

# MONTHLY BULLETIN

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## 2025 GEDC Business Awards Winners



Pictured left to right: Sherri & Blair Nygren (Grill 26), Ron & Gisele Miron (Ron's Signs and Graphics), Karen Stephenson (Thunderbird Friendship Centre and Thunderbird Child and Family Centre), Lisa Maki (WildWood Studio), Madeleine Owca and Murielle Serré (Le Club des Francohpones de Longlac). \*Representatives for Lochlomond Lodge not pictured.\*

The Greenstone Economic Development Corporation (GEDC) held their Annual General Meeting (AGM) this past June 6th at the Centre culturel francophone de Geraldton. The staff, Board of Directors, GEDC members and several guests were in attendance to hear about the GEDC's activities and operations for 2024. Some GEDC events included were the Small Business Week Lunch 'n' Learn series, the 3rd female entrepreneurship event, Fearless & Flawless, as well as the first set of youth entrepreneurship workshops, Kid-Preneur. More details about the events and 2024 operations can be found in the GEDC's Annual Report. Interested parties can pick up a hardcopy at the business centre or find the report online at [www.gedc.ca](http://www.gedc.ca) in the 'About Us' section.

During the AGM, the Board of Directors and Executive positions were also announced. The GEDC staff and members would like to thank the volunteer Board of Directors for their continued commitment to the corporation, communities, and First Nations in the GEDC service area. The GEDC would also like

to take this time to acknowledge the financial contribution and support of the Federal Economic Development Agency for Northern Ontario (FedNor), its President Valerie Gideon, former Northwest Program Manager Brent Lundy, Initiatives Officer Greg Desimone and the Honourable Patty Hajdu, Minister of Jobs and Families and Minister responsible for FedNor. We would also like to thank Mandy Cargnelutti for the delicious catering enjoyed by all who attended.

### 2025/2026 Board of Directors:

Calvin Cloutier – President  
Frank Hildebrandt – Vice-President  
Lori Belzile – Secretary  
Kathryn Legault – Treasurer  
Maurice Lavigne – Director  
Evan Armstrong – Director  
Bobby Beaulieu – Director

### This year's winners:

**Dedicated Beauty** – WildWood Studio

**Game-Changer** – Grill 26

**Quality of Life** – Le Club des Francophones de Longlac

**Community Impact** – Thunderbird Friendship Centre & Thunderbird Child and Family Centre

**Bright Beginnings** – Lochlomond Lodge

**Lifetime Achievement** – Ron's Signs and Graphics

For a second year, the GEDC included a business awards ceremony as part of the annual general meeting and we were delighted to once again present awards to businesses and non-profits within the GEDC's service area. For more information about the Business Awards and the winning organizations, please visit [www.gedc.ca](http://www.gedc.ca).

"The difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little extra."

– Jimmy Johnson

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