



CULTURAL AWARD OF MERIT
 Sponsored by the Town of Port Hawkesbury



Nomination deadline - Friday, April 27, 2018

Award Purpose	The Cultural Award of Merit is presented each year to recognize a business / employee who has enhanced awareness within the community of culture, visual, performing or literary arts – directly contributing to the Creative Economy of the region. The Creative Economy consists of creative individuals, non-profits, small businesses, and industries that draw on creativity to generate wealth and jobs through ideas, products and services.
Award Criteria	<p>Recipients will be enablers who grow the creative economy and the fabric of the community, drawing specific attention to the art and culture sector, which acts as an integral part of our everyday lives. They will be people who contribute to this sector in the spirit of altruism and collective prosperity.</p> <p>The business/employee nominee must be able to demonstrate outstanding service, dedication or support to the development of arts and culture in the Strait Area.</p>
Award Benefits	<p>All persons selected to receive the Cultural Award of Merit will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive two complimentary tickets to the Chamber’s AGM Dinner & Awards Gala, and • Be profiled on all digital media once recipient announcement is made.
Selection Committee	<p>The Selection Committee will be made up of 4-8 members, including a Committee Chair who will have a vote only in the event of a tie. Committee members will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Chamber Executive Committee, including Past President, • A representative from the award sponsor (i.e. The Town of Port Hawkesbury), and • The Executive Director of the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce staff representative will be a non-voting member of the Selection Committee. <p>Note: All votes shall be done in person. There will be no votes by proxy. A quorum for meetings will consist of the Chair and any three voting members present at the time of the meeting. The Executive Director of the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce staff representative will be a non-voting member of the Selection Committee. The selection of the committee shall be final.</p>
Selection Process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations (including self-nominations) will be accepted until the stated deadline in the format of the template provided by the Chamber (attach additional pages if necessary). • Nominations should include details on how the nominee meets the specific criteria of the award (provide examples if possible). • The Selection Committee will meet to discuss/select based on fit with the criteria above. • The President of the Chamber of Commerce (or designate) will contact the person selected for the award to confirm that they wish to receive the award before any public comment or announcement is made. If they decline, the Committee will select another person. • The award recipient will be announced at Strait Area Chamber of Commerce AGM.



Strait Area Chamber of Commerce Award Nomination Form – Spring 2018

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS: Nominations must be received at the Strait Area Chamber of Commerce office by **Friday, April 27th at 4pm.**

CHECK ONE:

Jack Hartery
Lifetime
Achievement
in Business

Kevin Beaton
Heart of the
Community

Cultural
Award of
Merit

President's
Award

NAME OF NOMINEE: _____

NAME OF BUSINESS: _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS OF NOMINEE: _____

Please explain your reasons for nominating the above person for this award having covered all the criteria listed (table will expand as more text is added):

NOMINATED BY: _____

TEL: _____ EMAIL: _____

DATE: _____ SIGNATURE: _____

Please e-mail this application to: info@straitareachamber.ca