



Clear Hills County

Effective Date: April 9, 2019	Policy Number 6802
Title: BUSINESS AWARDS	

1. POLICY STATEMENT

1.1. Small business owners devote a huge amount of time and energy to develop, launch and run their companies and Clear Hills County Council believes it is important to recognize and celebrate those efforts and successes, so has committed to host annual business awards.

2. GENERAL

2.1. Annually Council will include funds in the Operating Budget to cover costs for hosting annual business recognition awards.

2.2. Nominations for the annual business recognition awards will be presented to Council annually at the second Council meeting in February.

3. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL AWARDS

To be a valid entry in the Clear Hills County Business Awards the business must:

3.1. Have operated for a minimum of three years; except for those entering in the New Business category;

3.2. Operate in Clear Hills County or the Village of Hines Creek and continue to do so at the time of the awards presentation.

3.3. Have not won in the same category in the past three years.

4. BUSINESS OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES

4.1. Community Service/Involvement – contributed in a significant way financially or by means of volunteerism. The successful nominee must have demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the community and has moved the community in a positive manner by their actions.

4.2. Innovation: New Business, Product, Service or Work System– been in business for three years or less OR to a business that has introduced a new product/service or has adopted a new work system, such as the use of new technology that has created a distinct competitive advantage. Judging will take into consideration the relative size and nature of the business as well as market conditions.

4.3. Investment – Job Creation, Growth & Expansion - demonstrated long-term success and growth of their company in addition to exceptional service to the community. The business and owner will be an acknowledged leader by peers.

5. **RECOGNITION** will include:

- An award plaque or framed certificate
- Donation of \$1,000.00 to local non-profit organization of their choice that operates within Clear Hills County.
- Picture and announcement in the May County Newsletter.

6. **AWARDS CEREMONY:**

- Will be held at the Clear Hills County Agricultural Tradeshow Banquet.

7. **ATTACHMENTS:**

- A. Sample Nomination Form

8. **END OF POLICY**

ADOPTED

Resolution C420-18(09/11/18)

Date: September 11, 2018

AMENDED

Resolution C184-19(04/09/19)

Date: April 9, 2019

Celebrating Business Awards

Nomination Deadline: February 10 Annually

Submitting Nominations:

- Drop off: County Administration Office at 313 Alberta Avenue, Worsley, AB
- Email: audrey@clearhillscounty.ab.ca
- Mail: Clear Hills County, Box 240 Worsley, AB T0H 3W0
- Fax: 780-685-3960

Awards Ceremony: Clear Hills County Agricultural Tradeshow Banquet April __, 20__ at 6:00 p.m. Dave Shaw Memorial Complex Hall, 712 6th Avenue, Hines Creek, Alberta.

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BUSINESS OF THE YEAR CATEGORIES

1. **Community Service / Involvement** – contributed in a significant way financially or by means of volunteerism. The successful nominee must have demonstrated their commitment to giving back to the community and has moved the community in a positive manner by their actions.
2. **Innovation: New Business, Product, Service or Work System**– been in business for three years or less OR to a business that has introduced a new product/service or has adopted a new work system, such as the use of new technology that has created a distinct competitive advantage. Judging will take into consideration the relative size and nature of the business as well as market conditions.
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Recognition will include:

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- Donation of \$1,000.00 to local non-profit organization of their choice that operates within Clear Hills County.
- Picture and announcement in the May County Newsletter.

Business Recognition Awards Nomination Form

Nomination Information:

Nominee's Business _____

Contact Name at Business _____

Contact Information for Nominated Business _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Individual submitting Nomination (if different than above): _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Please "Circle" Appropriate Business of the Year Category:

- Community Service/Involvement
- Innovation: New Business, Product, Service or Work System*
- Investment: Job Creation, Growth & Expansion

Please include reasons why you are nominating the above business

* When nominating a business for the Innovation award identify which sub-category you are nominating this business for – new business, product, service or works system.

Attach a separate sheet if required.

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