



# EC DEV

X-press



## West Kelowna Warriors win National Championship

Congratulations to the West Kelowna Warriors, who won the RBC Cup National Junior A Hockey Championship game on May 22! [Read full story.](#)

## Small Business Resources

**Small Business BC**, a not-for-profit organization, provides knowledge-based business tools, resources and services, including Guide Business Registration, seminars, workshops, advice, 'Ask the Expert' days, and toolkits.

## National Aboriginal Day office closure

In celebration of National Aboriginal Day, Westbank First Nation government offices will be closed on Tuesday, June 21.

Water restrictions in effect

WFN business are



## WFN & CWK sign Fire Services Agreement

West Kelowna Fire Rescue, Chief and Council of Westbank First Nation, and West Kelowna Mayor and Council gathered for a Fire Services Agreement signing event, celebrating the long-term establishment of a mutually-beneficial agreement committed to providing stable and effective fire protection for both communities. [Read full release.](#)



## siya? Celebration, June 3

Join WFN's signature annual cultural event, the siya?

advised that Stage 1 water regulations are in effect year round. [Learn more.](#)

### Central Okanagan's competitive business costs

KPMG's April Competitive Alternatives Report ranked this region as the eleventh most competitive place to do business in Canada.

Canada ranks as the second most competitive country worldwide, with a cost advantage of 14.6% relative to the United States. [Read full story.](#)

### New Westside Visitor Guide

The new [Visit Westside](#) guide features many of the fun activities and attractions within WFN and West Kelowna, including the new [Indigenous World Winery](#), set to open May 28 as the first winery on WFN lands.

Also, learn more about WFN's [Sncewips Heritage Museum](#), which was recently [featured on Shaw TV](#) (congratulations, Sncewips!).

### Community Clean-up & Business garden contest

Volunteers, churches and service group will be cleaning Westside streets on the morning of Saturday, June 4. Help clean up your area of business, or email [recreation@westkelownacity.ca](mailto:recreation@westkelownacity.ca) to join their teams.

To nominate your garden to the Most Beautiful Garden contest, a Communities in Bloom initiative, call 778-797-8800 by June 22. Judging takes place the week of June 27 by a team of Master Gardeners.

Celebration, on Friday, June 3 from 9:00am to 2:00pm at Pine Stadium, 1920 Quail Lane. There will be dancing, drumming, traditional food, singing, and crafts. Individuals are invited to attend. Groups of three or more must have registered by May 10. [Learn more.](#)

### sukanaqin sxelxalt at Westside Days

During each Westside Daze, June 30 to July 3 at Memorial Park in West Kelowna, sukanaqin sxelxalt / Okanagan Day is held (on July 3 this year), celebrating First Nation heritage with storytelling, drumming, singing, eagle dance, Tepee Village, and demonstrations in traditional fishing, stick games and arts and crafts. [Learn more.](#)



### Bike to Work Week May 30 - June 5

Okanagan residents are encouraged to bike to work during the province-wide Bike to Work Week, May 30 – June 5. Last year, more than 30,000 people participated throughout BC, cycling over 1 million kilometres and saving \$90,000 in fuel.

Riders may refuel with snacks and refreshments at WFN's Celebration Station on Wednesday, June 1 from 6:45-9am at the Lindley Building parking lot (515 Hwy 97 South). [View a map of the bike route to WFN parking lot.](#)

[Register for BTW W](#)

### Youth Centre to open November 2016

WFN's new Youth Centre is on schedule to open in November. It will be 14,000 sq ft, two floors, and include wood from WFN's Community Forest lands as well as environmental features. Track construction progress with live image stream.

### 2016 business site visits underway

For the third year, in partnership with the RDCO, 60 WFN businesses will be visited over the summer to identify opportunities and make acquaintances.

WFN also participates in the region's Business Walk program, an important tool to gather business information



### Bike repair stand installed at Rose Valley

A new public bike repair stand, donated by [Sovereign Cycle](#), is in place at Rose Valley Regional Park!

### Wind Power Project update

WFN has been working on wind power projects at Shinish (33km west of Summerland) and Pennask (25km west of here / 50km SE of Merritt).

Both projects would have five wind turbines at 15 megawatts each, which would power 2,500 homes.

Construction will start later this year. WFN wishes to contribute to the BC Energy Plan goal of provincial energy self-sufficiency by 20%.

and facilitate growth. [Learn more.](#)



### Thank you, Career Fair businesses

Limlemt to vendors, volunteers, staff and all who attended the 2016 WFN Career Fair. Students from around the Okanagan connected with local businesses and learned more about silyx culture.

"One of the most inspiring and convincing career fairs I have been to. Thank you for having me and welcoming me." - Student comment via Instagram

[View photo album](#)

### Thank you, Aboriginal Business Match

WFN's Communications & Economic Development Officer, Kristy Jean, and Member Employment Coordinator, Jolene Esau, attended Aboriginal Business Match, May 9 to 11 in Penticton. It connected Aboriginal & non-Aboriginal decision makers to create business opportunities.

Special thanks to Aboriginal Tourism BC for another great meeting, and to Play Better for their inspirational presentation and dedication to building a better community.

### WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Nelson Derickson, Chairperson  
James Coble, Co-Chair  
Vern Nielsen  
Stephanie Clough  
Andrea East  
Deanna Hamilton  
Andrea Lavigne

[View Commissioner profiles >](#)

EDC Mission: Assist & facilitate Chief & Council, and the WFN business community, to create a healthy, environmentally sustainable & dynamic economy based on values of self-reliance.

EDC Goals: business attraction, business retention, and business facilitation.

Upcoming EDC seat openings:

6/7/2016

WFN Ec Dev X-press Newsletter

Youth Member Seat (18-30 years old)  
Apply by: September 29, 2016



---

Copyright © 2016 Westbank First Nation, All rights reserved.

Want to change how you receive these emails?  
You can [update your preferences](#) or [unsubscribe from this list](#)

MailChimp.