

Chamber honours London Life

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Twenty companies ranging from a yoga studio to a large downtown hotel are in the running for London's top business honour.

The London Chamber of Commerce announced the finalists for the Business Achievement Awards on Tuesday.

The annual awards were revamped last year to include a medium business category (11 to 50 employees) in addition to the small (10 or less) and large (over 50) categories.

The awards will be presented at a formal gala at the London Convention Centre on March 29.

Each year the chamber also names a corporate icon — an award recognizing a company that's made an outstanding contribution to the city. This year, it's London Life Insurance Co.

Established by five London businesspeople in 1874, London Life offers financial planning to almost two million clients across Canada through its Freedom 55 division.

Small company

Dura Med Mobility Products: an independent home health care and mobility provider.

Jill's Table: a specialty food and kitchenware retail business founded by freelance food writer Jill Wilcox.

Yoga Shack:

a yoga studio with two locations founded by Lisa

Shackleton offering a full range of classes.

Zomaron Inc.: a firm that processes electronic credit card and debit payment for merchants, partnered with global giant Elavon.

Medium category

Campbell Bros Movers Ltd.: a family-owned moving company founded in 1890 that is the largest shareholder in United Van Lines.

Finan Home Service: a full-

service electrical contractor specializing in residential service founded by John Finan in 1994.

Voices.com: an online company founded by David and Stephanie Ciccarelli that connects businesses with voice actors and professional voice-over talents.

Talbot

Marketing Inc.:

founded in 1885 by Alfred Talbot, the company has evolved from a simple printing shop

to one of Canada's leading promotional product distributors.

Large business

CarProof: a data company founded in 2000 that distributes comprehensive vehicle history reports to various parties in the used vehicle industry.

Centennial Windows & Doors: starting as a small home renovation business in 1981, Centennial is now a full-service window and door manufacturing, installation,

sales and marketing company.

Delta London Armouries Hotel: a downtown London hotel, consistently rated in the top 10 of the Delta chain, providing accommodation and dining.

Metropolitan Maintenance: a family-owned janitorial service provider founded in 1980 serving airports, offices, medical facilities, schools, industrial plants and retail centres.

Speciality Awards

Environmental leadership award

Union Gas Ltd.

Western University

Human Resources Award

Digital Extremes Ltd.

TSC Stores

Innovation Award

Big Blue Bubble

Phoenix Interactive Design Inc.

Quality Award

Autodata Solutions Inc.

Starlim North America Corp.



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