



MAYOR DAVE BRONCONNIER

A MESSAGE FROM MAYOR DAVE BRONCONNIER

On behalf of City Council and the people of Calgary, I am pleased to welcome you to the prestigious Calgary Consumers' Choice Awards. Tonight's Gala honours and provides recognition to pre-eminent Calgary businesses and business people.

Calgarians are enormously proud of homegrown success stories and equally supportive of those who provide Calgary's unique brand of service on behalf of regional, national and international companies.

Calgary's most successful and admired businesspeople are involved in our community. They lend their expertise to local causes, support the efforts of our many business development groups and promote Calgary at every turn.

This is the eighth Consumer Choice Awards ceremony held in Calgary. Awards go to the local "Man and Woman of the Year" as well as the "Businessman and Businesswoman of the Year". Those nominated include Mr. Gary Holden (President and CEO Enmax Corp.), Ms. Ruth Ramsden-Wood (President of United Way of Calgary Area), Chief Rick Hanson (Calgary Chief of Police) and Ms. Irene Lewis (President of SAIT – Southern Alberta Institute of Technology).

The CONSUMER CHOICE AWARD™ is a seal of excellence that serves to boost our city's business climate and distinction. For the award recipients this valuable accolade is a crowning achievement that represents earning the trust and loyalty of consumers.

Congratulations to all nominees and recipients of the 2008/2009 Calgary Consumers' Choice Awards.

Enjoy your evening!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Bronconnier".

Dave Bronconnier
MAYOR



PREMIER OF ALBERTA



Message from Honourable Ed Stelmach Premier of Alberta

On behalf of the Government of Alberta, I wish to congratulate all the recipients of the Consumers' Choice Awards this past year.

Alberta is well-known for its drive to ensure prosperity for its citizens. This is achieved through the incredible work of the innovative, productive and smart businesses that fill every corner of the province. This year's award recipients have helped keep Alberta firing on all cylinders. They have also helped establish Alberta as one of the most competitive economies in North America.

I also want to congratulate all the nominees who have distinguished themselves as a class amongst themselves. I commend you for the visionary, dedicated, and compassionate leadership that all of you have shown.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Ed Stelmach

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