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Join us for

Business After Hours

in collaboration with the Greater Westside Board of Trade (GWBOT)

Thursday, November 12

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

@ WFN Government Office (515 Highway 97S)

Event is free for GWBOT Members; \$10 for future members.

For more info, contact GWBOT at 768-3378 or gwboardoftrade.com

2015 CIB Winners - Partners in Bloom

WFN and the City of West Kelowna (CWK) took home the top prize in the 2015 Communities in Bloom (CIB) national competition (20,001 to 50,000 population category). The win was announced at the CIB National Symposium in Kamloops on October 3. WFN and CWK have partnered in the CIB competition for 11 years, but this is the first time achieving a win.

Please take a moment to browse through the 2015 WFN/CWK Community Profile Book at www.wfn.ca/communities-in-bloom.htm to learn more about ongoing and recent projects at WFN and CWK, or stop by the WFN Government Building to see the trophy/award, offered by the National Capital Commission (NCC) and created from granite extracted from the Canadian Shield in Quebec.

Special mention was given by the judges for WFN's new public beach located on Boucherie Road. See reverse for more info.

2015 Business Walk & Site Visitation

October 1, WFN EDC and staff surveyed 50 WFN businesses. Those 50 businesses represent approximately 380 full-time employees, with 90% reporting Good/Increasing or Fair/Steady growth.

Throughout the summer, an additional 50 businesses were visited for in-depth followup and information sharing. Lim lemt, thank you, to all who participated.

TD Tree Day

2015 saw more than 40 people come out to help plant 450 fruit trees and shrubs (Blueberry, Raspberry, Haskap, Shepherdia Canadensis, Gooseberry, Sea Buckthorn) around the WFN Community Core, Sept 15. Soup was donated by Chef Adair Scott, and fresh-pressed apple juice donated by Paynters Fruit Market.

Fall 2015 WFN Retail Directory

WFN has once again released its updated Retail Directory. Some of the new businesses included in this edition are Benjamin Moore Paint in Governors Landing, Dollarama in the Westbank Shopping Centre, Owl's Nest & The Ten Spot (both in Okanagan Lake Shopping Centre).

2015 GWBOT Key Business Awards

The Greater Westside Board of Trade hosted its annual Key Business Awards Gala Thursday October 15 at 19 Okanagan Grill + Bar at Two Eagles Golf Course.

The evening began with finalists and sponsors enjoying a reception sponsored by Telus. Wine for the evening was provided by The Hatch, Quails' Gate and Summerhill Pyramid Winery and sponsored by Norelco Cabinets.

WFN sends special congratulations to Tourism & Hospitality Award winner, and WFN business, Best Western Wine Country Hotel & Suites.





WFN's Enhanced Public Beach Park

September 14 WFN opened its enhanced Public Beach Park on Boucherie Road. The overhaul included a full site regrade and installation of a retaining wall to create a flatter, more useable public space, and a buffer from the roadway. New trees, park benches, irrigation and turf were also installed by WFN staff to create a completely new look that WFN hopes the public will enjoy for many years to come.

The \$325,000 project was funded from WFN's Development Cost (Parks) Charges, and ties attractively into WFN's Communities in Bloom partner/City of West Kelowna's Gellatly Bay & Park and the ever expanding Boucherie Waterfront multi-use pathway.

Did You Know...

In March, YLW engaged SNC-Lavalin to update the existing Master Plan 2025 (2007), which will guide future airport development and cost effectively meet aviation demand while considering potential environmental and socio-economic impacts.

Also, the Central Okanagan is now ranked as the second best entrepreneurial CMA in Canada, having jumped from fifth place in 2014. The Region's overall score has improved by 10.2%, the largest increase for any CMA in Canada over 150,000 people.

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WFN Recreation 250 768 7337

WFN Utilities & Public Works 250 707 3332

WFN Law Enforcement Richard Johns 250 717 6147

Dan Heaton 250 863 8247

Wayne Murdock 250 317 4596

WFN Museum 778 755 ARTS

WFN EDC Seats Available

WFN is requesting letters of interest in order to fill two positions that will become vacant due to the expiry of the current terms. Please forward your Letter of Interest to Mandi Carroll, Manager of Economic Development and Communications.

[Elder Seat - Deadline October 30, 2015 \(click for more info\)](#)

[Member Seat - Deadline January 6, 2016 \(click for more info\)](#)

WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC)

NELSON DERICKSON is Chairperson for WFN's EDC. He is a WFN Member, recent Okanagan College business degree graduate and an employee of WFN's corporate group, Ntityx Development Corporation.

JAMES COBLE is Co-Chair of the WFN EDC, a WFN Member and Director of Student Services for Okanagan College.

VERN NIELSEN is CEO of Dockside Marine Center located at Shelter Bay on WFN lands. He is also a District Governor Nominee for Rotary District 5060, a Director of the Okanagan College Foundation and East Meets West Orphanage Foundation.

STEPHANIE CLOUGH is a WFN Member and employee of the WFN Finance Department. She wishes to help achieve continued prosperity for the community through her work on the EDC.

ANDREA EAST is a lawyer at Pushor Mitchell LLP and frequently helps First Nations and the organizations that do business with them to navigate the regulatory systems governing their economic and real estate development projects.

PHYLLIS SUNDSTROM is WFN's EDC Elder, has worked for the School District, Federal Gov't, Brenda Mines and 28 years at KGH.

ANDREA LAVIGNE is WFN's EDC Youth. She is a WFN Member, recent UBCO Indigenous Studies graduate and has worked in WFN's Intergovernmental Affairs including time at the negotiating table for WFN title and rights.

MICKEY WERSTUIK is an elected official for WFN and served as an integral part of WFN's historic transition to a self-governing nation.

MANDI CARROLL is WFN's Communications and Economic Development Manager, responsible for supporting businesses on WFN lands and ensuring a business-friendly environment.

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