

# Denford wins lifetime award

## Greater Victoria Chamber honours entrepreneurs, business leaders

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Despite a recession that eroded bottom lines and workforces across the capital, the business community was out in force last night to recognize local entrepreneurs and business leaders for their dedication, hard work and achievements.

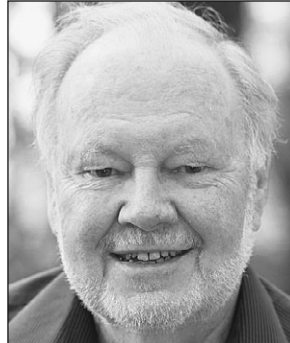
Gordon Denford, one of Greater Victoria's most prolific builders and a tireless community supporter who's endured his share of economic downturns over a career that's spanned almost six decades, shared the spotlight with young

entrepreneurs and innovative businesses during the Greater Victoria Chamber of Commerce annual business awards.

Denford, 83, received the Governor's Lifetime Achievement Award to a thunderous applause from a sellout crowd of 300 at the Fairmont Empress Crystal Ballroom.

David Marshall, acting chamber chairman, noted that winners, nominees and the entire business community could all share some of the attention after a trying year in business.

"It is fantastic to recognize and celebrate the



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**Gordon Denford's career has spanned nearly six decades.**

hard work and success of the business people in our community, said Marshall. "After what was likely the hardest year in business that many can remember, a time to applaud those who have

made such great contributions to our community is well-warranted."

City Green Solutions Society, an enterprising non-profit with a mission to lead British Columbians in finding innovative home and building energy efficiency solutions, was a double winner with awards for innovation and business of the year in the 26-75 employee category.

The winners included:

- **New Business:** Sterling Financial
- **Outstanding Customer Service:** Rental Owners & Managers Society of British Columbia
- **Innovation:** City Green Solutions Society
- **Employer of the Year:** Chemistry Consulting

Group Inc.

- **Business of the Year (1-10 employees):** Cedarwood Productions Inc.
- **Business of the Year (11-25 employees):** Ruffell & Brown Interiors
- **Business of the Year (26-75 employees):** City Green Solutions Society
- **Business of the Year (76+ employees):** Scott Plastics Ltd.
- **Employee of the Year:** Lisa Brideson, Inn at Laurel Point
- **Business Leadership:** Page One Publishing Inc.
- **Young Entrepreneur of the Year:** Jeremy Wilson, AdrenaLine Zipline Adventure Tours
- **Business Person of the Year:** Tim Cormode, Power To Be Adventure Therapy