

**14th Annual
Community Awards Dinner & Presentation**

Saturday, March 31, 2012

Nomination Form & Instructions

Deadline: Monday March 12, 2012

Return to Chamber office

**AWARD CATEGORIES
For the year 2011**

Most Improved Business Award

For significant expansion of operation and/or improved or enhanced premises making the community more attractive.

*Sponsored by: **K.D. Solomon Insurance Brokers**
o/b **HJM Insurance & Financial Services Ltd.***

Customer Service Award

for consistent commitment to customer service by a business.

*Sponsored by: **Knight's of Meaford***

Agribusiness Award

for investment in sustainable agriculture and success in developing innovative products, processes and marketing channels.

*Sponsored by: **TD Canada Trust***

Special Merit Award

for exceptional effort within our community by a volunteer organization or service club.

*Sponsored by: **Municipality of Meaford***

The Peter Francis Memorial Award

for consistent, exemplary leadership and contribution to community development by a volunteer.

*Sponsored by: **Meaford & District Chamber of Commerce***

Tourism Award

for a commitment to local tourism through a welcoming attitude, awareness and promotion of local attractions by a business.

*Sponsored by: **Scotiabank***

Business Owner of the Year Award

for an outstanding contribution to the Municipality of Meaford by a business owner.

*Sponsored by: **Meaford BIA***

ELIGIBILITY RULES

Please see Nomination Form for criteria for each award category.

The awards are for the 2011 calendar year.

- Nominees and nominators do not have to be members of the Chamber of Commerce.
- Awards are limited to businesses that operate and individuals who reside within the Municipality of Meaford.
- A business or individual may be nominated for more than one award.
- Nominations must include the information requested and be submitted prior to the published deadline in order to be considered.
- Nominators are required to inform the business or individual that they have been nominated.
- List of nominees will be published in the Meaford Independent and The Express.
- Meaford & District Chamber of Commerce is not obliged to present awards for each category.

NOMINATION FORM

Please fill out categories of interest.

You may fill in more than one category.

Entries **MUST** be dated to be considered.

Nominators are required to inform the business or individual that they have been nominated. (See Eligibility Rules)

Nominators are required to inform the business or individual that a list of nominees will be published in the Meaford Independent and The Express. (see Eligibility Rules)

Your name: _____

Date: _____

Has the nominee been advised of this nomination? Yes _____ No _____

To judge each nomination appropriately, all nominations must be accompanied by comments describing why you nominated that person / business. (Attach separate 8½ X 11 sheets of paper if necessary). The comments are an integral part of the nomination process.

1. Most Improved Business Award

Presented to an existing business that has significantly expanded its operation and/or improved or enhanced the business premises making the community more attractive.

Nominee: _____

Comments:

2. Customer Service Award

Presented to a business that consistently goes out of its way to provide superior service to its customers.

Nominee: _____

Comments:

3. Agribusiness Award

Presented to an existing agribusiness that has invested in sustainable farming practices and has successfully developed innovative products, processes and marketing channels.

Nominee: _____

Comments:

4. Special Merit Award

Presented to a volunteer organization or service club for exceptional effort over the past year that has enhanced the quality of life within our community.

Nominee: _____

Comments:

5. The Peter Francis Memorial Award

Presented to an individual who has demonstrated exemplary volunteer leadership over many years and who has made a significant contribution to community development in the Municipality of Meaford. This individual must exhibit strong leadership through example. This is a lifetime achievement award. *(Note: this award will not necessarily be awarded each year).*

Nominee: _____

Comments:

6. Tourism Award

Awarded to a business with a commitment to local tourism through a welcoming attitude, awareness and promotion of local attractions.

Nominee: _____

Comments:

7. Business Owner of the Year Award

Presented to an owner who has made an outstanding contribution to the Municipality of Meaford.

Demonstrates:

- Leadership within a business.
- Dedication to the betterment of the whole community
- Good citizenship
- Care for the environment
- Sound employee relations

Nominee: _____

Comments: