

# NEW HASTINGS TRAILBLAZER AWARD

Are you a pioneer in your industry, who thrives on thinking outside of the box? Is your community a deep-rooted value that lends to the success of your organization? And is being authentic, yet anything but ordinary, what you strive to achieve?

If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, you most certainly may be this year's Hastings Trailblazer recipient.

Hastings County is now accepting nominations for its new award, the Hastings Trailblazer Award, until Thursday, August 28th at 4:00pm.

This award recognizes the trailblazers of our region and their achievements as strong contributors to our rural economy, be it tourism, agriculture, forestry, manufacturing, retail or services. It is open to all businesses, organizations and individuals who are located and/or operate within Hastings County's 14 member municipalities (excluding the Cities of Belleville & Quinte West).

Nominees will be recognized at the annual *Wildly Authentic Celebration* on Wednesday, October 9th at the Stirling Festival Theatre, in Stirling, ON. Tickets to the event will be on sale through EventBrite starting September 4th.

## THE NOMINATION PROCESS

1. The nomination period is open from July 2nd until August 29th. A nomination form must be submitted in order to be considered, and self-nominations will not be accepted.
2. Once the nomination period closes, nominees will be contacted to accept their nomination, and will be required to complete a brief nomination package by September 11th in order to be considered a nominee.
3. The Economic & Tourism Development Advisory Committee will judge the nominees and their submissions, and will select a recipient for the award. The top three nominees will be notified by September 18th.
4. The Hastings Trailblazer Award recipient will be announced at the annual *Wildly Authentic Celebration* on Wednesday, October 9th at the Stirling Festival Theatre, located downtown in Stirling, ON. The recipient will also receive a Marketing Prize Package valued at \$750!

### Nominee Information

Nominee Name / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitting Organization Information ( ) same contact information as above

Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_

Address / Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE:** Nominations must be submitted by 4:00pm Wednesday, August 28.

Nominations can be submitted using one of the following options:

- complete the online nomination form at [www.hastingscountyawards.com](http://www.hastingscountyawards.com)
- complete a hard copy form and send a copy by email to [tourism@hastingscounty.com](mailto:tourism@hastingscounty.com)
- complete a hard copy form and send a copy by fax to 613.966.7654

For additional assistance or if you have questions regarding the nomination process, please contact Kasey Rogerson at 613.966.1311 x4012 or [rogersonk@hastingscounty.com](mailto:rogersonk@hastingscounty.com)

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