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THE FORT MCMURRAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ANNOUNCES 2026 BUSINESS AWARDS FINALISTS

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The Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2026 Business Awards. The winners will be announced at the Business Awards Celebration, presented by Cooper & Company Law Firm, ATB Financial, and MNP, on Thursday, October 22, 2026 at Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre.

"The Business Awards are an opportunity to celebrate the people and organizations whose leadership, innovation, resilience, and community commitment continue to strengthen Wood Buffalo. This year's finalists reflect the depth and diversity of our business community, and I am incredibly proud of what they contribute to our region. We look forward to bringing the community together on October 22 to recognize their achievements and share their stories." – Dianna De Sousa, President & CEO, Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce.

The full list of award finalists is as follows. Finalists are listed in no particular order:

Adaptation Award

Presented by Birch Mountain Enterprise LLP

- Landmark Cinemas
- Splash n Dash Inc.
- Poosh Cleaning Services
- McDonald's (Gregoire)

Emerging Entrepreneur Award

- Crown & Collar
- Moccasin Media
- Pawsitive Luxury Inc.
- Danielle Fairweather Art
- Outpost Fine Wine Spirits Beer

Corporate-Social Collaboration Award

- Wood Buffalo Pharmacy
- Pinkney Financial Services
- McDonald's (Gregoire)
- Cooper & Company Law Firm

Environment & Sustainability Award

- Clean Harbors Industrial Services Corp
- Grainger's Greens

Female Leadership Award

Presented by Imperial

- Lindsay Pinkney, Pinkney Financial Services
- Melanie Galea, RE/MAX Connect & DiSCOVER Fort McMurray
- Nicole Bourque-Bouchier, Bouchier
- Frances Liamzon, Landmark Cinemas
- Kierra Pelz, Premier Academy Cheerleading & Tumbling

Hospitality and Tourism Award

Presented by Country 93.3 FM and Rock 97.9 FM

- Q Social
- Landmark Cinemas
- Fort McMurray Golf Club
- McDonald's (Gregoire)

Lifetime Business Achievement Award

Presented by Pinkney Financial Services

- Caribou Flowers & Gifts
- Robert Anderson Funeral Services
- Accel Physical Therapy & Massage

Small Business of the Year

- Premier Academy Cheerleading & Tumbling
- Danielle Fairweather Art
- Pinkney Financial Services
- Oxygen Yoga & Fitness Fort McMurray
- Melanie Galea RE/MAX Connect & DiSCOVER Fort McMurray

Large Business of the Year

- McDonald's (Gregoire)
- Bouchier
- Inner City Diesel
- A.P.E. Maintenance Ltd.

Franchise Business

Presented by Play 103.7 and 100.5 Cruz FM

- Oxygen Yoga & Fitness Fort McMurray
- McDonald's (Gregoire)

Indigenous-Owned Business Award

Presented by Fort McKay Métis Group

- Radium North Inc.
- A.P.E. Maintenance Ltd.
- Spirit Creative Ltd.
- Inner City Diesel
- Moccasin Media

Youth-in-Business Award

Presented by Canadian Natural

- Forbidden Chapters
- Sargi & Co

Medium Business of the Year

Presented by BDC

- Fort McMurray Golf Club
- Landmark Cinemas
- Radium North Inc.

People's Choice Awards

In addition to the adjudicated award categories, the Chamber is pleased to celebrate this year's People's Choice nominees. Public voting opens September 8, 2026. Community members are encouraged to support their favourite local businesses and leaders by casting a ballot through the Chamber's Business Awards page.

