

## Rideau Lakes Honours Business, Innovation and Entrepreneurs



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The Township of Rideau Lakes Economic Development Committee is pleased to announce this year's winners of the Business Recognition Awards.

**Wendy's Country Market** was awarded the Rideau Lakes *Business of the Year Award*. The vision of Wendy's Country Market is to connect farmers, consumers and restaurants in a healthier food system. Wendy's carries a full range of fresh local and organic vegetables, fresh and frozen meats, fish, dairy, bakery, honey, maple syrup and other grocery items from over 70 local producers and is a destination for residents and visitors. Wendy's supports the community in many ways and is a great ambassador for Rideau Lakes.

Elizabeth Murray, of **Ethereal Massage Therapy** takes home the *Young Entrepreneur Award*. Ethereal Massage Therapy is a business providing therapeutic massage services by a Registered Massage Therapist. Elizabeth Murray 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 one of the buildings on Delta's main street, so that she can stay local and help the village flourish.

*Business Innovation Award* recipient Andrew Davies owns and operates **No.9 Gardens**, Canada's First Sustainability and Reconciliation Centre. No.9 Gardens launched in the fall of 2018 in partnership with Dunin-Deshpande Queen's Innovation Centre and St. Lawrence College Department of Skilled Trades and Tourism. This unique 40-acre facility was created to empower youth to lead a revolution in building resilient communities utilizing the nine pillars of sustainable design developed by No.9.

The Economic Development Committee also wishes to recognize all the deserving nominees for the 2020 awards, which include Barker Wilson, Brown's Marina, Claire Jacobs Fine Art, C&M Superior Systems, Forfar Dairy, Gordanier Grocery, Jubilee Bakeshop, Lombard Manor Retirement Home, Pie Bar, Raymond Marine Services, Ridgecraft Products, Scotland Funeral Home, and Write Time for *Business of the Year*; Seahawk Farm in the *Business Innovation* category; and Ben Canning of Arctic Acres, Brock Tye of Extreme Landscape and Construction, and Corey Laroque of LaroqueGibbs Forming for the *Young Entrepreneur* category.

Committee Chair, Cathy Livingston remarked "*Rideau Lakes is fortunate to have you and your business. We commend your business expertise, hard work, and commitment; and wish you continued success in the future.*"

Mayor Hoogenboom further noted, “*We greatly appreciate the outstanding contributions of your business to the fabric of our community.*”

This year’s event was held virtually. A recording of this event is posted on the Township website which highlights the businesses and awards. MP Michael Barrett and MPP Steve Clark provided congratulatory remarks to the winners and nominees. County Warden Roger Hayley and Ann Weir, Economic Development Officer for the UCLG, were in attendance.

Thank you to all those who nominated our deserving business and business leaders and thank you to our judges: past winner Corey Evans, Ken Davies and Gary Petro from the *Rideau Lakes Business Network* and Cindy James from the *Small Business Advisory Centre*.

The Economic Development Committee reminds all residents that Rideau Lakes is home to a vast array of businesses and services. The Committee encourages residents to continue supporting our local businesses.