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### **TDCoC Names Three Finalists for Award**

The Truro and District Chamber of Commerce has named the three finalists for the RBC New Small Business of the Year Award. The winner will be named at the TDCoC's Annual Small Business Week Luncheon taking place October 21<sup>st</sup> at the Best Western Glengarry.

The three finalists were chosen from a pool of nine nominees. Here they are in no particular order:

**Shoreline Journal** (Owners: Maurice & Dorothy Rees) – Maurice and Dorothy Rees purchased the publication in February 2008. Since that time, revenues and circulation have increased considerably. Serving the areas of Belmont, Debert, Wentworth, Londonderry, Onslow, Glenholme, Great Village, Bass River, Economy and others, Shoreline Journal is successful at a time when many newspapers are struggling to remain afloat. The Shoreline Journal is committed to covering local news while promoting the positive aspects of rural life.

**M.U. Rhino Renovations** (Owner: Myron Upham) – Started in August of 2005 with three employees, M.U. Rhino Renovations has since grown to employ 10 full-time and four part-time workers. The company is active in the local sporting community, sponsoring ball hockey and softball teams. It has also sponsored individual Midget and Bantam hockey players through donations of equipment and financial assistance. M.U. Rhino Renovations is perhaps best known for constructing a deck on the home of an elderly woman at no cost after reading a story about how she was left with an unusable deck following the hiring of another contractor.

**Alpha Computer Training and Consulting** (Owner: Jeff Brown) – Since the business began in 2007, Alpha Computer Training has delivered several workplace education programs in the Truro Area, Amherst, Parrsboro and Halifax. Recognized as a Top Ten Business Start Up by the Nova Scotia Business Journal in 2008, Alpha Computer Training gives clients and their employees the information and tools they need to become more efficient and competitive. Whether teaching clients about preparing publications, using blackberries or spreadsheets, owner Jeff Brown has been praised for his patience and instruction methods. Alpha Computer Training believes that by giving local companies the computer knowledge they need to succeed, the entire Colchester Region will prosper.

The TDCoC's Annual Small Business Week Luncheon includes Guest Speaker Bill Casey, Senior Representative for Nova Scotia's Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in Ottawa. For tickets, please contact the Chamber at 895-6328. For more information on the luncheon, please visit [www.trurochamber.com](http://www.trurochamber.com)

Past winners of the RBC New Small Business of the Year Award include Classic Rentals, Belle Santè Holistic Health Care Centre and Spa, Truro Dance Academy, Taggart Quality Hardwood, Hub-Cycle and several others.

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