

**The Barrie Chamber of Commerce & the City of Barrie
Proudly present the Barrie Business Awards.
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Barrie - October 6, 2023: The Barrie Chamber of Commerce and the City of Barrie are pleased to announce the finalists (listed alphabetically) for the 2023 Barrie Business Awards, presented by **Meridian**. We are also thrilled to share that our masters of ceremonies for our Press Reception today was McCully from Rock95 and Amy Aust from Kool 107.5. The award winners will be announced at the gala event on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023.

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**Manufacturing, Engineering,
& Construction Business
Excellence Award**

- Gerrits Engineering
- Reynolds Brothers Exteriors
- Tempo Flexible Packaging

Marketing & Promotions Award

- Larche
- Rhubarb Media
- Theatre by the Bay

**Hospitality & Tourism Business
Excellence Award**

- Barrie Public Library
- Chick-fil-A North Barrie
- Kempenfest (Barrie) Inc.

Business Growth Award

- North Barrie Market
- SAE Inc.
- White Tuque

**Service Business
Excellence Award**

- Glow Day Spa
- Simcoe Family Dentistry
- The Yerba Mate Store Co.

Pay It Forward Award

- Ainger Group Roofing and Exteriors
- Comfort Keepers
- SUPERIOR Home Health Care

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**Not-For-Profit or Charitable
Organization Award**

- Gilda's Club Simcoe Muskoka
- Sandbox Centre
- Seasons Centre for Grieving Children

New Business Award

- Barrie Anxiety Clinic
- Miski Brewing
- Modern Music Studio

**Leadership in Diversity, Equity &
Inclusion Award**

- Heather Kennedy, Blueberry Moon
- Louise Jackson, Busby Centre
- Claudine Cousins, Empower Simcoe

Employee of the Year Award

- Tim Ash, Busch Systems
- Cameron Christie, Gerrits Engineering
- Cindy Vair, JMS Law

Small Business of the Year Award

- deStyle Handcrafted Finishes Ltd.
- Hukam Law Professional Corporation
- Setlist Marketing

Employer of the Year Award

- Nexim Healthcare Consultants Inc.
- LUDUH Corp Designated Driving Service

**Young Professional of the Year
Award**

- Ola Ulewicz, Jet Lag Voyages
- Tyneisha Thomas, Poet Laureate
- Zoe Bystrov, Youth for Lake Simcoe

**Arch Brown Entrepreneur Award
of Excellence**

- Angie Ricci, DriverDX Inc.
- Jenny Makula, Orion CPA
- Mike Kirk, Specialized Upholstery & Glass Inc.



Recognizing Excellence in Business and Corporate Community Service

Initiated by the Greater Barrie Chamber of Commerce and the City of Barrie in 2003, the Barrie Business Awards program recognizes the contribution of local businesses to the continued growth and success of our community. Each year the program begins with a call for nominations in the spring, nominee profiles are collected throughout the summer, the panel of judges are assembled online, and finalists are announced in the fall. The awards will be presented on Thursday, November 2nd, 2023.

The Barrie Chamber of Commerce cordially invites you to a night of celebration and recognition at the annual Barrie Business Awards Gala. Join us as we shine a spotlight on the businesses and entrepreneurs who've displayed unparalleled excellence, innovation, and dedication in our thriving business community. Optional Black Tie, this is the premiere Barrie business event of the year!

Program Highlights

Awards Ceremony: Witness as we honour the trailblazers and visionaries of Barrie's business community. Awards will be presented across multiple categories, recognizing a range of achievements and contributions.

Incredible Meal: The team at Liberty North under Chef Mark never fails to impress.

Networking Opportunities: This is a prime opportunity to connect with fellow business leaders, stakeholders, and innovators from across the region. Forge new alliances or strengthen existing partnerships amidst the backdrop of a celebratory evening.

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Tickets & Reservations: Reserve your seat at the most anticipated business event of the year. Celebrate the achievements, share the success stories, and be inspired by the passion that drives Barrie's business community. We look forward to commemorating the evening with you!

Sponsorship Opportunities: Join the celebration! Encourage and lead the Barrie Business Community

Judging: We're proud to share that our panel of judges hails from the Ontario chamber network as well as diverse sectors of the business community. To maintain the utmost fairness and transparency, the judges are not privy to the identities of their fellow panelists.

We've chosen to conduct all evaluations through Awardify, a user-friendly and secure awards management platform designed in Canada. Not only does Awardify bolster the integrity of our selection process, but it also ensures that each entry receives the rigorous review it deserves. To further enhance the transparency of our process, categories are allocated with specific review mechanisms to eliminate any potential conflicts of interest. Each category undergoes evaluation by three distinct judges. The average scores from these evaluations will then determine our esteemed winners. We're committed to a fair and open process, and we appreciate your trust in us.

#barriebusinessawards #ichooselocal #supportlocalbusiness #BBA

2023 Barrie Business Awards Timeline:

- Press Reception: Friday, October 6, 2023 at 12:30pm
- Barrie Business Awards Gala: Thursday, November 2, 2023 to be hosted at Liberty North

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