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MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER – After almost three weeks of online voting, the winners of the Best Of Chester Municipality Business Awards were revealed today at a Council meeting in the Municipality of Chester (MOC).

The Best Of Awards showcase some of the finest local businesses in the area with winners and runners up in 23 categories. A total of eligible 968 submissions were received with 12,172 votes cast. Tops in each category will be promoted in advertising and presented with certificates.

Small business constitutes 99% of businesses in MOC and sets a standard of excellence in customer service, product and service quality, and reliability.

“The success of our local economy is owed to the quality and diversity of our small businesses. They are its backbone,” says Allen Webber, Warden for MOC. “We value our small business community and try to support and recognize them whenever we can.”

Congratulations to the winners and runners up in each of these categories:

Best Artisanal Retailer: **The Village Emporium** (*runner up: Chez Glass Lass*)

Best Building Services: **Chester Electrical, Plumbing, and Heating**
(*runner up: Toadz Odd Jobs*)

Best Building Supply Store: **Chester Building Supplies** (*runner up: Lester D Collicutt Lumber and Building Supplies*)

Best Community Space: **Lordly Park** (*runner up: Forest Heights Community School*)

Best Farm/Forestry Business: **Ross Farm Museum** (*runner up: Integrity’s Haven Equine Rescue Centre*)

Best Garden Services: **Oceanview Home and Garden** (*runner up: Downey’s Pitcher Plant Nursery*)

Best Gas Station: **The Gold Nugget AFN** (*runner up: Chester Basin Petro-Canada*)

Best Grocery/Convenience Store: **Spidles' Your Independent Grocer** (*runner up: Foodland – Chester*)

Best Health/Beauty Services: **Luna Salon Spa & Boutique** (*runner up: Valerie's Hair Studio*)

Best Spa/Fitness Facility: **Luna Salon Spa & Boutique** (*runner up: Aqua Spa*)

Best Health Care Provider: **Our Health Centre** (*runner up: Dr. Natasha Zinck*)

Best Manufacturing Business: **South Shore Concrete Products** (*runner up: South Shore Metalworks*)

Best Marine Services Business: **Gold River Marina** (*runner up: South Shore Marine*)

Best Mechanic/Auto Shop: **Jeff's Old Volks Home** (*runner up: Chester Service Centre Ltd.*)

Best Non-Profit Group: **Integrity’s Haven Equine Rescue Centre** (*runner up: Lighthouse Food Bank*)

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Best Pet Services: **Your Friend & Mine Pet Supplies** (*runner up: Chester Basin Animal Hospital*)

Best Restaurant: **Fo'c'sle Tavern** (*runner up: Gold Bean Café*)

Best Specialist Retailer: **Julien's Bakery** (*runner up: Kiwi Café*)

Best Place to Have a Coffee: **The Gold Bean Café** (*runner up: Kiwi Café*)

Best Place to Stay: **Oak Island Resort & Conference Centre** (*runner up: Mecklenburgh Inn*)

Best Professional Services: **Scotiabank Chester** (*runner up: New Ross Credit Union*)

Best Realtor: **Tradewinds Realty** (*runner up: Peter Reeves, RE/MAX South Shore Realty*)

Best Vendor at a Farmers Market: **Julien's Bakery** (*runner up: Higbee's Berry Farm & Nursery*)

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WINNERS OF THE 2019 BEST OF CHESTER MUNICIPALITY BUSINESS AWARDS WERE ANNOUNCED TODAY IN CHESTER. THE AWARDS PROGRAM, SHOWCASING BUSINESS EXCELLENCE IN THE MUNICIPALITY OF CHESTER, IS IN ITS FOURTH YEAR, AND RECOGNIZES THE VALUE OF LOCAL BUSINESSES IN THE AREA. THE LIST OF AWARD RECIPIENTS IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT CHESTER.CA/BESTOF