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## **Nominations Open for Hastings County Tourism Awards**

*Hastings County* – Nominations for the sixth annual Hastings County Tourism Awards are now being accepted until Monday, July 31<sup>st</sup>.

The Hastings County Tourism Awards recognize the significant achievements made by businesses, organizations and individuals who are invested in supporting the tourism industry. This year there are three categories, including Tourism Champion of the Year, Festival of the Year and MVP of the Year. Nominations can be made by anyone who believe that a tourism operator, organization or individual are changing the landscape of the tourism industry with their activities and events.

Recipients of the Tourism Awards will be announced at the Annual Tourism Awards Celebration on Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Village Playhouse in Bancroft, following the Ontario Highland's Tourism Summit held the same day in Bancroft.

“We look forward to hosting another year of our successful Tourism Awards program and continuing to celebrate our strong tourism industry,” says Hastings County Warden Rodney Cooney. “Being able to partner with our Regional Tourism Organization and host our event alongside their annual Tourism Conference is a welcomed collaboration this year.”

“This year we’ve made changes to the program to make it easier for people to nominate their local tourism champions,” says Tourism Development Coordinator Kasey Rogerson. “We’re anticipating that this year we’ll receive record numbers for both nominations and attendance at this year’s Tourism Awards Celebration.”

For more information about the Tourism Awards and to submit a nomination, visit [www.hastingscountyawards.com](http://www.hastingscountyawards.com). Nominees must be located and/or operate within the 14 member municipalities of Hastings County. The deadline to submit all nominations is Monday July 31, at 4:00 pm.

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