



SMALL BUSINESS BC
AWARDS

Small Business BC Awards Week



May
3-6

Presented by:



▶ Welcome To The Small Business BC Awards Week

The Small Business BC Awards are the largest awards dedicated to small business in Western Canada. Join us across four days, as we celebrate the resiliency and hard work of the entrepreneurs making a difference around British Columbia.

This is our 18th Annual Awards, and back in January we asked you to nominate your favourite small businesses. Since then we have been overwhelmed by the level of small business support, with more businesses nominated, and more votes cast than ever before.

Congratulations to every small business nominated. After over 50,000 votes, 937 nominations and a nerve-racking Dragon's Den style pitch - we're down to our finalists. We can't wait to share their inspirational stories with you throughout the week.



Agenda

The Small Business BC Awards Week will have celebrations spread into bite size pieces across the week from May 3rd to 6th.

Day 1: Monday, May 3rd (6:00pm to 7:30pm)

Our launch night! Meet the finalists, network for prizes, listen to our panel and hear from some special guests.

Day 2: Tuesday, May 4th (1:00pm to 1:40pm)

Watch the first of our short films - as we get to know our finalists, hear their stories and announce our first two winners:

Best Community Impact Award

Best Immigrant Entrepreneur Award

Day 3: Wednesday, May 5th (1:00pm to 1:40pm)

Kick back and enjoy our second round of inspiring films as we meet more finalists and find out how they overcame this year's challenges:

Best Solopreneur Award

Best Youth Entrepreneur Award

Day 4: Thursday, May 6th (1:00pm to 1:40pm)

The Awards Week's finale - featuring guest speakers: the Honourable Mélanie Joly, and the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, as we announce our final two small business winners:

Best Innovation Award

Premier's People's Choice Award

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Best Immigrant Entrepreneur

Day 2: Tuesday, May 4th (1:00pm - 1:40pm)



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The Best Immigrant Entrepreneur Award, presented by BDC, recognizes outstanding new Canadians who after immigrating have created successful small businesses while demonstrating leadership and breaking down barriers.

The Top 5 finalists for this year are:

Artemex Mexican Handcrafts

📍 West Kelowna

Artemex is a small, family owned business that offers authentic Mexican handcrafts in the heart of the Okanagan. Discover their colourful range of kitchen goods and accessories.

Find out more



Audielicious Restaurant

📍 Fort St. John

Owned and operated by Audie Louie Banania, Audielicious Restaurant offers an eclectic menu featuring everything from steak, to seafood, Filipino dishes and even a stellar chimichanga burrito.

Find out more



Charcuterie Vancouver

Vancouver

Charcuterie Vancouver is a catering company that specializes in luxury charcuterie boxes, boards and tables. Elevate your next charcuterie night with their unique, flavourful and beautiful creations.



[Find out more](#)

Kleiner Services

Vancouver

Kleiner Services Inc. is a Professional moving company that offers pre and post moving services such as packing, storage, and assembly. They are based in the heart of the Lower Mainland servicing Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, and Vancouver Island.



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Soul Bite Food Inc.

Coquitlam

Specializing in delicious vegan fare, Soul Bite Food Inc. donates 50 per cent of its profits to charities that fight global hunger and food waste.



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Best Community Impact

Day 2: Tuesday, May 4th (1:00pm - 1:40pm)



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Presented by the Immigrant Employment Council of BC, recognizes small businesses making a difference in their communities by demonstrating social impact, diversity and leadership.

The Top 5 finalists for this year are:

Bigfoot Donuts

Courtenay

Family owned and operated, Bigfoot Donuts is on a mission to reinvent the humble donut. Stop by their café in Courtenay and discover a variety of handcrafted, decadent treats.

[Find out more](#)



Bubbles' Blossom Design

Clinton

Jessica Lawrence's Bubbles' Blossom Design delivers big city floral arrangements to small town BC. Whether you're looking for a beautiful bouquet, centerpiece or corsage, Bubbles Blossom Design is guaranteed to impress.

[Find out more](#)



MisMacK Clean Cosmetics

📍 Canoe

Helmed by Missy MacKintosh, MisMacK offers Canada's newest and most innovative clean makeup line. All their products are Peta Cruelty-Free Certified and Peta Vegan friendly.

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Sisters Sage

📍 Vancouver

Lynn-Marie and Melissa-Rae Angus are the sisters behind this Indigenous brand that hand-crafts wellness and self-care products inspired by their culture and traditions.



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Skwálwen Botanicals

📍 Squamish

Founded by ethnobotanist Leigh Joseph, Skwálwen Botanicals is an Indigenous business creating small batch botanical skin care products. Their plant ingredients are harvested in a sustainable and respectful manner.

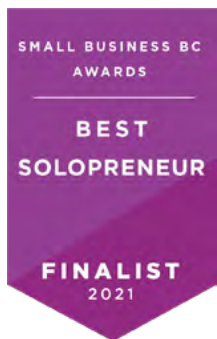
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Best Solopreneur

Day 3: Wednesday, May 5th (1:00pm - 1:40pm)



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The Best Solopreneur Award, recognizes outstanding individuals that have started and grown a solo business. They have demonstrated the unique skillset required to stay focused on their long-term goals, while juggling the day-to-day demands of running a successful company.

The Top 5 finalists for this year are:

Aspect Film Works

Kamloops

Combining inspiring visuals with exceptional storytelling, Aspect Film works specialize in professional videos that not only engage audiences visually, but speak to their hearts and minds.



