

ABBOTSFORD Business Excellence Awards

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Plan already in the works for next year's gala

This year's 13th Abbotsford Business Excellence Awards were an unqualified success, said David D.

Hull executive director of the Abbotsford Chamber of Commerce.

The annual event sponsored by the Chamber and The

Abbotsford News was a sold out affair.

This year, event organizers decided to break a trend and brought in the world

renowned Drum Cafe, said Hull.

"In past years we've brought in anyone from premiers of the province to motivational speakers and business leaders," said Hull.

"The Drum Cafe is a departure from the norm, but they were very well received by those in attendance," said Hull.

The group, which has performed at thousands of events in up to 29 countries for the world's top companies, made its Abbotsford debut at the event.

The Business Excellence Awards have been a consistent success over the years, and provide business professionals with an enjoyable night out as well as a great opportunity to make new contacts, said Hull.

"It's a very professional evening that is well run and achieves a very high level [of excellence]," said Hull.

"There's lots of opportunity for networking during the cocktail hour, and the food is always fantastic at the Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre," said Hull.

This year, in keeping with the evening's main theme, there was even an African inspired menu for the awards dinner.

The event allows the entire business community of Abbotsford to gather and celebrate excellence, said Hull.

The individuals celebrated at the gala evening awards must be nominated by someone in the public, and be evaluated by three

judges before being selected for an award.

Winning a Business Excellence Award must provide a boost to any business or those associated with it, said Hull.

"I only assume being recognized for an award as cream of crop in your category has to be a great benefit. I'd be surprised if it wasn't."

The Chamber will soon get underway to plan the event for next year, said Hull who is convinced the 2009 gala will be equally triumphant.

"The speeches are crisp, not too terribly long, the Business in Black Dancers will do a little number. Overall, all the elements will come together to make the evening a success."

I'd like to thank TD Canada Trust for acknowledging and nominating me for this prestigious award. It's a great pleasure and honor to be recognized. I want to thank my family for supporting me from day one. Also, all my managers at RE/MAX Little Oak.



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- Jim Rohn



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