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Winter 2014

## WFN EDC seats available

WFN is requesting letters of interest to hold a position on the WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC). Two non-WFN member seats are available, as well as one WFN Member seat.

Appointment of these seats would be effective December 4, 2014, and each seat is for a three-year term in accordance with the terms of the EDC Charter.

The purpose of the EDC is to assist Chief and Council and the WFN business community, including WFN Members, community members and lessees, in creating a healthy, environmentally sustainable and dynamic economy on WFN lands, based on the value of economic self-reliance and a respect for the heritage and cultural values of the Okanagan (syilx) people.

Commissioners are paid an honorarium per duly convened meeting. WFN EDC Members are required to meet a minimum of six times per year and EDC Members are encouraged to attend other events throughout the year so as to carry out EDC responsibilities.

Applicants currently representing or facilitating business on WFN lands will be given preference.

If interested in applying for this position, please forward your letter of interest by **November 28, 2014** to Pat Fosbery, Director of Operations by hand delivery or mail to 301-515 Highway 97 South, Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 3J2 or by email to [pfosbery@wfn.ca](mailto:pfosbery@wfn.ca). For further information, please contact Jen Bellingham at 250-769-4999, or visit [www.wfn.ca/salmon/ecdevcomm.htm](http://www.wfn.ca/salmon/ecdevcomm.htm)

## Regional District election

The next scheduled Local Government Election for the Regional District of Central Okanagan is set for **Saturday November 15**.

WFN will be hosting an Advance Voting station, Nov 5 & 12, 8am to 8pm, at WFN's Government building, 301 - 515 Highway 97 South, 1st floor. For more info, visit [www.regionaldistrict.com](http://www.regionaldistrict.com).

Join us for

## Business After Hours

in collaboration with the Greater Westside Board of Trade (GWBOT)

**Thursday, November 13**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

@ WFN Government Office (515 Highway 97S)

Event is free for GWBOT Members; \$10 for future members.

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



(L to R): WFN EDC Commissioners, A.Lavigne, S.Clough & P.Sundstrom, meet with Agar office Manager, Audrey Hupe (in blue), Oct 1 '14.

## 2014 Business Walk Results

Within a three hour blitz on October 1st, 400 businesses throughout the Central Okanagan, including 41 Westbank First Nation companies, were visited as part of the 2014 Business Walk.

An overwhelming 95% of WFN businesses who participated reported business was either Fair/Steady or Good/Increasing for the year; this is up from last year's number of 80% for the same category. 53% of you said "Location" is what you liked most about your business and 28% of you said "Clientele".

The 2014 walk reached the largest number of businesses to date. Lim lemt, thank you, to all who participated, including our own Economic Development Commission walker/interviewers. For more information, visit [investkelowna.com](http://investkelowna.com).

## Property Assessments Complete

As of October 31, assessments on all WFN properties were completed. Assessment notices will be sent out January 1st. You have 30 days to submit an appeal to BC Assessment.

Join us for

## Okanagan Young Professionals

**Westside Night**  
**Friday, November 21**

Kelly O' Brians & Warriors game

in partnership with WFN & DWK

Tickets to be sold at [eventbrite.ca](http://eventbrite.ca). For more info, contact Donnie Ungaro at 778-363-2433 or [oyppcollective.com](http://oyppcollective.com)



## Sneena Road Extension

### Set to open in December

The Sneena Road extension fulfills a longstanding commitment between BC and WFN to provide safe and efficient access at Sneena Road.

It supports the ongoing development of the area and future traffic needs, while also keeping local traffic off Highway 97, and providing an alternate access to Hwy 97 North via Campbell Road.

Completion of the Sneena Road Project is anticipated for the end of November and set to open to traffic in December.

## WFN Advisory Council, 2014-2017

WFN's Advisory Council represents the 10,000 non-WFN Member residents, and their interests in proposed Westbank Laws. Congratulations to all who were successful in the recent election...

Gordon Couch, Chair, 707.0231, Prairie District  
 Bonnie Semeniuk, Vice-Chair, 768.3000, Lakeshore District  
 Terry Turcan, 707.1326, Okanagan District  
 Cathy Graham, 870.3788, East Boundary District  
 Ludwig Teichgraber, 769.6274, All properties on IR#10

## 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

## WFN Christmas Office Closure

Please be advised WFN offices will be closed for the holidays, Dec 24 through to January 2.



## 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 Co-Chair of the WFN EDC, 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.

PHYLLIS SUNDSTROM has worked for the School District, Federal Gov't, Brenda Mines and 28 years at Kelowna General Hospital.

STEPHANIE CLOUGH is the newest WFN EDC Commissioner. Stephanie wishes to help achieve continued prosperity for her community through work on the EDC, and will serve a 3-year term.

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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