

# RULES AND ELIGIBILITY

The Tilbury Chamber of Commerce proudly hosts this Awards ceremony to recognize the overall success and advancement of responsible business leadership and prosperity within the Tilbury community. All awards will be presented at the Awards Ceremony Dinner on **September 26, 2026** at the SCOT in Tilbury.

## ELIGIBILITY

All business award nominees must be an active business located or operating within the area served by the Tilbury Chamber of Commerce. Citizen of the year nominees 'must' reside within the area served by the TCC. Business may be nominated for any of the Business Excellence Award categories according to the criteria outlined for each award (attached). A business may be nominated for more than one award. Previous award recipients are eligible for renomination under the same category after a minimum of (3) years.

All qualified candidates are encouraged to nominate themselves, or you may nominate any qualified business or individual for any of the award categories. The nominator should ensure the nominee would show a willingness to participate. Nominees do not need to be members of the Tilbury Chamber or Commerce. Sponsors and their employees are eligible for nominations in any category other than the one they are sponsoring.

### **ALL NOMINATION FORMS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY: JULY 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

All nominations must be treated as 'Commercial-in-Confidence' and used only for the purpose of determining eligibility for Awards. All nominations will be destroyed at the conclusion of the Awards assessment process. The chamber reserves the right to request two letters of reference from a third party for the nominees that are short listed for an award category by the judging panel. The nominee may furnish one of these letters if they did not submit the original nomination form.

# CATEGORY DESCRIPTIONS

## **CITIZEN OF THE YEAR:**

This award honours a citizen who has consistently demonstrated excellence in professional and community leadership. This individual is recognized for contributions above and beyond their profession or activities of an elected office, who volunteers for the benefit of the general public in our community. This individual has made or is making, significant contributions to the welfare of the community through involvement and participation for community betterment.

## **AGRICULTURAL EXCELLENCE**

This award honours an individual or family which demonstrates excellence in farm operations and agri-business. This recipient has proven to be proactive with environmental conscious and conservation practices and has also shown leadership and involvement in the agricultural community.

## **INDUSTRY & MANUFACTURING EXCELLENCE**

This recipient should be able to demonstrate that they have designed, implemented and managed an effective infrastructure spanning all business and manufacturing process to result in significant and sustainable success. They must also possess commendable achievements in the environmental, health and safety practices.

## **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**

This award is to honour a business which demonstrates success in company growth including sales, profitability, growth prospects, employment creation and market acceptance. The business must also have exemplary customer service, community involvement, innovative products or service, and a true commitment to the economic support of the Tilbury business community and its people.

## **BUSINESS & SERVICE EXCELLENCE**

This award is open to all businesses in the professional services sector that can demonstrate excellence in business practice across the full range of their activities and provides exemplary customer service.

## **BUSINESS BEAUTIFICATION**

Any storefront business within the community who renovated/remodeled/established the physical environment of their property to promote Tilbury as the best place to shop, stop, and explore. Such beautification project may include, but not limited to, new facade, awning, signage, and landscaping.