Vote beginning September 8: fortmcmurraychamber.ca/business-awards/

People's Choice – Small Business (Under 20 Employees)

Presented by Suncor

- Accel Physical Therapy & Massage
- Caribou Flowers & Gifts
- Crown & Collar
- Danielle Fairweather Art
- Forbidden Chapters
- Grainger's Greens
- Melanie Galea RE/MAX Connect & DISCOVER Fort McMurray
- Moccasin Media
- Outpost Fine Wine Spirits Beer
- Oxygen Yoga & Fitness Fort McMurray
- Pawsitive Luxury Inc.
- Pinkney Financial Services
- Poosh Cleaning Services
- Premier Academy Cheerleading & Tumbling
- Q Social
- Robert Anderson Funeral Services
- Sargi & Co
- Spirit Creative Ltd.
- Splash n Dash Inc.
- Wood Buffalo Pharmacy

People's Choice – Medium-Large Business (20 or More Employees)

Presented by Suncor

- A.P.E. Maintenance Ltd.
- Bouchier
- Clean Harbors Industrial Services Corp
- Fort McMurray Golf Club
- Inner City Diesel
- McDonald's (Gregoire)
- Radium North Inc.

People's Choice – Business Leader

Presented by Suncor

- Melanie Antoine and Lloyd Antoine, A.P.E. Maintenance Ltd.
- Moe Awais, McDonald's (Gregoire)
- Nicole Bourque-Bouchier and David Bouchier, Bouchier
- Portia Bungay, Poosh Cleaning Services
- Kaitlyn and Devan Burden, Outpost Fine Wine Spirits Beer
- Dave Callum, Fort McMurray Golf Club
- Gurmanpreet Chani, Sargi & Co
- Terrence A. Cooper, KC, Cooper & Company Law Firm
- Rhonda Marsden and Blair Drew, Radium North Inc.
- Danielle Fairweather, Danielle Fairweather Art
- Moe Farhat, Alex Wong and Janine Peddle, Q Social
- Kristen Fitzpatrick, Robert Anderson Funeral Services
- Melanie Galea, Melanie Galea RE/MAX Connect & DISCOVER Fort McMurray
- Angela Hart, PT and Ashleigh Whiffen, PT, Accel Physical Therapy & Massage
- Rod Heatherington, Splash n Dash Inc.
- Frances Liamzon, Landmark Cinemas
- Greg Lyon, Clean Harbors Industrial Services Corp
- Mariah McGregor, Forbidden Chapters
- Kierra Pelz, Premier Academy Cheerleading & Tumbling
- Lindsay Pinkney, Wayne Pinkney and Kristi Hines, Pinkney Financial Services
- Rhonda Robinson, Spirit Creative Ltd.
- Matthew Grimm, Karissa Javier and Hanna Samson, Wood Buffalo Pharmacy
- Tony Shivers and Chris Wruck, Crown & Collar
- Kara Solecki, Pawsitive Luxury Inc.

- Justin Dollimont and Heidi Gould, Oxygen Yoga & Fitness
Fort McMurray
- Edward and Shalayne Grainger, Grainger's Greens
- Eric Tevely, Inner City Diesel
- Nick Vardy, Moccasin Media
- Sharon Young, Caribou Flowers & Gifts

Buy Your Tickets Today!

Tickets are on sale now for the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce 2026 Business Awards Celebration, presented by Cooper & Company Law Firm, ATB Financial, and MNP. The celebration takes place Thursday, October 22, 2026 from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM at Keyano Theatre & Arts Centre. The evening begins with networking, cocktails, and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 PM, followed by the Awards Celebration and Local Arts Showcase at 7:00 PM, and an After Party Reception at 9:45 PM.

Early Bird tickets are available until September 15 at \$100 for Chamber members and \$125 for non-members. Regular pricing is \$125 for members and \$150 for non-members.

Tickets are available at: fortmcmurraychamber.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/2289

The Business Awards were open to public nomination. Nominations are reviewed and evaluated through the Chamber's adjudication process, with finalists selected based on the applicable criteria for each award category. The People's Choice Award winners are determined by public ballot.

To learn more about the Business Awards, visit: fortmcmurraychamber.ca/business-awards/

About the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce

The Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce is the collective voice of business in Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo. We champion every local business by advocating for policies that drive growth, supporting our members with impactful programs and benefits, and fostering collaboration across our community.

Guided by our values – Influence with Impact, Advocacy with Integrity, and Relevance – we work to create an environment where businesses can prosper, communities can flourish, and our region can reach its full potential. The Chamber is the premier advocate of the region's business community, representing hundreds of members across the region with one voice.

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