

Awards Presented at Markham Board of Trade's 27th Annual Business Excellence Gala

November 16, 2017 – Markham, ON – The Markham Board of Trade held its 27th Annual Business Excellence Awards Gala on November 9th, where recipients were recognized for their contributions in various categories.

This year's Business Excellence Awards recipients are:

- *Business Employer of Excellence:* **J.D. Barnes Limited**
- *Community Relations & Cultural Enrichment:* **Ashgrove Spa**
- *The Donald Cousens Conservation & Environmental Leadership Award:* **Park Property Management Inc.**
- *Entrepreneurship:* **Marketing Kitchen**
- *Global Business Excellence:* **Mediflow Inc.**
- *High Quality & Service:* **CAA Club Group**
- *Innovation:* **Huawei Canada/Seneca College HALP Program**

Pyrali Nanji, CEO of Belle-Pak Packaging Inc., was named *The Anthony Roman Award* recipient. This honour recognizes a community leader who has been successful in building their own business, has helped other companies succeed, has created local employment and has taken a very active part in contributing to the community through charitable and humanitarian efforts.

"Over the past 27 years, the Markham Board of Trade has honored more than 300 businesses and individuals with awards of excellence. The 2017 recipients join an elite group of companies that have made Markham the location of choice for established and growing businesses in the G.T.A.," said Richard Cunningham, Markham Board of Trade's President & CEO. "Congratulations to this year's Awards recipients and all of the finalists, as well as our sponsors for their support, and a special thanks to the Business Excellence Awards Committee for their time and dedication in reviewing all of the nominations received for this year's Awards program."

The Business Excellence Awards are Markham's annual celebration of entrepreneurial spirit, success, and business ingenuity. Nominations were open earlier this year to any business located in the City of Markham.

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This year's event was held at the Hilton Toronto/Markham Suites Conference Centre & Spa. Each year's gala features a new theme; this year's was "Carnival Extravaganza", where guests were greeted by fun entertainment and exciting carnival games.

Photos of the Gala Awards event can be viewed on Markham Board of Trade's Facebook Page at: <https://www.facebook.com/MarkhamBoard/>

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<http://bit.ly/MBT-2017BEAs-MR-Photos>)

About Markham Board of Trade:

Markham Board of Trade (MBT) is the premier business association serving the local business community, representing over 700 members, from large corporations to small entrepreneurial ventures. For over 35 years, MBT has helped to enhance the success of its members by offering exclusive programs and services to assist them in growing their networks and their businesses. It produces the community's *Annual Buyer's Guide* and Markham's exclusive business magazine, the *Markham VOICE*, which is available to the public in print and on-line and features local business success stories. MBT is a non-profit organization which has been established to promote community, commercial and industrial growth, and to advocate on behalf of businesses with all levels of government. For more information about MBT, visit: www.markhamboard.com.



Markham Board of Trade is pleased to announce
the recipients of the 27th Annual Business Excellence Awards:
(from left to right)

Global Business Excellence: Mediflow Inc., Maurice Bard, CEO;
High Quality & Service: CAA Club Group, Tony Tsai, Director, Corporate Communications;
Innovation: Huawei Canada/Seneca College HALP Program, Natasha Khan and Mark Cheley,
Huawei Education and Training Team;
Entrepreneurship: Marketing Kitchen, Audrey Jamieson, President;
Business Employer of Excellence: J.D. Barnes Limited, Joseph R Young, President & CEO; and
Community Relations & Cultural Enrichment: Ashgrove Spa, Marika Pelyvas,
Owner/President.

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The Donald Cousens Conservation & Environmental Leadership Award: Honorable Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of the City of Markham; Park Property Management Inc., Kevin Haines, CPA, CA, Vice President, Finance & Administration; and Paul Cousens.

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The Anthony Roman Award recipient: Pyrali Nanji, CEO of Belle-Pak Packaging Inc. (right) with the Honorable Frank Scarpitti, Mayor of the City of Markham (left).

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