



FORT McMURRAY

Chamber of Commerce

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Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce Celebrates Business Excellence at 2025 Business Awards

Fort McMurray, AB - October 24, 2025 - The Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Business Awards Celebration on Thursday, October 23, 2025, at the Keyano Theatre, recognizing outstanding local businesses and individuals who have demonstrated excellence, innovation, and community spirit.

Presented by Cooper & Company Law Firm, MNP LLP, and ATB, the event brought together business and community leaders to celebrate the achievements that continue to strengthen the Fort McMurray–Wood Buffalo region.

This year's celebration featured performances from talented local artists and honoured the exceptional nominees across multiple award categories. With nearly 200 nominations and 4,900 public votes submitted for the People's Choice categories, the evening highlighted the deep pride and engagement of our community in supporting local enterprise.

"The Business Awards are a celebration of the people and organizations that make Fort McMurray such a dynamic place to live and work," said Dianna de Sousa, President & CEO of the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce. *"Every nominee represents the creativity, determination, and heart that drive our region forward. We're proud to recognize their success and their contribution to our shared prosperity."*

2025 Award Recipients

- Emerging Entrepreneur Award, presented by Canadian Natural: **Integral Maintenance Systems Ltd**
- Franchise Award, presented by Harvard (Cruz/Play): **FMT Sales Ltd**
- Corporate-Social Collaboration Award, presented by BME: **Coverall Uniform Linen and Mats Ltd**
- Youth-in-Business Award, presented by Imperial: **FOY Medi Spa**
- Adaptation Award, presented by Chambers Plan Group Insurance: **Aurora Training Corp**
- Indigenous-Owned Business Award, presented by McKay Métis Group: **Acden Environment**
- Environment and Sustainability Award, presented by CNOOC: **Acden Vertex**
- Female Leadership Award, presented by 3Petals: **Katie Ekroth, 20|20 Management & RE/MAX Connect**
- Hospitality and Tourism Award, presented by Rogers Communications: **Athabasca Tribal Council Cultural Festival**
- People's Choice Small Business of the Year, presented by Stringam LLP: **Second Cup Café**
- People's Choice Medium–Large Business of the Year, presented by Stringam LLP: **Landmark Cinemas Fort McMurray**
- People's Choice Business Leader of the Year, presented by Stringam LLP: **Shawn Chaulk, Stratford Contracting Ltd**
- Small Business of the Year, presented by Community Futures Wood Buffalo: **Tavern on Main**

- Medium Business of the Year, presented by Acden Environment: **Cooper & Company**
- Large Business of the Year, presented by Pathways Alliance: **Acden Environment**
- Lifetime Business Achievement Award, presented by Pinkney Financial Services: **Cooper & Company**

Crystal Young, Board Chair of the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce and President & CEO of McKay Métis Group, reflected on the significance of the evening: *"When local businesses flourish, our entire community flourishes. The Business Awards exemplify that spirit, bringing together passionate, resilient people who are deeply committed to Fort McMurray–Wood Buffalo. Every nominee and winner reflect the innovation and community pride that make our region exceptional."*

The Chamber extends sincere thanks to all sponsors, partners, and community supporters who made the 2025 Business Awards possible, and congratulations to every nominee and recipient for their continued contributions to the success of our region.

About the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce

The Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce represents the voice of business in the Wood Buffalo region, advocating for growth, connection, and prosperity across industries. With more than 600 members, the Chamber is dedicated to creating opportunities that strengthen the local economy and celebrate the achievements of our business community.

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