

## 2015 Site Visitation Program Begins in June

2014 saw the launch of a visitation program to WFN businesses as part of a new agreement with the Regional District. Site visits provide a face-to-face opportunity to establish relationships and identify new challenges or opportunities. Tracey Fredrickson, Business Enhancement Specialist with the Central Okanagan EDC (COEDC) will be calling on approx 40 WFN businesses in the coming weeks to set up visits, accompanied by WFN's own Economic Development Commissioners on several of these visits. To ensure your business is contacted or for more info, contact Mandi Carroll at the WFN Economic Development office, 769-4999.

April 27 to May 1 2015, also saw the COEDC conduct a Manufacturer Business Walk with 50 regional companies. 96% reported growth optimism, however 90% are experiencing recruitment & retention issues. Various trades, accounting, engineering & management positions were cited as difficult to fill. Results will be used in the development of programs & services. More info: [investkelowna.com](http://investkelowna.com)

### WFN Welcomes Vector Diagnostics

Electrocardiograms (ECG) and Holter Monitors are simple, painless tests that record the electrical activity of your heart. Traditionally, when your doctor has requested these tests, they needed to be done in a hospital or a cardiologist's office. Now at Vector Diagnostics, patients are able to avoid the hospital, the long waits and expensive parking and have their tests done quickly and accurately in a family-friendly, relaxed environment.

Located inside the Superstore! More info: [vectordiagnosics.ca](http://vectordiagnosics.ca)

Join us for

## WFN's 3rd Annual Business Appreciation Night

Meet and mingle with  
WFN Chief, Council, EDC  
& other local businesses

**Tuesday, June 16**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

@ WFN Government Office (515 Highway 97S)  
RSVP to [communications@wfn.ca](mailto:communications@wfn.ca)



WFN Self Government  
Signing Ceremony, 2005

## WFN Celebrates 10 Years of Self Government

On Wednesday, April 1, 2015, Westbank First Nation celebrated ten years of Self-Government. The road to Self-Government was a long process for WFN and its Members, but after many years of negotiations and community consultation, the Westbank First Nation Self-Government Act received Royal Assent in Ottawa and became law on May 6, 2004. The Act came into force on April 1, 2005.

Westbank First Nation has experienced significant growth in the last ten years and is now ranked 61 out of all 162 B.C. municipalities for assessed property values. The assessed value of WFN lands has nearly quadrupled from \$398 Million in 2005 to over \$1.4 Billion now. This includes the largest on reserve commercial real estate, including a dozen major banks, and also the largest on reserve concentration of non-aboriginal housing and population in Canada.

### WFN's 4th Annual Charity Golf Tourney Tuesday, July 7, 2015 @ Two Eagles Golf Course

\$600 per foursome, \$175 per golfer. Includes 18 holes, shared power cart, prizes/giveaways & dinner.

Hole Sponsorship, signage and promotional opportunities available. Call 769-4999 for more info.

## TD Canada Trust Proudly Presents 2015 Valley Wide Business After Hours

**Wednesday, May 20**

4:30 PM - 7:00 PM

@ Rotary Park, Penticton (next to the big Peach!)

Tickets must be purchased in advance (\$25/guest, online only)

For more info, contact GWBOT at 768-3378 or [gwboardoftrade.com](http://gwboardoftrade.com)

## Partners in Bloom

Westbank First Nation will be continuing to partner with the District of West Kelowna for the 2015 Communities in Bloom competition, under the name, 'Partners in Bloom'. The partnership includes the following joint initiatives aimed at fostering environmental responsibility, community beautification and overall Westside pride!

### Community Cleanup:



**June 6th** is Community Cleanup Day for WFN & DWK. Please help us by cleaning up your area of business or street that day. If you have a team of volunteers and would prefer an assigned location and supplies, please contact DWK Recreation & Culture Office at (778) 797-8800.

### Flower Barrels:

WFN & DWK will be placing large flower barrels throughout our communities to help beautify our public spaces.

### Most Beautiful Contest:

Open to all WFN & DWK residents & businesses! To register or nominate your entry, call (778) 797-8800 or email [recreation@districtofwestkelowna.ca](mailto:recreation@districtofwestkelowna.ca) by **June 17!** Judging occurs week of June 22nd



### Difference Makers:

Do you know someone who selflessly does good deeds, volunteering time or money, to make our community a better place? Nominate them for a chance to be recognized in this project!

For more info, visit [partnersinbloom.ca](http://partnersinbloom.ca)



WFN has recently delved into the Social Media world! Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and LinkedIn!

Since November, WFN has seen an approximate 300% increase in Twitter followers (110 then vs 436 now).

Thanks to our new social media presence, WFN's website traffic has also increased compared to this same period in 2013/14.

## WFN Telephone Directory

Westbank First Nation Government 250 769 4999

Administration, Development Services, Engineering, Records Management, Property Management, Economic Development, Communications, Legal Services, Lands Registry, Human Resources, Intergovernmental Affairs, Title & Rights, Finance, Taxation & Assessment

**WFN Employment Coordinator (business resource) 250 768 8281**

WFN Health & Wellness, Youth & Education 250 768 0227

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

## TELUS Fibre Optics and BC Hydro Secondary Transmission Line

In early March, TELUS announced it is investing \$100 million to connect more than 90 per cent of homes and businesses on WFN lands and in West Kelowna & Kelowna directly to a fibre optic network. The fibre optic infrastructure represents the most advanced communications technology available in the world today, and will enable connected homes and businesses to immediately take advantage of faster Internet speeds of up to 100 megabits per second. Also, BC Hydro is in the early planning stage for a new, secondary transmission line to strengthen the transmission network and continue to deliver clean, reliable power to the communities of WFN, West Kelowna and Peachland. If you would like to learn more about the project, visit [bchydro.com/wktp](http://bchydro.com/wktp) or call 1 866 647 3334.

## 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 Westbank First Nation Holdings.

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.

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.

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.

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

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