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Chiwis Kiwi Chips

Squamish

Founded by nutritionist Sarah Goodman, Chiwis is dedicated to creating 100% natural snack foods that taste amazing and do wonders for the body.



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Emerald Earth Organic Spa

📍 Valemount

Indulge and unwind at Emerald Earth Organic Spa with a full-service spa menu featuring customized massage, facials, foot bliss therapy and hot stone massages.

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Jada Creations

📍 Terrace

An Indigenous owned and operated business specializing in authentic Indigenous wearable art. Recipient of Eight Generation's Inspired Natives Award in 2020.

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Jak. Natural Designs

📍 Blue River

Built on a love for creating and desire for sustainability, Jak. Natural Designs specializes in one-of-a-kind wooden wares made with care in British Columbia

[Find out more](#)



Best Youth Entrepreneur

Day 3: Wednesday, May 5th (1:00pm - 1:40pm)



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The Best Youth Entrepreneur Award, presented by KPU, recognizes outstanding young entrepreneurs who demonstrate you do not need to have years of experience to make a successful business. They show a hunger, growth and vision that inspires us.

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Justo's Craft Dips

📍 Victoria

Justo's Craft Dips provides a sustainable snacking solution, community food support, and creative flavours of your favorite dips.

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Purpose Smoothie Co.

Richmond

Purpose Smoothie Co. is a smoothie and health food store striving to educate their community on the importance of healthy eating and clean living.

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Sea to Sky Sourdough BReD Inc.

Whistler

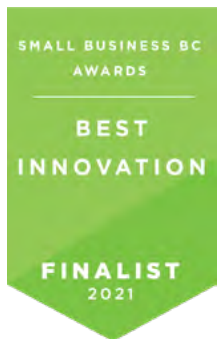
100% plant-based, organic sourdough bakery nestled at the base of Whistler mountain - the only bakery in town that you can ski to.

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Best Innovation

Day 4: Thursday, May 6th (1:00pm - 1:40pm)



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The Best Innovation Award, presented by Western Economic Diversification Canada, recognizes small businesses that have developed advanced or innovative technologies to meet the needs of industry in B.C.

The Top 5 finalists for this year are:

Big Bold Brand Inc.

📍 North Vancouver

Founded by branding expert Karley Cunningham, Big Bold Brand help businesses resolve their strategic, branding, marketing and sales challenges.

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CORE Landscape Products

📍 Courtenay

CORE Landscape Products are an innovative leader in environmentally sustainable solutions in outdoor landscaping projects and civic developments.

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Matidor

Vancouver

Matidor helps businesses organize projects more efficiently, with easy visualization, collaboration and management tools.

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Spirits of the West Coast Art Gallery

Courtenay

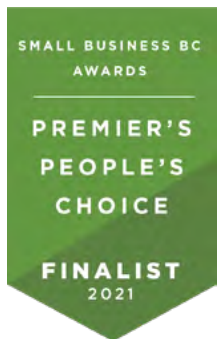
Curating Indigenous art since 2006, Spirits of the West Coast features one of Vancouver Island's foremost collections of Coast Native American artworks.

[Find out more](#)



Premier's People's Choice

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The Premier's People's Choice Award, presented by the Province of British Columbia, is unique as it is presented to the BC-based small business with the highest number of public votes. Thereby demonstrating they have the unwavering and loyal support of their community.

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Raven Reads Books Ltd.

Logan Lake

This Indigenous-owned subscription box service features award-winning Indigenous content and literature delivered directly to your doorstep every three months.

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Summit Tiny Homes

Vernon

Summit Tiny Homes is the Okanagan's premier constructor of tiny homes. Their vision is to share their love of the sustainable, versatile and free lifestyle afforded by tiny home dwelling.

[Find out more](#)



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Thank you to all our judges who participated in this year's Small Business BC Awards Competition!

Best Youth Entrepreneur

Simon Chiu, Executive Assistant, VP External Affairs, Kwantlen Polytechnic University

Mina Haghighi, Business Development Manager, Futurpreneur Canada

Danie Proby, Co-Founder, Elevate Ultimate Academy

Jennifer Rainnie, CEO, Malvados Lifestyle

Connie Miao, Education Coordinator, Small Business BC

Best Solopreneur

Jesse Honkanen, Regional Manager, Business banking at Island Savings, a division of First West Credit Union

James Delorme, President, Indigeknow

Dana Gordon, Owner, Benchmark Law

Nicole Burke, Director Catering Sales, Emelle's Catering

Tom Conway, CEO, Small Business BC

Best Community Impact

Garrett Jones, Regional Manager, Business Banking at Valley First, a division of First West Credit Union

Patrick Mackenzie, CEO, Immigrant Employment Council of BC

Amelia Chan, Principal, Higher Options Consulting

Nicole Poon, Business Development & Marketing Coordinator, Small Business BC

Ingrid Hope, Owner and President, Hall Printing

Best Immigrant Entrepreneur

Belen Welch, Senior Account Manager, BDC

Mhairi Petrovic, Founder, Out-Smarts Marketing

Vineet Miglani, Owner, High Beam Dreams

Paola Acero, Digital Marketing Coordinator, Small Business BC

Michael Hwang, Founder and Principal Lawyer, Amicus Lawyers

Best Innovation

Rita Kim, CEO, Partners for Growth

Sean Herman, Founder, Kinzoo

Dylan Young, Program Manager, Small Business BC

Barb Steele, CEO, Momentum Business Growth



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