



MEDIA RELEASE

BEDC to honour Murray Hogarth as Burlington's 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 7, 2009

Burlington, ON - The Burlington Economic Development Corporation publically announced the 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year last week. The award honours an individual that has built a successful globally engaged company in Burlington, reflects entrepreneurship through his companies and venture capital investments; and has given back to the community.

The BEDC Board of Directors selected Mr. Murray Hogarth as Burlington's 2010 Entrepreneur of the Year. As the founder, president and CEO of the Pioneer Group, Murray Hogarth opened the first Pioneer Gas Station in 1956. He built the company into Canada's largest private independent gasoline chain, becoming a national business leader. Mr. Hogarth continues to be a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist who is committed to helping the City and people of Burlington.

The Entrepreneur of the Year Award has been created to recognize individuals who have demonstrated business excellence. The Business Hall of Fame was introduced in Burlington in 2005 by the BEDC. Previous inductees include Harry Voortman, Mark Chamberlain, Michael Lee-Chin, Michael DeGroot Senior, and Ron Joyce.

- more -

The 2010 award will be presented at BEDC's Annual Signature Event, which will be held on Thursday June 10th 2010, at the Burlington Convention Center. For more information about the BEDC and the Entrepreneur of the Year Award please visit: www.bedc.ca

The Burlington Economic Development Corporation is a non-profit organization set up in September 1994 to work with the public and private sectors to promote economic growth in Burlington. In partnership with the City of Burlington, BEDC works closely with the real estate and development communities as they strive to satisfy the needs of prospects interested in locating in Burlington.

- 30 -

Media Contact:

Jackie Isada
Senior Economic Development Officer, Marketing
Burlington Economic Development Corporation
905-332-9415 Ext. 7251
isadaj@burlington.ca