



# News Release

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**KELOWNA, BC** – The recipients of the seven 2008 Business Excellence Awards were announced October 22, 2008 at the Delta Grand Okanagan Lakefront Resort as the 16 finalists, their guests and community leaders celebrated 21 years of business excellence in Kelowna. **Roger Sellick**, former General Manager of **Kelowna International Airport**, was honoured as the 2008 Business Leader of the Year, the prestigious award sponsored by UBC Okanagan.

**Wildwood Media Ltd.** (David and Marghanita Hughes) was the recipient of the **2008 Rising Star** award sponsored by FortisBC. This award is for new companies that have been in business less than three years. A panel of judges selected four outstanding Kelowna area businesses as the 2008 recipients of the Category Awards.

- **CATEGORY 1 (1 – 5 employees)** sponsored by TD Canada Trust Small Business Banking  
**Recipient:** Kelowna Farmers & Crafters Market (Bob Callioux and Errol Redman)  
**Finalists:** Twin Creek Media Inc.
- **CATEGORY 2 (6 – 20 employees)** sponsored by BDO Dunwoody LLP  
**Recipient:** Kitchenhaus Cabinets Ltd. (Jason Corory and Brooke Nicholas)  
**Finalists:** Avalon Event Rentals Inc., Chevy's Source for Sports
- **CATEGORY 3 (21 – 40 employees)** sponsored by BMO Bank of Montreal  
**Recipient:** Rackforce Networks Inc. (Tim Dufour)  
**Finalists:** Kimco Controls Ltd.
- **CATEGORY 4 (41+ employees)** sponsored by MacKay LLP  
**Recipient:** Formashape (div. of Whitewater Composites Ltd.)  
**Finalists:** The Daily Courier, Westwood Fine Cabinetry
- **YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR (individual under 34 years of age)** sponsored by Prospera Credit Union  
**Recipient:** Renee Wasylyk, Troika Developments  
**Finalists:** Andrew Gaucher, Green Solutions Inc.

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