

# 2009 NEDC BUSINESS AWARDS



The Nuu-chah-nulth Economic Development Corporation (NEDC), Business Awards 2009 recognize Aboriginal, Métis, and Inuit businesses within the Nuu-chah-nulth Region (Vancouver Island, BC) and Nuu-chah-nulth businesses (regardless of their location), and NEDC Clients.

This year, these awards honoured businesses in FIVE categories and were presented at a Gala Event October 22nd, 2009, celebrating the substantial and growing role of Aboriginal business in our region:

- **2009 Business of the Year: Braker Electric Ltd.**  
Owner: Clifford Braker of Tseshah First Nation. Purchased the business from his father in 1994.  
Office Locations: Port Alberni & Ucluelet, BC.
- **2009 Best Youth-Owned Business: The Cup & Saucer Eatery.**  
Owner: William Miller of Hupacasath First Nation.  
Established in 2007. Located in Port Alberni, BC.
- **2009 Best Environmental & Sustainable Business: Upnit Power Corporation (China Creek Project).**  
Partnership between Hupacasath First Nation, Ucluelet First Nation, The City of Port Alberni & Synex Energy. Located in Port Alberni, BC & operated by the Hupacasath First Nation.
- **2009 Artist of the Year: Gordon Dick.**  
Nuu-chah-nulth Artist: Developing since he was 15 years old.  
Owner of Ahtsik Native art Gallery in Port Alberni, BC.
- **2009 Best Cultural Business: Tla-ook Cultural Adventures.**  
Owners: Giselle Martin, of Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation, & her husband Douglas Wright. Established in 2002.  
Located in Tofino, BC.

Whether you are a small business owner or a sole proprietor running a business out of your home, managing a large staff of a community-owned enterprise, or you are growing a business from the ground up as an entrepreneur, these awards will recognize and celebrate your Achievements. If you know of an Aboriginal business in the Nuu-chah-nulth region or Nuu-chah-nulth owned business that deserves an award for outstanding achievement, please remember to nominate them for an NEDC Aboriginal Business award next year!