

Chamber awards dinner, gala evening celebrates Miramichi

by Patrick Flanagan

As reported in Monday's paper, the Miramichi Chamber of Commerce celebrated the city of Miramichi and honoured two of its citizens at its ninth annual Gala Evening and Awards Dinner on Oct. 18.

The two honourees were Darcy Taylor of Taylor Digital Imaging and Dr. Gerard B. Losier.

"The Chamber of Commerce gala dinner is a time to honour past successes; it's a time to network; it's a time to renew friendships ... it's also a way to develop new friendships," said MC Paul McGraw. "It's a time to honour companies on the verge of huge success. These are the companies we've honoured in the past. We will be honouring two more tonight."

Commented chamber president Thomas Linkletter, "It's the people here who are going to ensure that Miramichi is prospering and moving forward — this year, next year and right into the future."

Miramichi-Bay du Vin MLA Bill Fraser said the award recognized two individuals, "... who have gone above and beyond the ordinary. Too often, the selfless contributions ordinary people make in their community go unrecognized."

Miramichi Mayor John McKay suggested entrepreneurs and developers have been showing more interest in the area than there has been in a long while.

"That's good news. That's an indication that the people of this community are saying, 'We are going to move on.'"

We have included here additional photos from the event for the benefit of interested readers.



Ken Giberson, left, presents Darcy Taylor with a recognition award from the Miramichi Chamber of Commerce during its 9th Annual Gala Evening and Awards Dinner held at the Rodd Inn Thursday evening. (Stephane Savoie photos)



George Smith, left, presents Dr. Gerard B. Losier with a recognition award.



MC Paul McGraw at the podium.



Miramichi-Bay du Vin MLA Bill Fraser presents a certificate on behalf of the provincial government to Darcy Taylor.



Miramichi-Bay du Vin MLA Bill Fraser presents a certificate on behalf of the provincial government to Dr. Gerard Losier.



Miramichi Chamber of Commerce president Thomas Linkletter addresses the gathering.

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