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Abbotsford Wins Open for Business Award

ABBOTSFORD September 23, 2015 - The City of Abbotsford received an Open for Business Award from the BC Small Business Roundtable last night, announced Mayor Henry Braun today.

The Open for Business award winners, including the City of Abbotsford, were announced late yesterday afternoon at the Union of British Columbia Municipalities annual conference in Vancouver.

"The Open for Business Awards recognize communities that best demonstrate they are operating within the spirit of the province's Small Business Accord," said Mayor Braun. "Winners were evaluated based on how the communities enhance small-business competitiveness, recognize the contributions of small businesses to the community, and promote the principles of the BC Small Business Accord – and I for one am thrilled to see Abbotsford recognized for our accomplishments in this regard."

As an award winner, the City will receive \$10,000 to support the growth and success of local small businesses.

"The winnings will be reinvested to support programs that enhance our local business community," said Braun. "Receiving this Open for Business Award is a clear signal that we are already making progress towards our goal of generating a vibrant economy in Abbotsford."

More information about the City's commitment to local business and economic development can be found online at: www.abbotsford.ca.

The BC Small Business Roundtable was established in 2005 to be the voice of small business to the provincial government. Details about that program be found online at: http://gov.bc.ca

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