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**Chamber Announces its Top 3 Finalists for the 27th Annual Business Awards**

(Kapuskasing) – The Kapuskasing & District Chamber of Commerce (KDCC) is proud to release this year’s top 3 finalists, in no particular order for the 27th annual KDCC Business Awards. The winners will be announced at the Business Awards Gala on Friday, September 29, 2017.

**Young Professional**

Alain Murray

Julie Tremblay

Kim Levesque-LaSalle

**Not-For-Profit**

NEACL – Community Living

North Claybelt CFDC

Kap Healthy Kids Community

**Success Story**

Uniglass Plus Ziebart

Chez Lizette

Kap Meats

**PIC-Productivity & Innovations**

Kapuskasing Agri Services

InnoTerraTech

Starview Speciality Sawmill

**Business of the Year**

Cabin Fever Motorsports & Marine

Caisse Populaire

Chez Lizette

**Small Business of the Year**

Kap Dance Project

Blooming Bouquet Flowers & Gift Shop

JT&Co

**New Business of the Year**

Kap Meats

Kap Royal Theatre

Kap Dance Project

**Lifetime Achievement**

La Boulangerie

Knowles Building Centre

Nadon’s Jewellery Store

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**The 27th annual KDCC Business Awards Gala (B.A.G.) will be held on Friday, September 29, 2017 at the Curling Club, in Kapuskasing. For more information about the even please call the Chamber at 705-335-2332 or email** [**info@kapchamber.ca**](mailto:info@kapchamber.ca)**.**

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