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City commends community spirit with Chamber of Commerce Business Awards

Chan Nowosad Boates, Chartered Accountants was the local business recognized with the first-ever City-sponsored Community Spirit award as part of the Campbell River Chamber of Commerce 2014 Business Awards of Distinction.

“This award recognizes exceptional commitment to developing, nurturing and enhancing community spirit, and Chan Nowosad Boates provided outstanding examples of how community spirit is built into the company’s business success,” says Ron Neufeld, deputy city manager and general manager of operations for the City of Campbell River.

In its award nomination, the full service professional accounting firm demonstrated how business excellence includes taking a leadership role in supporting, organizing, volunteering, and directing numerous not-for-profit organizations in our community.

- Partners and staff are actively involved with the community, donating their time to a wide variety of volunteer boards, organizations and committees, currently supporting 28 organizations.
- The firm discounts audit services to a number of non-profit organizations.
- The Community Giving Committee manages staff’s donations and sponsorships, and employees contribute through payroll deductions, jeans day and charity lunches. The payroll deduction amount is matched dollar for dollar by the firm, and again with a dollar for dollar contribution by Shelly Boates – effectively turning each dollar a staff member contributes into a \$3 donation. The firm also matches the jeans day funds earned from the staff. All funds are donated to various organizations.
- In 2013, the firm provided almost \$20,000 in corporate donations and sponsorships to charities or non-profit organizations.
- United Way support adds up to more than \$110,000 over the years (in some years, accounting for more than 10 per cent of the United Way’s total amount raised).
- Partners have contributed more than \$30,000 to the Campbell River Community Foundation.
- Staff members sponsor monthly giving as a Gold Champion in Campbell River’s Kidstart program. Staff also organize various monthly fundraisers to raise more than \$3,500 to donate to charities each year. The firm supports individual charitable ventures by staff.
- Firm representatives promote quality of life in Campbell River when recruiting new staff and at events such as the Business Examiners Excellence Awards in Nanaimo in 2013.
- Encouraging pride of place downtown, Chan Nowosad Boates renovated their office building at 980 Alder St. 14 years ago and continue to keep the building looking contemporary and inviting with regularly cleaned windows and sidewalks as well as fresh paint and new signs.
- The firm supports environmental initiatives: from paper reduction and energy efficiency to recycling to raise funds for a Rwandan child in the World Vision program and encouraging staff to walk, run or cycle to work by installing a change room and shower in the building.

Chan Nowosad Boates has offered accounting services in Campbell River since 1983 and is now one of the largest firms on Vancouver Island.

The company was one of 25 candidates for the Community Spirit Award, selected as the recipient by an independent panel of business and community leaders.

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