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WFN Spring 2017 Retail Directory

The newly updated retail directory, including new businesses such as LD Nails & Spa, **Oxygen Yoga & Fitness** and **Indigenous World Winery**, is now available on the WFN website and hard copies will be distributed to various locations in the next few weeks. [Click here to view.](#)

New EDC Members

WFN's EDC welcomes two new members: Brianna Wilson, filling the Youth Seat & Sharon Peterson, filling the Small Business Seat. See link to Commissioners profiles in footer of Xpress.



WFN Night @ The Warriors, January 18

The **West Kelowna Warriors** held their annual WFN appreciation night January 18th with a fantastic display of ceremonial dress and dancing. [See full gallery.](#) Photos courtesy of Greystoke Photography.

Westbank First Nation population growth rate triple that of Central Okanagan



WFN Business & Economic Development Conference

Date: Thursday, March 30, 2017
Time: 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Location: 1920 Quail Lane, Westbank, B.C.

Why Attend

Through a series of interactive displays, panel discussions, and keynote speakers, attendees will learn about:

- What makes WFN an attractive place to do business,
- How WFN plans for development, and
- WFN's growth and development trends.

The conference will include the following:

- Meet and greet with WFN Chief and Council.
- Keynotes
- Panel discussion
- Interactive display area including WFN's unique community, culture and history.
- Walking tour of the WFN Community Core, including the new Youth Centre.

Who it's For

Local developers, realtors, lawyers, and businesses.

Registration

Our previous conferences have sold out quickly. Space is limited.

Cost: \$49.95 + GST per person

[Register Here](#)

Population growth on Westbank First Nation land is more than three times the Central Okanagan average, new data from the 2016 census shows. There are now 9,028 people living on band land, up from 7,068 in 2011. The growth rate of 28 per cent compares to an 8.5 per cent rise in population for the greater Kelowna area, according to Statistics Canada.

Small Business Resources

The **British Columbia's Aboriginal Small Business Resources** **handout** provides a comprehensive list of resources to help small business owners and those looking to start their own business. It also features local small business owner, Sharon Bond-Hogg, owner of **Kekuli Cafe**, Westbank and Merritt.

The **Central Okanagan Business Services** guide is a 40 page document including information on Local Government Offices, BizPal, buying or selling a business, labour and employment, export resources and much more.

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Main Reception
250 769 4999

Employment Coordinator - NEW! Taryn Gerow
250 768 8281

Health & Wellness
250 768 0227

Youth & Education
250 768 0227

Recreation
250 768 7337

Utilities
250 707 3332

Public Works
250 707 0493

Law Enforcement
Richard J. 250 717 6147
Dan H. 250 863 8247



Aboriginal Agrifood Export Workshop

Date: Tuesday, March 28, 2017
Location: Westbank First Nation Community Services (siya boardroom)
Address: 1900 Quail Lane, Westbank, BC
Registration opens: 8:30 AM
Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Hosted by the British Columbia Ministry of International Trade, on Tuesday, March 28 2017, the Aboriginal Agrifood Export Workshop is aimed at Aboriginal food growers and food production companies that are export ready, interested in exporting or are looking to expand exports to foreign markets.

Participants will hear from experts and trade managers who will offer valuable insight on the process of exporting products internationally, particularly to Asia, including:

- Finding the target market
- Understanding export regulations
- International packaging considerations
- Transporting products to market

Space is limited so register early!
Click [here](#) to learn more or to register

For more information, please contact Jennifer Hooper, missionandevents@gov.bc.ca, or Mandi Carroll, communications@wfn.ca



WFN Opens \$5.5 Million Youth Centre

Friday, January 27, Westbank First Nation proudly opened their new \$5.5 Million Youth Centre at 1880 Quail Lane, Westbank.

"I'm thrilled to be standing here with the community today as we open the doors to our new Youth Centre," said Chief Roxanne Lindley at the opening. "Westbank First Nation recognizes the importance of our youth and the need to provide safe spaces for them to interact and learn from one another. We thank the community and past Council for coming together to make this project possible."

The new two-storey, 13,000 sq. ft. Youth Centre replaces the previous 2,100 sq. ft. building purchased second-hand and moved to Quail Lane nineteen years ago. Since 1998,

Wayne M. 250 317 4596

Museum

778 755 2787

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the Central Okanagan's population has increased approximately 30 per cent. Over the same period, WFN's population nearly doubled from 5,500 residents to over 10,000 today. WFN's Membership population also grew over 50 per cent during that period.

[Read full story](#)

WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Nelson Derickson, Chairperson
James Coble, Vice Chair
Sharon Peterson
Stephanie Clough
Andrea East
Deanna Hamilton
Brianna Wilson

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WFN 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.



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