



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Nominations open for Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame

WATERLOO REGION, May 16, 2007 – Nominations are now open for the 2007 Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame. Nominations can be submitted at thewaterlooway.com, virtual home of the Hall of Fame, until June 30, 2007.

As many as 10 outstanding entrepreneurs will be inducted this year at a gala held during Communitech's Entrepreneur Week in early October. A distinguished panel of judges will select nominees of the past or present who epitomize the incredible entrepreneurial spirit of Waterloo Region. Winners will have created a lasting legacy by having a significant impact on the Region and its economy.

"From whiskey and textiles to digital cameras and the BlackBerry, entrepreneurs have shaped this community with their innovation and perseverance," said Iain Klugman, co-chair of the Hall of Fame and President and CEO of Communitech: Waterloo Region Technology Association. "We're excited to find out who the public thinks should be honoured as an entrepreneurial success story – who inspires them? Who's a great role model for our next generation of start-ups? Who has helped put this region on the map?"

The Hall of Fame is also seeking nominations for the Intrepid Entrepreneur Award – a bold entrepreneur who already stands out for capturing opportunities and overcoming challenges, but clearly is 'one to watch.'

"Thewaterlooway.com is not only the home of the Hall of Fame, but we've launched a Wiki there to tell the many stories of entrepreneurship in Waterloo Region," added Steve Farlow, co-chair and Executive Director of the Schlegel Centre for Entrepreneurship at Wilfrid Laurier University. "We're building the first comprehensive resource about our fascinating entrepreneurial culture, from its early beginnings to the way it looks today. It's a Wiki, so anyone can go online and share their story of an entrepreneur, or add to one we've already posted."

The Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame was established in October 2006 by the Prosperity Council of Waterloo Region. It celebrates and showcases inspirational individuals who embody the spirit of entrepreneurship and inspire it in others. Electrohome's Carl Pollock, one of the Region's first successful tech entrepreneurs, was the inaugural inductee. He also helped found CTV Southwestern Ontario, the University of Waterloo, and the Stratford Festival.

-30-

For further information, contact:

Iain Klugman, co-chair
iain@communitech.ca
519-888-9944 x22

Steve Farlow, co-chair
sfarlow@wlu.ca
519-884-0710 x2615

The Prosperity Council of Waterloo Region is a partnership of the Greater Kitchener-Waterloo Chamber of Commerce, the Cambridge Chamber of Commerce, Communitech: Waterloo Region Technology Association, and Canada's Technology Triangle Inc. The council collectively promotes prosperity in the Region and represents more than 3400 businesses.