

# Haldimand County hosts Business Excellence Awards



L. Frederick Mattice Farm & Trucking — Agri-business



The Haldimand Press — Youth Entrepreneur



Mohawk Marina & Hippo's Restaurant — Tourism



True Experience Supportive Housing & Community Work Program — Not-For-Profit



Progressive Music Studio — Business (Under 10 employees)



Kim Richardson Transportation Specialist — Business (Over 10 Employees)

## By Haldimand Press Staff

HALDIMAND—On Wednesday, April 11 Haldimand County's business community gathered at the Fisherville District Lions Community Centre to attend the Mayor & Council's 10th annual Business Excellence Awards. This year, the breakfast and networking session drew over 150 business leaders.

Twenty-five companies were nominated for outstanding business achievements. The winners this year are as follows:

Agri-business, L. Frederick Mattice Farm & Trucking; Business (Under 10 Employees), Progressive Music Studio; Business (Over 10 Employees), Kim Richardson Transportation Specialist; Not-For-Profit, True Experience Supportive Housing & Community Work Program; Tourism, Mohawk Marina & Hippo's Restaurant; and Youth Entrepreneur, given to both The Haldimand Press and Second Chance Records.

"Every year Haldimand County receives many strong nominations for this event, and this year was no exception. Haldimand County's business community is thriving, and we

would like to take the opportunity to congratulate and recognize these individuals for their exceptional contributions," stated Mayor Ken Hewitt.

Hewitt also spoke about how Haldimand County is doing overall. He noted that Haldimand has three-times the reserves per capita than the average surrounding municipalities, while maintaining the lowest debt as a percentage of the reserves. He added that he hopes to see Haldimand become the first Ontario county to provide all residents with high-speed fibre optic internet.