

## **Greater Victoria Business Awards Recognized Local Achievements**

The Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce celebrated local business excellence during the Greater Victoria Business Awards at The Fairmont Empress on April 20th.

"The businesses being honoured demonstrate not only excellence in their given sector but also show a commitment to the community," said Al Hasham. Chair of the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce. "Whether they are a winner or finalist - each one of these businesses is deserving of the award in their given category."

From start-ups to legends, Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce's annual Business Awards and its 14 categories shine a light on hard working businesses, business people and community leaders with achievements worth celebrating. In 2017, The Chamber has added two new categories: Chamber Member of the Year and Non-Profit of the Year.

The 2017 award winners are:

Business Leadership - Western Interior Design Group Ltd. and runner-up - Fort Properties Ltd.

New Business - Freshworks Studio and runner-up- Loomo Marketing.

Business of the Year (1-10 Employees)

- Balance Home Cleaning and runner-up

- BC Hazmat Management Ltd.

Business of the Year (11-39 Employees)

- Orca Spirit Adventures and runner-up

- Proline Management Ltd.

Business of the Year (40+ Employees)

- Beanstream and runner-up - Peninsula Co-op.

Outstanding Workplace of the Year -Smart Dolphins IT Solutions Inc. and runner-up - Checkfront Inc.

Innovation - Flytographer and runner-up - Coastal Community Credit Union & Insurance.

Non-Profit/Association of the Year -Lifetime Networks and runner-up - Our Place Society.

Outstanding Customer Service - STS Pain Pharmacy and runner-up - Outlooks

Sustainable Business Practices - Bernhardt Contracting Ltd. and runner-up - City Green Solutions Society.

Business Person of the Year - Mandy Farmer of Accents Inns and Hotel Zed and runner-up - Scott Burley of 2 Burley Men Moving Ltd.

Young Entrepreneur of the Year - Rachel Paish of Passion & Performance and runner-up - Glen Smethurst of Van Isle Paint and Island Digital Marketing

Chamber Member of the Year - Dan Dagg of Hot House Marketing