

BUSINESS OF THE MONTH PROGRAM CRITERIA & PROCEDURE

<u>Purpose</u>

- a. To recognize businesses in Parkland County
- b. To generate awareness of Parkland County businesses with the residents
- c. To retain existing commerce and employment opportunities
- d. To improve relations between Parkland County and the business sector

Goal

The goal is to recognize one business per month for a total of 12 businesses throughout the year.

Benefits

- Certificate
- Three week recognition in local newspapers (Stony Plain Reporter/Spruce Grove Examiner)
- One month recognition on the Parkland County website

Rules for nominations:

- 1. Business must be located in Parkland County
- 2. Business must have a valid Parkland County business license
- 3. Business must be in compliance with County and other agency bylaws and regulations
- 4. Business can be nominated for "Business of the Month" by either:
 - a. Mayor and Council
 - b. EDTAC Committee Member
 - c. Another business
 - d. Business can nominate itself
- 5. A reason must be provided with all nominations (outstanding customer service, eco friendly, community involvement, creative/innovative/unique approach to business, etc.)
- 6. The EDTAC Committee will review the list of all nominations and will determine which business receives recognition as Business of the Month
- 7. Businesses having a preference recognized at a specific time of the year will be accommodated as is possible and practical (River Tubing business in summer etc)

Presentation of a certificate

a. Certificate presentation will be conducted once per month at a GPC Meeting by the Mayor, or the Parkland County Councillor responsible for the division the recipient business is located in

Business Categories:

- 1. Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing and Hunting
- 2. Mining, Oil and Gas Extraction
- 3. Utilities
- 4. Construction
- 5. Manufacturing
- 6. Wholesale Trade
- 7. Retail Trade
- 8. Transportation and Warehousing
- 9. Information
- 10. Finance and Insurance
- 11. Real Estate and Rental and Leasing
- 12. Professional, Scientific and Technical Services
- 13. Management of Companies and Enterprises
- 14. Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation
- 15. Educational Services
- 16. Health Care and Social Assistance
- 17. Arts, Entertainment and Recreation
- 18. Accommodation and Food Services
- 19. Other