

# Big Business

The Swift Current Chamber of Commerce honoured its business community Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Swift Current Business Excellence Awards.

Around 250 people attended the gala, during which eight awards were handed out to a diverse variety of Swift Current's thriving businesses.

Brian Braun, Vice President of the Chamber of Commerce and master of Ceremonies for the event, said there has been an increase in new and expanding businesses in recent years, due in part to the Action Swift Current initiative.

"I think the whole Action Swift Current movement has put a shift on people's thinking, and I think we're starting to see some more positive thinking about our business community and what it really offers to us," he said.

Braun stressed that while only eight businesses walked away with awards, each of the 40 nominees should be proud of their accomplishments over the past year.

He said that all of the nominated businesses have shown stability and viability, and are important contributors to Swift Current's business community.

The winners are as follows:

Community Involvement: **Bob L'Heureux Agencies**

Heritage Award: **Treen Packers Ltd.**

New Business Award: **Quilts N' Things**

Customer Service Award (under 10 employees): **PDQ Autobody**

Customer Service Award (10 employees and over): **Thrifty Foods**

Young Entrepreneur: **Soulstis Grower Direct**

Business Choice Award: **Thrifty Foods**

Business of the Year: **Swift Plumbing and Heating Ltd.**

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