

Bouquets for town's top businesses

The Newmarket Chamber of Commerce honoured six of the town's leading companies at its 19th annual business excellence awards Oct. 24.

Nominations were submitted from across the community and a panel of chamber directors, business people and community leaders interviewed nominees and judges chose the winners.

The winners are:

For Extraordinary Business Achievement (1 to 10 employees): **Spoke O' Motion**

Spoke O' Motion is a specialty retailer dealing with a technology-driven product. Their cycling products and service expertise allow them to deliver the best retail experience.

Extraordinary Business Achievement (11 or more employees): **Geo A. Kelson Company Limited**

The Geo A. Kelson Company Limited has a proven track record in all phases of mechanical contracting since 1944.

Its innovative approach to mechanical construction project management and design has allowed it to become one of the premier contractors in Ontario with more than 300 employees living and employed in the Newmarket area. Its projects include Southlake Regional Health Centre, Region of York Administration Centre and Upper Canada Mall.

The Chuck Cino New Business Achievement Award (1 to 10 employees): **Fenn & Fenn Insurance Practice Inc.**

Fenn & Fenn Insurance Practice Inc. is a Canadian-owned brokerage offering insurance placement services and insurance consulting with French bilingual capability. They embody international brokering expertise in a boutique environment.

New Business Award (11 or more employees): **Aqua Center Group Inc.**

Aqua Center is more than a basic physiotherapy service. It includes a pool and gym facilities. Ellie Karouti is the young entrepreneur behind the two rehabilitation centres.

The Bell Technology Award: **VIVA**

York Region's VIVA set a standard for innovation in public transit even before it began service in September 2005.

It has won 19 awards for advertising, brand and web design, infrastructure planning and sustainable development. Viva's biggest success is it was built on time, on budget and is attracting new riders.

Transit use has increased by about 30 per cent with frequent service, real-time information displays, transit signal priority and high tech features.

For Developing International Trade: **VIEX Inc.**

With decades of global experience in thermal technology, systems, production and engineering, Viex is a leader in compact heat exchanger technology for any application.

Viex combines technology and expertise to provide the best solution to any energy handling problem.