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29th annual Greater Moncton Excellence Awards held in Moncton

MONCTON (NEW BRUNSWICK) – Wednesday, October 22, 2014 – Over 355 people attended last evening's Greater Moncton Excellence Awards. Ten deserving enterprises received awards last night (Wednesday, October 22) at the premiere business awards gala. Awards were made in the following various categories

People's Choice Award: Mike's Bike Shop

Excellence in Business: Coach Atlantic Group

Excellence in Business SME: South Eastern Mutual

Community Service: Casino New Brunswick

Immigrant: XOXOLO.COM

Environmental: Encorp Atlantique Inc

Emerging Business: Hint HQ / DS & Co Group Inc.

Innovation: VidCruiter

Marketing: Port Royal Distillers/Snowfox Vodka

Young Entrepreneur: Paris Malenfant - WigsCan Inc

This night would not have been possible without so many great supporters from our business community", said CEO, Carol O'Reilly. "We would like to thank in particular our presenting sponsor Medavie Blue Cross and GMCC's Platinum Sponsor, Ernst and Young and the Neil Squire Society and our community sponsors."

This year's new award, the People's Choice Award, sponsored by the Atlantic Lottery Corporation was won by Mike's Bike Shop. There were 60 nominees in the running for this award and since voting started October 1st we received over 2400 votes.

"The best part of this award is that the general public were able to have their say about who they felt rises above the rest and stands out for providing the best in all they do," said O'Reilly. "The decision of who ends up as a finalist for these awards is not made swiftly or taken lightly. A panel of judges that represent various sectors of business in the tri-community area had the difficult task of reviewing all of the nominee's packages and ultimately choosing the winners."

All the finalists and the winners of the 2014 Greater Moncton Excellence Awards are the top performers in their field.

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The Greater Moncton Chamber of Commerce is the voice of the business community for more than 820 businesses representing more than 35,000 members in Moncton, Dieppe and Riverview and the vicinity.