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Greater Sudbury business owners were honoured Tuesday night at the 12th annual Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce's Bell Business Excellence Awards.

The ceremony, which took place at the Caruso Club, was a tribute to chamber members' accomplishments and contributions to the community.

Among the winners was The Sudbury Star, recognized for celebrating its 100th year in business.

"In celebrating a century in business, we've been looking at the past quite a bit and reflecting on how special it is for The Star to be Greater Sudbury's journal of record for so long," said David Kilgour, publisher of The Sudbury Star.

"At 100 years old, we remain a very strong part of this community and we certainly intend to remain just as strong and vibrant over the next 100 years."

The gala reception drew close to 400 people, including award winners, sponsors and supporters.

Bringing home the Entrepreneur of the Year award was Interstate Battery Systems of Northern Ontario and its president, Denis Taillefer.

Taillefer was all smiles during the event and described winning the award as surprising.

"In business, you do what you do every day and you're not really there to entertain anyone, and the fact that someone notices what you do is a feather in your cap," Taillefer said.

Taillefer and his wife, Theresa, own Interstate Battery Systems of Northern Ontario, which is a wholesale distributor of primarily lead acid batteries.

In the last five years, Interstate has launched the all-batteries concept, which would supply batteries for everything, according to Taillefer.

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Sudbury Star publisher David Kilgour addresses the the crowd at the Greater Sudbury Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards at the Caruso Club on Tuesday night. The Sudbury Star received an award in recognition of its 100th anniversary.

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"Over the next 12 months, we will be launching a new facility supplying batteries for hearing aids, microphones, cellphones and many more things." Taillefer said.

Mayor John Rodriguez also praised local businesses.

"Now more than ever in this economic climate, we need these folks, they are engine drivers," said Rodriguez.

The Winners

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