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Business Plan Contest winners ready to launch

Small Business BC cooked up another great Business Plan Contest as prize winners from the field of more than 150 contestants were on hand to take home their booty at The Landing in Gastown.

Mayoralty hopefuls were also on the town with NDP MLA and Vision Vancouver candidate Gregor Robertson checking out yogurt impresario Gary Hirshberg's new book, *Stirring it Up*, a look at his involvement in the sustainable-business movement.

The Network Hub held another great entrepreneurial meetup where NPA mayoralty hopeful and city councillor Peter Ladner offered wise words of advice to the 100 entrepreneurs from his days at *Business in Vancouver*.

At Cassis Restaurant the smooth, relaxing atmosphere made learning to cook a magical experience as talented owner and master chef Ben Cote dashingly exhibited dining excellence.

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First-place winner of the Business Start-up category James Shearer of Peragro Media with Cybele Negris of Webnames.ca



First-place winners in the Business Growth category Reaghan Gasparre and Linda Aquilini of Monkey's Playhouse



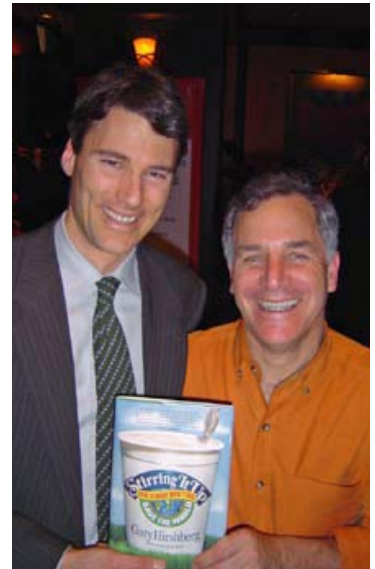
From left: Cassis Bistro owner Ben Cote with model Selma Bukvic and wine educator Paul W. Martin at the Passion for Flavour event



Mayoralty hopeful Peter Ladner with Minna Van, brainchild of the Entrepreneurial Meet-up at the Network Hub



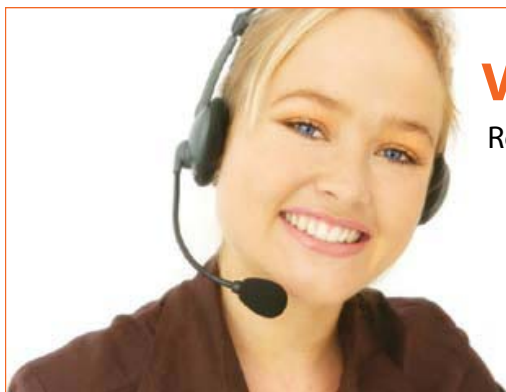
The granddaddy of the candid camera, Malcolm Parry (L) of *The Vancouver Sun* with Nick Kerchum (Music Direction) at the Opus



NDP MLA and mayoralty hopeful Gregor Robertson at Gary Hirshberg book signing in Vancouver



Representing presenting sponsor RBC, Aly Karmali and Carmen Stossel at the Business Plan Contest winner ceremonies



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