



Press Release

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Several Dieppe Business Winners at the 16th City of Dieppe Entrepreneurs Banquet

Dieppe (NB) The City of Dieppe Entrepreneurs Banquet reached full capacity once again this year with more than 340 representatives from the business community in attendance. This major event took place at the “Collège communautaire du Nouveau-Brunswick - campus Dieppe. »

The ***Business Excellence Award*** was presented to ***Jean Coutu***. Jean Coutu is a retail Pharmaceutical services company which serves the general public for cosmetics, grocery, Canada post outlet, gift cards, flu shots, vaccines, over the counter medication and consultations, just to name a few. Their goal is to work tirelessly in improving their ability to take care of the health and wellness of their community and its citizens. From common daily ailments, to life changing conditions they strive to provide professional and courteous advice. Surrounding themselves with highly trained and skilled staff they are able to surpass their customers' expectations. Their continued investments allow them the ability to adapt to new guidelines, trends and to benefit from economic prosperity in an ever growing market. As a leader in the retail pharmacy sector they will strive to maintain their position as visionaries while remaining a valuable partner within their community.

The ***Service Business Excellence Award*** was presented to ***Champlain Auto Body***. In operation for over 40 years, Champlain Auto Body is a family owned & operated independent collision repair centre founded in 1975 and changed ownership to the Barkhouse family in 1985. At the same location since the beginning, Champlain Auto Body expanded first in 1989 with a second major expansion in 1999. In 2006 they partnered with CSN Collision Centres. The year 2010 saw the integration of LEAN processes and in 2013 they started to convert their operations to a production line style repair facility. Their most recent expansion and renovation were complete in 2016.

Sky Zone was awarded the ***Emerging Business Award***. Sky Zone is Atlantic Canadas largest play space! They promote health, fitness, happiness, and fun within the community through active play. Sky Zone offers a variety of features that get the whole family active while having fun. They bring back the notion that playing isn't just for children and staying active is beneficial to mind and body and it doesn't have to mean a daily ten-mile jog. Whether soaring on the trampolines or testing your skill on our Ninja Warrior Warped Wall, your legs and lungs will work hard. And so will your smile muscles. Sky Zone has made it their mission to get New Brunswickers happier and healthier through active play!

Selected by the public, the winner of the ***My Choice Award*** is ***DastousDio***. DastousDio is a family business that began with a dream, that came to reality two years ago. Their dynamic and dedicated team offers hairdressing services, aesthetics, as well as therapeutic massages. Located on Acadie Avenue, DastousDio is committed to providing its customers with superior service and products with a unique and personalized touch for each client.

P.R.O Kids, celebrating its 10th anniversary this year, was awarded the **Distinction Award**. Since its launch in 2008, P.R.O Kids has helped many youths participate in 2,249 activities, reaching more than 600 youths. In 2016, PRO Kids paid \$ 67,598 to associations and \$ 6,619 for equipment. They also received free placements or association discounts valued at \$ 5,932. Here is a touching testimony from a parent: "P.R.O. Kids has given the opportunity to my boy to play hockey in the last years. Without P.R.O. Kids, he probably would not have been able to participate. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving him this beautiful gift! "

Place aux compétences, PAC, is a non-profit organization that, since 2008, has been working in our community schools in collaboration with various partners. Their financial support allows teachers to set up entrepreneurial projects and innovate in the classroom while motivating students. The 2017 contribution from Expansion Dieppe to the "*Fonds d'appui pour le développement de la culture entrepreneuriale en éducation*" enabled 178 students to carry out projects in all six schools of our municipality. Expansion Dieppe is proud to support PAC, as it promotes the entrepreneurial spirit of Dieppe's young future entrepreneurs. Expansion Dieppe renews its partnership again this year with a donation of \$ 3,000.

According to Louis Godbout, Executive Director at Expansion Dieppe, "*This year we were impressed by the diversity of the finalists, companies that have been part of the Dieppe landscape for over a generation, and innovative new companies that will be around for decades to come. All the finalists are all deserving and made the task of the Jury quite challenging. The importance of this evening is to recognize our businesses today and encourage future generations to become entrepreneurs.*"

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