



2025 BUSINESS EXCELLENCE NIGHT

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Massey, ON- The Economic Development & Planning Committee and Council thanks all who attended the 1st Annual Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers Business Excellence Night on October 29th, 2025. It was a fabulous night of networking and a great opportunity to highlight the exceptional accomplishments of our peers, local businesses, and community organizations who contribute to enhancement of economic prosperity within our community.

The Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers is proud to spotlight the people, businesses, and organizations who form the backbone of our community and the family, friends, and experiences that keep them going. Congratulations to all nominees and winners!

2025 Business Excellence Night- Non-Profit/ Charity Excellence Award

Congratulations to The Massey & Area Museum for being the recipient of the 2025 Non-Profit/ Charity Excellence Award. This award is presented to a not-for-profit or charitable organization that has achieved excellence through demonstrating innovative and proactive leadership, implemented initiatives that have resulted in significant outcomes, and has raised funds or provided services to improve the lives of citizens within our community.

The Massey Area Museum operates as a non-profit organization led by a Board of Directors and is supported by local volunteers. This year has marked notable progress for the museum; newly appointed board members have brought their expertise and forward-thinking approaches to further its mission while contributing valuable expertise and innovative perspectives. They are pleased to announce the launch of their gift shop featuring products from local artists and entrepreneurs. Their Catch the Ace program has achieved considerable success, and recent events, including yard sales, craft sales, holiday events, etc., have received an excellent response from the community.

They remain committed to engaging with our community and are actively seeking volunteers who possess extensive knowledge of local history. The preservation of our heritage is essential to shaping our future; today's actions will be tomorrow's history, and it is our responsibility to safeguard these stories for future generations.

Looking ahead to next season, they intend to introduce new exhibits and refresh several presentations to further enrich the museum experience. Plans also include hosting silent and online auctions, expanding the gift shop area, and increasing community participation. Congratulations to Bill Mawhinney, Bonnie Patrie, Tom Sturdy, Denise Mailloux, Helen Phillips, Elizabeth Gilbeau and all other board members of The Massey & Area Museum!

2025 Business Excellence Night - Entrepreneur of the Year Award

Congratulations to Jessica Rainville of Jessie's Designs for being the recipient of the 2025 Entrepreneur of the Year Award. This award is presented to an entrepreneur who has investigated the opportunities, weighed the risks, staked the future on a calculated best bet and has demonstrated significant business achievement and sustainable financial performance.



Jessie's Designs started in 2020 in response to the ever-changing times of the covid pandemic. It was the optimal opportunity to honour Jessica's late mother, Valerie Rainville, in her pursuit to create custom signs and dog accessories, combined with Jessica's passion to create custom clothing. What started as masks and hair accessories quickly grew into a thriving business offering a variety of custom design services including custom, vehicle decals and signs.

Jessica is committed to giving back to the community that has supported her. Most recently was she was able to do so by sponsoring demolition derby car decals for the stigma crusher, which was raising awareness for men's mental health. Congratulations to Jessica of Jessie's Designs!

2025 Business Excellence Night – Service Excellence Award

Congratulations to Henry and his family, owners of Stewart's General Store, for being the recipient of the 2025 Service Excellence Award. This award is presented to a business or organization who has demonstrated impeccable customer service, friendly, knowledgeable and courteous staff and superior quality of product.

Family run Stewart's General store, located at the heart of Webbwood is a popular stop for travellers and locals alike. Stewart's is a friendly place to purchase conveniences and specialty products: from groceries to oddities, fireworks to LCBO products. With extended hours Stewart's is of valuable benefit to our community. Shoppers are always greeted with warm smiles and friendly service. Henry and his family have made serving their community their primary goal since 2020. Congratulations to Henry and the rest of the Stewart's General Store Team!

2025 Business Excellence Night – Business of the Year Award

Congratulations to Alex and Skylar Shea, owners of Shea Construction, for being the recipients of the 2025 Business of the Year Award. This award is presented to a business that has demonstrated significant business achievement and sustainable financial performance, outstanding growth and success and has had a significant impact on the community's economy.

Shea construction has been operating in our area since 2020. They focus on complete property care including initial landscaping design & upkeep, general contracting for hardscaping and outdoor construction, and snow removal services.

Being a positive force within the community is central to their company values, they provide equipment to several community events including parades, touch a truck and recently assisted the motor sports portion for the Massey Fair. A large majority of their staff volunteer as members of the Sables-Spanish Rivers Fire Department and they provide complimentary services to other volunteer response agencies in the community. Congratulations to Alex, Skylar, and the Shea Construction Team!

2025 Council Special Recognition Awards

The Special Recognition Awards were designated by Council to honour individuals/businesses who have contributed tremendously to the community and although they have now retired, their impact continues to have a lasting presence.



Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Tim Burk and Liisa Vuorensyrja for their dedication and commitment to providing excellent service at Burk's Shell for 39 years.

Council of the Township of Sables-Spanish Rivers would like to acknowledge and sincerely thank Heather & Trevor McCoy and the late Grant & Gail Janeway for their outstanding commitment to providing pharmaceutical services to the community for 50 years.

If you have questions and/or comments regarding the 2025 TSSR Business Excellence Night please contact the undersigned:

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