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**“RCC 34TH ANNUAL BUSINESS EXCELLENCE
AWARDS”**

Who: Richmond Chamber of Commerce

What: Richmond Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present the 34th Annual Business Excellence Awards

Where: River Rock Casino Resort, Richmond

When: Wednesday, November 23rd, 2011

Doors open to public at 5.30pm

Award ceremony begins at approx 8pm and will be over at approx 9.30pm.

Interviews with finalists may be arranged pre ceremony (please contact me to arrange – **cell: 604 366 3807**)

Other Information: Please see news release attached for information on finalists and possible news story featuring one of the finalists **Kelly Jablonski**, CEO of Ultimate Skateboard Distribution and survivor of recent Richmond plane crash.



NEWS RELEASE

Plane Crash Survivor to join RCC Business Awards as finalist for Business of the Year Award

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Richmond (November 14th, 2011) – On October 27th, **Ultimate Distribution's** CEO **Kelly Jablonski** was involved in a plane crash just outside the Vancouver Airport. Thankfully he survived the traumatizing ordeal, sustaining broken vertebrae and ribs, smoke inhalation and minor burns. He has undergone surgery at the Vancouver General Hospital and he's expected to make a full recovery.

Kelly has confirmed that he will be attending the RCC Business Awards on Wednesday, November 23, 2011 at the River Rock casino, Richmond. This will be his first public outing since the crash last month.

The finalists for the 34th Annual Business Awards are as follows:

Young Entrepreneur

Brian Cole - BCGI Benefits

Dennis Hu - Gallery Optical Ltd.

Jacky Chan & Stanley Lam - Milsig

Paintball Canada Ltd.

Business Leadership

Accent Inns - Chris Browne

Earleeray Holdings Ltd. - Christine &
Bob Campbell

Pryke Lambert Leathley Russell LLP

Association

ALS Society of BC
Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society
Richmond Girls Softball Association
Turning Point Recovery Society

Business of the Year 1-25

Plotkin Consulting
Lok's Hapkido School
Misty Mountain Specialties
Steveston Seabreeze Adventures

Customer Service

Disposal King
G & F Financial Group (Steveston)
Summit International Trade Services Inc.
Volco Tires & Wheels

New Business

Herbaland Naturals Inc.
Integritas Security Group Inc.
Stage One Dance Academy

Innovation

SunCentral Inc.
EnvirEau Technologies
Advanced Cyclotron Systems Inc.
Mobidia Inc.

Business of the Year 26-75

Glenmore Printing & Imaging
Xypex Chemicals Corporation
Ultimate Skateboard Distribution Inc.

Business of the Year 76+

NCIX
Nightingale Electrical Ltd.
Grimms Fine Foods

Unipharm Wholesale Drugs Ltd.

For more information on the RCC Business Awards please visit our website at www.richmondchamber.ca or to purchase tickets for the evening please contact Carol Young at 604 278 2822.

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For more information or to arrange an interview with any of our finalists please contact:

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