

Businesses honour their own

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ABBOTSFORD'S BUSINESS elite came out in full force last night to honour their own at the 13th annual Abbotsford Business Excellence Awards. Sponsored by the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce and the Abbotsford News, the Business Excellence Awards pays tribute to 10 companies or individuals who have gone above and beyond the normal call of duty. Helping to make the event, held at the Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre, a night to remember were guest appearance from the Business in Black Dance Team and the world renowned Drum Cafe. Of course, despite the great food and the great entertainment, the highlight of the evening was the announcement of this year's award recipients

The recipients of the 2008 Business Excellence Awards are:

Eric Vanderham Young Entrepreneur of the Year

Kevin Simoes, RD.AIBC, LEED AP, Streamline Design Ltd. & Streamline Enterprises Ltd.

Customer Service Excellence – Business
Reaction Fly & Tackle

Customer Service Excellence – Employee
Shannon Marie Latimer

Social Responsibility Award
Kinghaven Peardonville House Society

Producer Excellence
Ritchie-Smith Feeds, Inc.

Home-Based Business Excellence
Shipwrecked Treasures

Business Leader Award
St. John Ambulance

Retailer of the Year
Brady's Gourmet Meats

New Business of the Year
Coretection Products Ltd.

Established Business of the Year
Bourquin Printers & Signs