

PUBLISHER'S NOTE



AS PUBLISHER of Atlantic Canada's largest circulation business magazine, I travel extensively, regularly heading to Toronto, Calgary, Houston, Aberdeen and Stavanger. Literally and figuratively, travel broadens your horizons. Never was this more apparent than in the past 12 months.

Usually, my journeys leave me with a sense of awe and amazement at the wealth and industry I see beyond our borders. This time, however, it was this region that set the example for other jurisdictions. Where those locations were depressed and gloomy, our economy buzzed with talk of major projects like Hibernia South, Deep Panuke, Lower Churchill, wind power, and more.

Truly, I don't think the Atlantic economy has ever looked so good, and the results achieved by this year's Top 50 CEOs reinforce that perception. Collectively, these 50 individuals, and the companies they operate, generated over \$12.5-billion in revenue, provided jobs for more than 57,000 people, volunteered with over 500 community and industry organizations and donated more than \$38-million to charity. It's enough to make you question if we even had a recession.

Seriously though, achieving these types of results, particularly under such grueling fiscal circumstances, is no mean feat. That these 40 men and 10 women retained their commitments to growing the greater community while having to realign their corporate strategies to new global realities makes their achievements even more worthy of recognition. With each accomplishment and triumph, they further validate the Top 50 CEO awards – Atlantic Canadian corporate leadership has never been more deserving of celebration.

This particular celebration wouldn't be possible without the generous support of our corporate sponsors. A sincere thank you to them for their invaluable contributions. Gratitude is also owed to the Judges (see page 85) for donating their time and expertise to selecting this year's award recipients. Last but not least, I'd like to acknowledge the dedicated efforts of our staff in organizing the awards gala and, of course, this magazine.

If there's one thing I've learned after 25 years in the publishing business, it's that enterprise and entrepreneurial activity is always an adventure. I can't wait to see what this year's travels bring.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hubert F. Hutton". The signature is fluid and cursive.

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