

AGM surveys award once again

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A road needs to be widened or repaired. They can do that.

That new, large subdivision has to be surveyed. No problem.

How about the engineering and design of an industrial building, big box store or even a large parcel of land to be assembled for a project.

That would be yes, yes and yes.

At AGM Surveying and Engineering, the diversity of development jobs it handles is a big reason it is nominated for a London Chamber of Commerce business achievement award in the small business category.

"I know the motto there is, 'It has to start right to finish right,' and that is how you end up with great industry," said Gerry Macartney, London Chamber of Commerce general manager. "There is nothing fancy about this company. They just do really good work."

For AGM the nomination came as a welcome surprise, but it is affirmation it is doing something right, said Drew Annable, president.

"It is a confirmation of our business principle, of our

quality service," he said. "But I am very impressed by the quality of the businesses we are up against. We are humbled to be in a group like this. It is stiff competition."

As well as doing surveying, design and engineering work for all types of different properties, the company helps rebuild infrastructure and to ensure parcels and lots of land are laid out properly. It also determines whether a section of land can be serviced, he said.

"We are there in the beginning, the end and in between," added Annable.

AGM's resume includes the reconstruction of Commissioners Road at Snake Hill, as well as Ridout Street, a variety of work for the Wal-Mart stores in Hyde Park and Argyle Mall, and subdivisions including one behind the Rona store on Wonderland Road, the Huntington subdivision on Oxford Street, the Hunt Club, phase three development, Fanshawe Park Meadows and Lambeth Estates on Wharncliffe Road, to name a few.

It surveyed land for the Keiper plant, ORE Developments on Highway 401 and even assembled land for the



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NOMINEE: AGM Surveying and Engineering, including Rick Dykstra, left, Bruce Baker, Drew Annable and Jason Wilband, is nominated for a London Chamber of Commerce Business Achievement Award.



Ninth in a series on the London Chamber of Commerce business achievement awards

John Labatt Centre.

"They do a job not everyone wants to do. You have to get your boots on. They are in the trenches and they have a passion for it, they love it," said Macartney.

AGM SURVEYING

Category: Small business

Established: 10 years ago

Product or service: Surveying, design, engineering, consulting

Employees: 40, with a payroll of more than \$1.7 million

Distinction: Previously nominated in 2002, 2003. Winner of the London Home Builders Association award for supplier of the year in 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2007