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Toronto Region Board of Trade Congratulates our 2015 Business Excellence Award Winners

TORONTO, ON, November 5, 2015 — At a gala event last night Toronto Region Board of Trade announced the winners of its **2015 Business Excellence Awards**. Winners and nominees were honoured for their business success and their impact and contribution to the local community. Eligible companies had annual revenues up to \$50-million and an employee base of no more than 500 people and winners were selected by a panel of judges.

“Whether you’re a leader in food and beverage industry, an exciting tech company, or a young entrepreneur breaking into the business world, the stories we’ve heard tonight show that the Toronto region is a fantastic place to live, work, and importantly start a business,” said Douglas Gould, Vice President of Policy, Government Relations and Public Affairs, Toronto Region Board of Trade. “We’re honoured to celebrate the success of some truly deserving businesses.”

This year’s winners are:

2016 Business Leader	Steam Whistle Brewing
Employer of the Year	Powerline Plus Ltd.
Global Reach	INKAS® Group of Companies
Local Economic Impact	DMZ at Ryerson University
Community Service	Capitalize for Kids
Emerging Entrepreneur of the Year	MediaOne Creative Inc.
Under 30	Myplanet
Sustainability	FoodShare Toronto
Technology Innovation	SAMETRICA

“The most important thing for Cam [Heaps] and me, and I know this is the case for a lot of the small business folks, is to see consumers enjoying the work that you’ve done,” said Greg Taylor, Co-founder, Steam Whistle Brewing.

The gala was held at Toronto Region Board of Trade and the Master of Ceremonies was comedian Jennifer Grant.



About Toronto Region Board of Trade (www.bot.com)

Founded in 1845, Toronto Region Board of Trade is the chamber of commerce for Canada's largest urban centre, connecting more than 12,000 members and 250,000 business professionals and influencers throughout the Toronto region. The Board fuels the economic, social and cultural vitality of the entire Toronto region by fostering powerful collaborations among business, government, thought leaders, and community builders. Toronto Region Board of Trade plays a vital role in elevating the quality of life and global competitiveness of Canada's largest urban centre. Follow us at [@TorontoRBOT](https://twitter.com/TorontoRBOT).

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