



## **SABEX Announces 2019 Award Finalists**

**SASKATOON, SK** – Finalists will be announced on March 7<sup>th</sup> for the 2019 *SABEX Awards Gala*, produced by the Greater Saskatoon Chamber of Commerce and presented by Nutrien. The *SABEX Awards Gala* is a celebration of the exceptional businesses growing and operating in the Saskatoon region. Finalists announced include the Business of the Year Award, Customer Service Award, Community Involvement Award, Marketing Award, New Business Award, Growth & Expansion Award, Entrepreneur of the Year Award, the “Saskatooning” Award and the prestigious RBC SABEX Hall of Fame.

The SABEX Awards are open to all private sector (non-governmental) enterprises based in Saskatoon and district, whether large or small. All applications were forwarded to KPMG for initial sorting and processing. Applications from each of the various categories were then delivered to independent and anonymous judging panels. Judges were secured by one member of the Project Team Committee and shall remain anonymous.

*2019 award finalists are listed on the following pages. Award recipients will be named at the SABEX Awards Gala on April 12th at TCU Place.*

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**The 2019 SABEX award finalists are as follows:**

***Customer Service (Sponsored by MNP LLP):***

Awarded to a business demonstrating exceptional customer service (wholesale and retail trade, purchasing and distribution, transportation, brokering, professional service, communications, and financial). Judging considers relative size of the business.

*Eb's Source for Adventure  
Glenwood Auto Service  
Al Anderson's Source for Sports  
Donald Physiotherapy  
Can-Seed Equipment Ltd  
Boyes Group Realty  
Market Mall Auto Service North  
49 Physical Therapy*

***Marketing (Sponsored by Handy Special Events):***

Awarded to a business demonstrating exceptional performance in marketing. Judging considers the success of a marketing program, the nature of the product and the relative size of the business.

*Decora Homes Ltd.  
Jordan Boyes Realty  
J. Mendoza & Associates Canada Immigration Consulting  
Vendasta*

***Growth & Expansion (Sponsored by SREDA):***

Awarded to a business which has made significant changes resulting in 'growth' or 'expansion' of 15% or more of its markets, physical locations, number of employees, etc., which has made an impact on the company's overall ability to increase its revenues, investments, and profits now or in the future.

*KeyLeaf  
Mikes Hydraulics Sales & Service Ltd.  
Dingwall Guitars  
Vendasta  
Warm 'n' Cozy Personal Care Homes  
Radouga Distilleries Inc.  
K&K Swim School*

***New Business Venture (Sponsored by Saskatchewan Polytechnic):***

Awarded to a new business which has shown positive performance in terms of current or expected profitability, job creation or entrance into new markets. Judging considers financial criteria; The nature of the new venture and its impact on job creation and market expansion. Business size is also considered.

*Sherpa*  
*Viahera Canada*  
*Thrive Hearing Solutions*  
*Sandy Shores Resorts*  
*Blue Moose Media*  
*Flynn's Forest Indoor Playground*  
*Wiebe Windows & More*  
*YXE Family Chiropractic & Wellness Centre*

***Community Involvement (Sponsored by SaskTel):***

Awarded to a business demonstrating exceptional performance in support of the arts, culture, amateur sports, education, or volunteer groups. Judging considers the relative size of the business.

*Fitness 2J2*  
*Resolve Laser Clinic*

***'Saskatooning' (Sponsored by Tourism Saskatoon):***

Saskatooning is experiencing the endlessly inviting, spirited, youthful and ever-changing city of Saskatoon. If you have felt the beating heart of Saskatoon through historical and modern culture, our breathtaking arts or inventive cuisine (just to name a few) you have been "Saskatooning". The spirit of "Saskatooning" means you share your passion for our city with others around you through your business.

The Saskatooning Award is presented to a business that is unique and iconic to our city which enhances the quality of life in Saskatoon. The business shares with locals and visitors alike, what it means to encompass the spirit of living in this amazing city. This can be anything from a local event, cultural experience, food, beverage, and/or restaurant, unique retail setting, or the like.

*Broadway Theatre*  
*LB Distillers*  
*The Local Kitchen*  
*SaskMade Marketplace*  
*Cosmopolitan Industries*  
*Sik Pics Productions*

**Entrepreneur of the Year (Sponsored by Conexus Credit Union)**

Awarded to a person(s) who has/have established or expanded a business. It is important the Entrepreneur(s) has/have demonstrated signs of success and viability in the venture.

*Sheldon Dingwall- Dingwall Guitars*  
*Haylie Lashta- Warman Physiotherapy & Wellness*  
*Holly Decker- Holly Decker Makeup Artistry*  
*Jordan Boyes- Jordan Boyes Realty*  
*Chelsey Harder- Passions Beauty Studio & The Barber Corner*  
*Mackenzie Firby- Two Fifty Two Boutique*  
*Jolene Watson- Clarity Coaching & Development*

**Business of the Year (Sponsored by Edwards School of Business):**

A business which has demonstrated excellence in the areas they consider key to their success. The winning business will have stated their critical success factors and clearly demonstrated how they have achieved meeting their goals for these factors.

*LB Distillers*  
*Warm 'n' Cozy Personal Care Homes*  
*Dutch Growers*  
*North 49 Physical Therapy*  
*Can-Seed Equipment Ltd*  
*Al Anderson's Source for Sports*  
*Magnus Insulation & Fireproofing*

**Hall of Fame (Sponsored by RBC):**

One individual or business will be inducted into the SABEX Hall of Fame each year. An independent committee notifies the SABEX Project Team of the recipient. The recipient will be a long-standing member of the Saskatoon region business community.

*To Be Announced*