

## Heart of Bolton initiative honours Bolton businesses and citizens

Caledon Chamber of Commerce president Anthony Caputo helped hand out awards

**By Zachary Roman**

There are some people and businesses that are the heart of Bolton.

The Heart of Bolton awards initiative was created to recognize those people and businesses. Caledon Chamber of Commerce president Anthony Caputo, who was involved in the initiative through the Chamber, took time to talk to the Citizen about it.

“It was councillor Tony Rosa that came up with that initiative, to give 200 awards to 200 citizens of Bolton that have either owned businesses for a long period of time, or have stuck out to people, or made an impression on people over the years,” said Caputo. “He thought it was a good idea to involve the Chamber to get our name out there again, and to help him get these awards out.”

There were 200 awards and the winners were all selected by the Bolton community. According to the Chamber of Commerce's website, the award recipients all “demonstrated exemplary leadership qualities and have put their HEART into our community.”

There were 200 awards to coincide with Bolton's bicentennial celebrations which happened earlier this month on June 4 and 5. As of June 21, Caputo said there were just a few more of the 200 awards to give out and that the initiative was almost finished after its nearly half-a-year run.

He said the Verdi Alliance group of companies sponsored the trophies that were given to each Heart of Bolton award winner. The Chamber of Commerce was responsible for award distribution and handed out certificates that were also given to each winner.

“I actually ended up giving an award to my old elementary school teacher for everything he's done in the community in the past, and all the great work he's done with kids over the years,” said Caputo. “This was a great way to unite members of the community together again, and promote Bolton's 200th birthday.”

A list of Heart of Bolton award recipients can be found on the Bolton bicentennial website at the following link:  
[boltonbicentennial.com/heart-of-bolton](http://boltonbicentennial.com/heart-of-bolton).