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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

There are STILL things worth celebrating...

What a year it's been! For some it is likely hard to reflect on the good that there was and still is...but we want to say how proud we are of so many of our Abbotsford businesses that have remained positive and demonstrated leadership in innovation and community support during these times.

Therefore, we have just announced our Business Excellence Awards recipients for 2020 on December 3rd in partnership with the Abbotsford News. The theme of this year's awards is showcasing business innovation and resilience through the categories of Innovation Excellence, Frontline Excellence, Community Contribution and Outstanding Support.

A special congratulations to Ravens Brewing Company, Patna Sweets Restaurant, Zone Garage Fraser Valley, and Nature's Pickin's as this year's award winners and compliments to all nominees. Join us in celebrating more local success stories! Check out the video online at <https://blackpress.tv/video.php?id=46406> We will be showcasing and spreading the news throughout December.

Our priority is to keep voicing business issues and offering opportunities and supports that will enhance and encourage your success. We have felt the challenges of this year alongside you. We are in this with you and we hear you and will continue to focus our efforts on building and sustaining a thriving business community.



**Melinda Friesen**  
President

The accomplishments of 2020 are many but being part of a community that pulls together when things get tough is one that is worth celebrating. I challenge you to share your successes and to focus on the positive in this season of celebration. We look forward to this holiday season and welcome 2021 with hope and a renewed spirit together. Best of the season to you from all of us at your Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce.

## NEW MEMBERS:

Telus – [www.telus.com](http://www.telus.com)

Learn n' Play Childcare Centre – 604-561-0444



The Chamber Board and  
Staff wish you a very

**Merry  
Christmas**

and Happy New Year



## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Wednesday, January 20, 2020

Helpfulness is the New Hustle with Isabelle Mercier

11:30am-12:30pm

Zoom Webinar

Register at [www.abbotsfordchamber.com/events](http://www.abbotsfordchamber.com/events)