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# Sudbury firms celebrated at business excellence awards

Ten of Sudbury's finest entrepreneurs and businesses were recognized last week at the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce's Bell Business Excellence Awards ceremony.

More than 400 people joined the award recipients to recognize and celebrate their accomplishments at a gala evening held at the Caruso Club.

"(These are) success stories of ten business winners who represent the caliber of business excellence found within our community," said Debbi Nicholson, president and CEO, Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce. "The continued diversification of our economy is yet another indicator of a business community that is clearly planning on making it's mark in the world."

The awards, sponsored by Bell, paid tribute to businesses and entrepreneurs whose achievements and contributions to the community distinguish them from their peers.

Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty joined the festivities by video to offer his congratulations to the award-winners, as well as the Chamber of Commerce.

"I want to congratulate all of

tonight's award winners," he said. "Thanks for taking a chance, and building businesses and creating opportunity for others."

"Together you're helping Canada build a great life and find opportunity, and together, you're keeping Sudbury and Ontario moving forward."

The winners were:

- Old Rock Incorporated, Business Start-up Award
- Total Electrical Systems, New Venture
- Northern Communications/True Steel Security, Chair's Award
- Levert Group of Companies, Service Excellence Award
- Gateway Helicopters, Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Sixth Avenue Golf & Country Club, Hospitality
- Bestech, Company of the Year
- Sweet Nothings, Small Office Home Office Award
- Penguin Automated Systems Incorporated, Innovation
- Northwest Fudge Factory, Young Entrepreneur