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Gala recognizes past, present and future entrepreneurial leaders in Waterloo Region

Thursday, September 18, 2008 ... On Tuesday October 7th, Communitech will recognize the very best of Waterloo Region's entrepreneurs at the Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Awards Gala. The Gala is held during Entrepreneur Week, the largest celebration of entrepreneurial spirit in North America.

The Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame celebrates and showcases inspirational entrepreneurs who embody the spirit of entrepreneurship in our region, and inspire that spirit in others. Deserving entrepreneurs from past, present and future will be recognized for their significant contribution to our economy and our community as entrepreneurs.

Past inductees to the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame include Carl A. Pollock (Electrohome), Moses Springer (Mutual Life Assurance Company), Joseph Seagram (Joseph E. Seagram and Sons Ltd.), A.R. Kaufman (Kaufman Rubber Company), J.M. Schneider (J.M. Schneider Limited), Val O'Donovan (COM DEV International), Klaus Woerner (ATS), Dan Einwechter (Challenger Motor Freight), Mike Lazaridis (Research In Motion) and Jim Balsillie (Research In Motion), and Intrepid Award winners Brad Siim and Marc Morin (Sandvine).

A blue-ribbon judging panel has selected inductees and award winners for 2008:

2008 Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Inductees

- Carl Dare (Dare Foods)
- Charles Greb (Greb Shoes Limited)
- Frank Hasenfratz (Linamar)
- John Motz (The Waterloo Region Record)
- Theodore Witzel (Onward Manufacturing)

2008 Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame Intrepid Award Winner

- Ray Simonson (Coreworx)

To learn more about the Gala and to register, please visit <http://www.communitech.ca/events>

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Inductions into the Entrepreneur Hall of Fame

The Entrepreneur Hall of Fame recognizes outstanding entrepreneurs who epitomize the incredible entrepreneurial spirit in Waterloo Region. Their accomplishments have had a significant impact on the community and economy - a lasting legacy for future generations. Up to ten individuals are inducted each year, based on a public nomination process.

The Intrepid Entrepreneur Award

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This award recognizes a fearless entrepreneur who is making a positive impact on Waterloo Region's entrepreneurial scene and community, right now. He or she already stands out among peers for capturing opportunities and overcoming challenges, but clearly, the best is yet to come for this inspirational leader.

thewaterlooway.com is home to the many stories of entrepreneurship in Waterloo Region and the Waterloo Region Entrepreneur Hall of Fame. It celebrates the region's bold and resilient entrepreneurial community and - for the first time - gives you one place to learn about the men and women who built a region that is today the envy of communities across Canada.

The need for an Entrepreneur Hall of Fame was articulated in a 2002 report by the Prosperity Council of Waterloo Region, a federation formed to collectively create an environment that supports opportunities for prosperity in the region.