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2013 BC Aboriginal Business Awards Announced

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The fifth annual British Columbia Aboriginal Business Awards were announced by Premier Christy Clark and Keith Mitchell, Chair of the BC Achievement Foundation.

The honourees will be celebrated at a gala ceremony on December 5, 2013 at the Westin Bayshore, Vancouver.

"The recipients of the BC Aboriginal Business Awards reflect the strong entrepreneurial spirit in BC's Aboriginal communities," said Premier Clark. "With their success in attracting investment and creating jobs, these individuals and companies play a crucial role in growing the economy and creating more opportunities today and in the future."

"Representing fields such as construction, forestry, land use, urban architecture, art and innovative childcare, the Aboriginal Business Awards demonstrate the breadth of successful Aboriginal businesses in the province," added Keith Mitchell.

The BC Aboriginal Business Awards were launched in 2008 to honour and celebrate business excellence. Six award recipients have been selected and a further group of nine Aboriginal businesses noted for their outstanding achievement.

Members of the jury panel include Kim Baird, of Kim Baird Strategic Consulting; John Harper, retired Director of Economic Initiatives, Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation and Robert McPhee, Managing Director of the Castlemain Group.

In addition, Chief Commissioner Sophie Pierre has been selected the recipient of the 2013 BC Aboriginal Business Award for Individual Achievement in recognition of her pioneering initiatives in the field of Aboriginal business. This award is selected by the board of directors of the BC Achievement Foundation.

The BC Aboriginal Business Awards are presented by the BC Achievement Foundation in partnership with the Ministry of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation, and generously supported by New Relationship Trust, BC Hydro, Teck, Encana, Spectra Energy and MNP.

The 2013 BC Aboriginal Business Award Recipients:

Young Entrepreneur of the Year Award

[Erica Ryan-Gagne](#)

Skidegate

Outstanding Business Achievement

- [Terence Giesbrecht](#), Vernon

Business of the Year - one to two person enterprise

[Lisa Shepherd Métis Artisan](#)

Fraser Valley

Outstanding Business Achievement

- [Transformation International](#), Alert Bay

Business of the Year - three to 10 person enterprise

[Budding Children's Garden and Daycare](#)

Vancouver

Outstanding Business Achievement

- [Formline Architecture + Urbanism](#), Vancouver
- [Salmon n' Bannock Bistro Ltd.](#), Vancouver

Business of the Year - 10 or more person enterprise

[Sun Ridge Equipment Ltd.](#)

Kamloops

Outstanding Business Achievement

- [Spirit Lake Silviculture](#), Campbell River
- [Tipi Mountain Native Plants Ltd.](#), Cranbrook

Community-Owned Business of the Year

[Haida Enterprise Corporation \(HaiCo\)](#)

Skidegate

Outstanding Business Achievement

- [Chu Cho Industries Limited Partnership](#), Mackenzie
- [I-HOS Gallery](#), Courtenay

Joint Venture Business of the Year

[Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd.](#)

Chilliwack

Outstanding Business Achievement

- [LHI Tutl'it Services Inc.](#), Prince George

Individual Achievement Award

[Chief Commissioner Sophie Pierre](#)

Vancouver

[Ruth Williams](#)

All Nations Trust

Kamloops

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Erica Ryan-Gagne, Eri-Cut and Dried Salon



Lisa Shepherd Métis Artisan



Lawrence Erickson, Budding Children's Garden and Daycare



Carrie Leonard, Sun Ridge Equipment Ltd.



Peter Lantin, Haida Enterprise Corporation (HaiCo)



Matt Wealick, Ts'elxwéyeqw Tribe Management Ltd.



Hon. John Rustad presents Sophie Pierre with Individual Achievement Award



Ruth Williams, All Nations Trust

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Ainjil Hunt and Carol Anne Hilton,
Transformation International



Alfred Waugh, Formline
Architecture



Bruce Dumont, Métis Nation



Cheryl Casimer, FNS and FNLC



George Lacerte LHI Tutl'it Services



Kenny Warren, Chu Cho Industries



Inez Cook, Salmon n'Bannock
Bistro



Mary Charles gives the Blessing



Mike Keefer and Theresa Nelson,
Tipi Mountain Native Plants



MC Judith Sayers



Robert Dick, Spirit Lake Silviculture



Ramona Johnson, I-HOS Gallery



Terence Giesbrecht, Skyride Circle

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