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September 2017 quarterly WFN business e-newsletter.

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WFN Councillor Chris Derickson, Named one of Business in Vancouver's 2017 Forty Under 40 Winners

The awards highlight the achievements of 40 of B.C.'s outstanding young entrepreneurs, executives, and professionals.

Winners are under 40 and have demonstrated excellence in business, judgment, leadership and community contribution. Each winner will be profiled in Business in Vancouver on December 4.

Congratulations Chris!

[More info and full list of winners.](#)



6th Annual Central Okanagan Business Walk, October 4

Once again, WFN will be teaming up with the COEDC to take part in the annual Business Walk. The walk, which takes place Wednesday, October 4th from 9am to noon, allows elected officials, municipal staff, and volunteers from business support organizations will hit the streets and connect with local businesses in the Central Okanagan.

WFN will randomly target 50 of its 400 businesses to visit and would ask that business owners and/or managers make themselves available during this time to participate in a short four minute Q&A. If you'd like to ensure you receive a visit, email communications@wfn.ca. [More info](#)

culture days



CREATE, PARTICIPATE & SHARE
September 29, 30 & October 1, 2017



2016/2017 WFN Annual Report

WFN's 2016/2017 Annual Report, which includes highlights from governance, land, community and economy has just been released. [View the report here.](#)

WFN Building Permits

The first six months of WFN building permits show that the community is on pace for a record year (\$19M, Jan-Jun 2017, compared to \$10.5M during the same period last year, \$17M the year before, and \$15M the year before that)



IEDC 2017

Last week, WFN joined 1,300 Economic Development professionals from across 50 different countries at the International Economic Development Conference in Toronto; the theme of which was 'Connect, Collaborate and Create'. Also in attendance was Corie Griffiths, Director of the [Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission \(COEDC\)](#) and Glenn Mandziuk, CEO, [Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association \(TOTA\)](#). Glenn spoke about implementing the

Third Annual Culture Days takes place across the country this weekend, and SWAC (Suk[™]Təmsqilx[™] West Kelowna Arts Council) has once again partnered with WFN and the City of West Kelowna to enable artists to exhibit their work in three Westside locations. Starting today until Sunday, people are invited to take part in the free festivities including food, drink, music and local artists. For more info, visit www.swac-arts.com/westside-culture-days.html

WFN EDC Welcomes New Commissionaire, Steve Fosbery

This summer, WFN Council appointed Steve Fosbery to the EDC. Steve, a Westbank First Nation Member, is the owner and operator of Country Pawn, the only Pawn Broker operating on WFN Lands. Steve was an original founder of the largest chain of Pawnshops in the Central Okanagan and has always given back to his community through volunteering, including the following roles: former President of Central Okanagan CrimeStoppers (current Board Member); member of the WFN Community Consultative Group; former President of MADD Central Okanagan; and former Board Member of the BC Advisory Board of CrimeStoppers BC.

Welcome Steve!

WFN Economic Development Commission Vacancies

Westbank First Nation Council is requesting letters of interest for the WFN Economic Development Commission ("EDC") in order to fill two vacancies that will become effective January 19, 2018. The vacancies are for one WFN Member and one non-WFN Member seat on the EDC. The purpose of the EDC is to assist WFN Council and the WFN economic community in creating a healthy, environmentally sustainable and dynamic economy on WFN lands, based on the value of economic self-reliance.

The successful candidate will fulfill the requirements as outlined in [Agreement 2016-05 Economic Development Commission Charter](#) and will be appointed by Council for a 3 year term. EDC Members are encouraged to attend all six annual EDC meetings and other events in order to carry out EDC responsibilities. Commissioners are paid an honorarium per duly convened meeting. **If interested in applying for either of these positions, please complete the 'EDC application' by December 31, 2017.** For further information, please contact Mandi Carroll, Economic Development Manager, at 250-769-4999 or [view full posting](#).

Small Business Week, October 15-21

Many events are taking place around the valley during this year's Small Business Week including:

First Nation Agriculture Forum, October 18 & 19, Prestige Hotel, Vernon. Presented by Community Futures Development Corp. of Central Interior First Nations. To register call: 250-828-9727 or email: grace@cfdfcofcifn.com

first in North America 'Tourism Charter' this Fall, and Corie accepted two awards, on behalf of the Regional District of Central Okanagan's COEDC, for its COEDC website and a recent Okanagan Young Professionals print brochure. Congratulations to both individuals and organizations!



6th Annual TD Tree Day

September 26th, the community planted 450 trees and shrubs along Sneena Rd, including maple trees and siya², blackberry, blueberry, buckthorn, gooseberry, black currant, and raspberry plants. limləmt to all who participated and to the TD team for another fun event! [More photos](#)

Businesses can register, for free, to be listed on the [Visit Westside website](#).

WFN Directory

Main Reception
250 769 4999

Employment Coordinator
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



Black Mountain/ sntsk'il'nten Regional Park now bigger

The Central Okanagan Regional District has bought 127 hectares of land to be added to the existing 516 hectares of geographically, ecologically and culturally significant lands that make up Black Mountain/sntsk'il'nten Regional Park.

The lands that makes up Black Mountain/ sntsk'il'nten are culturally significant to the Okanagan syilx people and the park is co-managed with Westbank First Nation.

Photo L-R: WFN Councillor Tom Konek, Eli Enns, Co-Chair Indigenous Circle of Experts, Jordan Coble, WFN Cultural and Operations Administrator

WFN Businesses

Welcome to all the new businesses that have recently opened their doors on WFN lands, [ProActive Physiotherapy](#), [Bodhi Functional Training](#), and [Morpheus Graphix](#), just to name a few.

[Okanagan Select](#) is a Community Supported Fisheries (CSF), Distributor, Exporter, Fisher, Processor, Trader, Wholesaler that recently opened its doors on WFN land. As part of the [Okanagan Nation Alliance](#), the goal of Okanagan Select is to protect, enhance, conserve and continue to restore local salmon stocks so that they exist for future generations. Proceeds from Okanagan Select sales are used for the enhancement, restoration, mitigation, and conservation of native fish and aquatic resources within the Okanagan Basin.

[Wholesale Sports](#), a tenant of WFN's Synatan Shopping Centre since 2014, will be closing its doors this December. "There were numerous external factors that led to this decision including... the continued shift to online purchases, and an overall slowing of consumer discretionary spending as a whole, Carole Kitchen said, president and CEO of UFA. "The orderly wind down of Wholesale Sports will allow UFA to focus on its core business of agriculture and petroleum." ([Castanet News](#)). Liquidations of merchandise has already begun.

Law Enforcement

Richard J. 250 717 6147
Dan H. 250 863 8247
Wayne M. 250 317 4596

Museum

778 755 2787

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Orange Shirt Day: Every Child Matters, September 30, 2017

To raise awareness for survivors of Residential Schools and to remember those that did not make it home, WFN supports Orange Shirt Day tomorrow. [Learn more about Orange Shirt Day.](#)

WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Nelson Derickson, Chairperson
James Coble, Co-Chair
Sharon Peterson
Steve Fosbery
Andrea East
Deanna Hamilton
Brianna Wilson

[View Commissioner profiles >](#)

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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