharing her expertise. Corey promotes native plantings and perennial gardening to her clients in the interest of long-term sustainability in Rideau Lakes.

