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Site Visitation Program Launches This Month

60 WFN Businesses to be Interviewed

As a means of identifying challenges to growth and providing solutions for businesses on WFN land, a formal site visitation program with WFN businesses gets underway this month. Approximately 60 businesses will be interviewed by the end of the year by a representative of the Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission (COEDC) as part of a new agreement between the regional district and Westbank First Nation.

These visits serve as a means of connecting one-on-one with business operators, learning about your businesses and assisting you in accessing information and resources to help your business grow. In addition to providing assistance to individuals, reporting will also identify common issues, challenges and programming solutions.

In the coming weeks, business owners/managers may be contacted by Tracey Fredrickson, Business Enhancement Specialist with the COEDC to set up a site visitation interview with you.



If you would like to make sure your business is contacted, or would like more information on the site visitation program, contact Mandi Carroll at the WFN Economic Development office, 769-2436.

Join us for WFN's 2nd Annual Business Appreciation Night

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

Tuesday, June 17

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

at WFN Government Office (515 Highway 97S)
RSVP to communications@wfn.ca



Sncəwips Heritage Museum

WFN's heritage repository became a fully recognized Museum in 2014 and was renamed the Sncəwips (sen-ch-wee-ps) Heritage Museum, with a new location at Estates Square in Westbank.

With greater capacity and space to conduct a wider array of educational and public programming as well as permanent and rotating exhibitions, the Museum is excited to open its door to the public and share the stories of the first people of the valley.

Sncəwips Heritage Museum at 201-1979 Old Okanagan Highway invites you to its **Ribbon Cutting Ceremony, June 14, 11:30 A.M.**, with operating hours that day from 11:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Effective June 16, Museum hours are M-F, 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Come by, or call (778) 755-ARTS, to say way' (hello)!

Recent Grand Openings!

Fenders AutoBody

Recently opened its door to the public at 3380 Carrington Rd. Providing mechanical, collision, express glass, tires & detailing since 1999. Call (250) 769-1099 to book an appointment.

Salvation Army Thrift Store

Relocated from their Main Street Location into a brand new building at 3531 Old Okanagan Hwy. A great place to shop for gently used goods! Contact (250) 768-1850 or thriftstorewest@kelsa.ca

Freeride Boardshop

New brands, new look, new location! Now located in Okanagan Lake Shopping Centre! Call (250) 769-1110 for more information.

Stickle & Strawn Optometry

Using the most advanced technology with a focus on excellent patient care, now open across from Winners in Snyatan Shopping Centre! Visit www.ssoptometry.com or (778) 754-3937 for an appt.

First Nations Tax Exemption Reminder

First Nation status cards are to always be recognized for tax exempt purposes at businesses on WFN lands. This would include GST and PST exemptions. Should you have any questions or require more information, please contact WFN staff, Ernest Jack, Audrey Wilson or Lorrie Hogaboam at (250) 769-4999.

Communities in Bloom 2014

Westbank First Nation will be continuing to partner with the District of West Kelowna for the 2014 Communities in Bloom competition. This includes the following joint initiatives aimed at fostering environmental responsibility, community beautification and overall Westside pride!



Community Cleanup:

June 7th 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 Christy at (778) 797-8812.

Most Beautiful Contest:

No registration required! Throughout June, WFN & DWK staff will tour the Westside looking for front yards with great curb appeal (greenery, floral displays & cleanliness). Those nominated will receive a 'door hanger' notice; award ceremony for finalists to be held July 23 at Lakeview Heights Hall.



Flower Barrels:

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

For more information, visit communitiesinbloom.ca or contact communications@wfn.ca

Did You Know:

WFN manages a community forest of 150,000 acres and a land base of 5,340 acres which is made up of five reserves. The largest two reserves, Tsinstikeptum Indian Reserve (IR) # 9 and IR #10, are on the Westside, with the other three (Medicine Hill IR# 11 and Medicine Creek IR# 12, both located in Gallagher's Canyon; and Mission Creek IR# 8) being on the Kelowna side.

WFN Telephone Directory

Westbank First Nation Government	250 769 4999
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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

Did You Know:

Westbank generates an estimated \$50 million in taxation revenues for Canada and an estimated \$30 million for British Columbia through sales tax, income tax, and corporate tax. With a 2013 assessed value of \$1,335,690,331, WFN now ranks as the 60th largest municipality of all the 162 municipalities in BC. With its latest annual budget of \$37 million, WFN proudly serves its 800 Band Members, approx. 10,000 non-member residents, and over 400 businesses including 1.3 million sq ft of commercial real estate.

WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC)

NELSON DERICKSON is Chairperson for WFN's EDC. He is a WFN Member, recent business degree graduate of Okanagan College, and also an employee of Westbank First Nation Holdings.

JAMES COBLE is a WFN member and the Director of Student Services for Okanagan College.

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

DOUG PANTON has worked at the Bank of Montreal for the past 22 years as a Branch Manager, sales leader, and Mortgage Specialist in lease land financing.

BARRY PORRELLI is a lawyer and the principal of Porrelli Law. He has assisted with most major commercial developments on WFN lands.

PHYLLIS SUNDSTROM has worked for the School District, Federal Government, Brenda Mines and 28 years at Kelowna General Hospital.

MICKEY WERSTUIK is an elected official for WFN and also 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.

Lim lemt, thank you, to our past Chair, Dolores Ellingboe, for your years of valuable service and leadership to the WFN EDC!

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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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