

PRESS RELEASE

For Immediate Release:

PORT ALBERNI BC: The Alberni Valley Chamber of Commerce (AVCOC) is pleased to announce the finalists for the 2017 Community Excellence Awards planned for Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Italian Hall.

The Chamber's annual event has grown each and every year under the guide of Executive Director Bill Collette. It is expected that once again the ceremony will be a sell-out with 240 people in attendance including close to 50 local finalists. This year's event is supported by many local businesses including our Title Sponsor – Westcoast Home Hardware. The Awards Committee is pleased to announce that the theme of the event is 150 50 10 translating to 150 years of Canada, 50 years of Port Alberni and 10 years of Westcoast Home Hardware with current ownership of Jan/Karen Lavertu. In accordance with the colour of Canada and of Home Hardware we are inviting our guests of the evening to wear something RED.

AVCOC ensures that all finalists of our awards ceremony can attend at no cost to themselves. This is a somewhat unique approach in such events but nonetheless is one that we are proud of and believe in.

Our finalists for the various awards are: Kevin Hunter WVHHS, Portal Players Dramatic Society, Houle Printing, Breakers Marine, Sheena Falconer, Skytec Contracting, Ethan Jack, Girl on a Board, Steve Kalugin, Secluded Wellness, Trends Hair Design, Belles Haircare, Alberni Electric, Vishal Dewli, Beaver Creek Home Centre, Totem Tree Service, Blue Fish Gallery, The Medicine Shop, LB Woodchoppers, Alberni Valley Drag Race Association, Azalea Flowers and Gifts, Jeff Cook, Foxglove, EM Salon, Twisted Willow, KAL Tire, Sarah Thomas/Bike Projects, Rick Dennis Automotive, Don Ferster, Coombs Country Candy, Port Posh Wash, The Blue Marlin Inn, Valley of Trails/Chris Fenton, Terri Buse, Catalyst Paper Mill, Samuel Tsai, Port Boat House, Meals on Wheels & Jenna West.

Sponsors of the event include: Save On Foods, Island Timberlands, Coastal Community Credit Union, CIBC, The Graphics Factory, Port Alberni Association for Community Living, Sproat Lake Landing, La Bruschetta Bistro, Port Pub, Arrowsmith Rotary, Alberni Valley News, R. Anderson and Associates, Jiffy Lube, Valley Vision Optometry, Great Central Social Co., Gillian Trumper, AV Financial, Alberni Liquor Store, Alport Insurance, The Blue Marlin Inn, Azalea Flowers & gifts, Karen Maika Coastal Community Private Wealth Group.

Emcee for this year's event will be Mr. Zack Jones former manager of Save On Foods Port Alberni – current manager of the Langley store. Guest Speaker will be Mr. Terry Davis CEO Home Hardware Canada. The event will be catered by Swept Away Inn supported by volunteer

students from ADSS along with Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors. The event will include a welcoming band as well as a full party dance band to wrap up the evening. Tickets for the event can be purchased from AVCOC by calling our office at 250.724.6535