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# GALA AWARDS

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# DINNER

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# MENU

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## DINNER

Summer salad  
cherry tomato, cucumber, shaved carrots,  
artisan greens, Manitoba honey vinaigrette

Angus beef tenderloin  
truffle cauliflower purée, fried potato galette,  
roasted oyster mushrooms,  
glazed carrots, red wine gastrique

## Dessert Reception

## WINE

Coup de Coeur, Pelee Island, VQA Niagara  
Blanc de Blanc, Pelee Island, VQA Niagara

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# CME GALA AWARDS PROGRAM

## WELCOME

Nicole Dube, Emcee

## OPENING REMARKS

Province of Manitoba

Otto Kemerle

CME Manitoba Board Chair

## DINNER

## CLOSING REMARKS

Terry Shaw

CME Prairies Divisional Vice President

## AWARDS PRESENTATION

**EDC EXPORT AWARD** | **SAFE WORK SAFETY**

**LEADERSHIP AWARD** | **EFFICIENCY MANITOBA**

**SUSTAINABILITY AWARD** | **GHY PIONEER AWARD**

# **CME GALA AWARDS**

## ***EDC EXPORT AWARD***

Granted each year to a company demonstrating excellence in expanding into geographic markets and through significant and sustained export sales.

## ***SAFE WORK SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD***

Celebrates individuals who have demonstrated leadership in safety and health in the manufacturing industry. These individuals have a history of advancing safety and health practices within their organization and industry

## ***GHY PIONEER AWARD***

Recipients will have launched a successful company that significantly increased employment in manufacturing. The business may have successfully been passed on to others but is still viably operating.

## ***EFFICIENCY MANITOBA SUSTAINABILITY AWARD***

Honours organizations that demonstrate leadership in energy efficiency and environmental responsibility. These companies are committed to reducing emissions, water use, and waste while setting ambitious energy reduction goals.

# **EDC EXPORT AWARD**

## **DIAMOND DOORS INC**

Diamond Doors Inc. has achieved remarkable growth in international markets, particularly in the United States, where revenue increased by approximately 1100% between 2018 and 2023. This rapid expansion has driven significant job creation, nearly doubling the company's workforce since 2020. Today, Diamond Doors and its subsidiaries employ nearly 100 people from the local community.

The company's subsidiaries include JRT Metalworks Inc., Slipstream Trucking Inc., and Linear Product Solutions. These businesses manufacture essential door components, deliver products across North America, and source key manufacturing materials. Their success has allowed them to expand their own offerings and strengthen the local economy.

In addition to its impressive export achievements, Diamond Doors is known for its strong commitment to corporate responsibility. The company actively supports non-profit organizations and creates a workplace that values fair treatment, career growth, and advancement opportunities for employees.

Learn more at: [www.diamonddoors.com](http://www.diamonddoors.com)

# **EFFICIENCY MANITOBA SUSTAINABILITY AWARD**

## **WINPAK LIMITED**

Winpak Ltd., headquartered in Winnipeg, is a leading packaging company with 13 manufacturing facilities across North America. Committed to environmental responsibility, Winpak has actively participated in the Strategic Energy Manager Initiative, a program designed to help industrial customers adopt a culture of conservation and drive continuous improvement.

Through this initiative, Winpak hired an on-site energy manager to lead sustainability efforts, resulting in nearly 30 energy-saving projects. Thanks to these initiatives, Winpak's Winnipeg facility is projected to save over 4 million kWh of electricity and 310,000 m<sup>3</sup> of natural gas annually. This achievement highlights their dedication to energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.

Learn more at [www.winpak.com/](http://www.winpak.com/)

# **SAFE WORK SAFETY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**ROGER DACK**

**Environment, Health and Safety Manager,  
Nordstern Group**

Roger Dack has worked in the manufacturing industry for 31 years and has been a dedicated member of the Nordstern Group for the past 20 years, with the last 15 years focused on Environment, Health, and Safety. He also spent 7 years in the rail industry, where he developed his leadership skills and gained valuable experience in high-risk environments.

As a committed safety leader, Roger has played a key role in fostering a strong safety culture and driving continuous improvement within the organization. He is also an accomplished Lean Green Belt, seamlessly integrating continuous improvement principles with safety initiatives every day to enhance workplace efficiency and risk reduction.

Learn more at: [www.nordsterngroup.com/](http://www.nordsterngroup.com/)



# GHY PIONEER AWARD

## WILLIE DUECK (POSTHUMOUS)

Founder, Vidir Solutions

Willie Dueck was a true pioneer and entrepreneur. He was passionate about helping people and finding solutions to real problems, making a lasting impact on communities and businesses across North America.

Throughout his life, Willie started many businesses, but his work didn't stop there. He also helped launch hospitals, care homes, churches, schools, and aid organizations, always looking for ways to support those in need.

In his 60s, Willie saw that the Interlake region needed a machine shop to serve local farmers and provide jobs for skilled machinists who had recently moved to the area. A few years later, he and his team built the first carpet carousels for home goods stores, and Vidir Solutions was born.

Now in its third generation of family ownership, Vidir Solutions has grown into a world leader in automated material handling, with products used in over 45 countries and across countless industries.

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