

June 2018 quarterly WFN business e-newsletter.

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### WFN 7th Annual Corporate Charity Golf Tournament

Friday, July 6th

Join us for a fun filled day of golf, prizes and dinner at Two Eagles Golf Course.

Hole sponsorship, signage and promotional opportunities available. Proceeds go towards youth programming.

**More info & Registration**

### sukanaquin sxelxalt at Westside Daze

WFN will be participating in the Westside Daze parade, 10:30am Saturday, June 30, and will once again be sponsoring sukanaquin



### Happy National Indigenous Peoples Day

WFN offices will be closed **June 21**, in celebration of National Indigenous Peoples Day.

More information and a list of events around B.C, including a free celebration at Stuart Park in Kelowna, noon to 5:00PM, can be found [here](#).



heritage and culture.

Voted the Best Annual Community Event in the Central Okanagan, Westside Daze takes place on WFN lands on Canada Day long weekend, June 29 - July 1.

[Full schedule of events.](#)



**Member Appreciation BBQ**

June 27 @ 2372 Dobbin Rd, 3:00 - 6:00PM.

**Business After Hours**

July 12 @ Neighbours Pub & Shannon Lake Liquor Store

**Boat Cruise**

July 19, 6:00 - 8:00PM



**Startup Basics Sessions**

**Laws of Attraction**

June 25, 12:00 - 1:00PM All about finding your customer... you will walk through the Customer Discovery process and learn how to ask the right questions and formulate hypotheses to validate your product and market.

**Business Building**

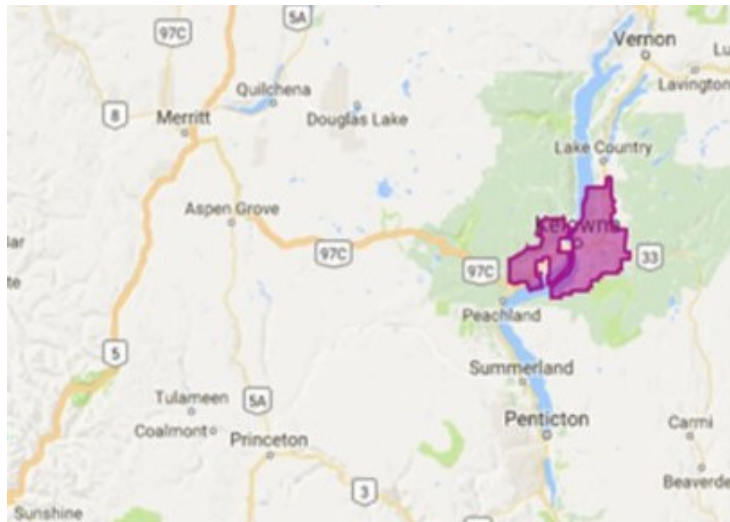
June 26, 12:00 - 1:00PM This session will have you planning the next step for your business idea using the nine elements of a business model canvas. This canvas is designed to get you thinking about every aspect of your business and can be a powerful tool to help ignite your idea.

**3rd Economic Impact Study**

Accelerate Okanagan has recently launched the 3rd Economic Impact Study in partnership with COEDC. This survey is geared towards technology and tech-enabled companies

May 8, WFN Chief and Council met with Peachland Mayor and Council to officially sign a Memorandum of Understanding to reinforce their relationship and aid in furthering the communication between the two municipalities. This MOU signing follows a Community-to-Community Forum which took place in March.

[More info](#)



**BC Speculation Tax has no application on WFN lands**

As part of its recent budget, the government of British Columbia announced the implementation of a Speculation Tax, intended to affect the Central Okanagan, among other locations within the province. Specifically, the City of West Kelowna and The City of Kelowna will be affected by the tax.

Residents of the Central Okanagan have questioned whether WFN lands would be affected by the tax. WFN has been clear in its position that the Speculation Tax does not apply to WFN lands.

The above image is a portion of a map the BC government has prepared indicating where the BC Speculation Tax applies. Evident from the map is that Tsinstikeptum IR 9 and IR 10 are not included in the taxation areas.

Further information can be obtained by contacting WFN Government.



**WFN 28th annual siya? celebration, June 1st.**

[More photos](#)

Okanagan!



### Okanagan PBR Challenge

WFN and Ntityix Development Corp is proud to be sponsoring the Okanagan Professional Bull Riding Challenge at Prospera Place July 7th.

[For more info and tickets](#)



### BCEDA Economic Summit

WFN was pleased to participate in the BC Ec Dev Summit last week at the Delta Grand. This year's conference theme was "Accelerating Your Economy". The summit looked at what is being done in BC and globally to accelerate local economies.

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May 8, WFN Councillor Tom Konek co-hosted a presentation on partnership with RDCO's CAO Brian Reardon and Murray Kopps at the First Nation and Municipalities Business and Partnership Forum in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



### New Fire Truck for West Kelowna Fire Station 32

May 10, WFN Councillor Brian Eli attended the West Kelowna Fire Station 32 Pushing-in ceremony to celebrate a new fire truck.

"It's a fire service tradition that dates back hundreds of years to times when horse drawn apparatus responded to incidents," says Fire Chief Jason Broland. "Firefighters would have to disconnect the horses and push the carriages back into the fire station.

The new fire engine is expected to last 25 years.

### Water Quality Advisory Remains for WFN IR9

As the threats of flooding passes, and the Emergency Operations Centre wraps up, WFN reminds businesses and residents located on IR9 that the Water Advisory still remains until further notice.

### West Kelowna Transmission Line Project

On February 5, 2015, the Province of British Columbia and BC Hydro announced the West Kelowna Transmission Project. BC Hydro is in the early planning stage for a new, secondary transmission line delivering clean, reliable power to the communities of WFN, West Kelowna and Peachland. About 22,000 customers are served by the Westbank Substation and a single 138 kilovolt transmission line. The existing transmission line is 80 kilometers long and runs through rugged, remote terrain susceptible to forest fires and landslides.

A Project Review Committee (PRC) was established and is being led by Westbank First Nation with the support of, Upper Nicola Band, Okanagan Indian Band, and the Okanagan Nation Alliance. The PRC and BC Hydro studied three alternatives for a new, secondary transmission line.

[More info](#)



**Looking to relocate?  
Have staff you need  
to help relocate?  
There is a new option  
for you!**

SNAP is a relocation service by Happipad that helps employees find rental accommodations in the Okanagan. SNAP has partnered with local property managers, the COEDC and employers to provide relocating employees with guaranteed access to rental housing. The SNAP service includes lifestyle-based neighborhood selection, rent negotiation, lease facilitation, and a welcome package.

Visit [www.happipad.com/snap](http://www.happipad.com/snap) or email [info@investkelowna.com](mailto:info@investkelowna.com) to find out how SNAP can help your employees secure housing in the Okanagan.

## WFN Directory

**Main Reception**  
250 769 4999

**Employment  
Coordinator**  
250 768 8281

**Health & Wellness**  
250 768 0227

**Youth & Education**  
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**Recreation**  
250 768 7337

**Utilities**  
250 707 3332

**Public Works**  
250 707 0493

**Law Enforcement**  
250 717 6147

**Museum**  
778 755 2787

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## sensisyusten House of Learning Renovation & Expansion

June 19, a ground breaking ceremony was held to celebrate the start of construction on WFN's elementary school. The project meets key priorities of WFN's current Government Strategic Plan including support of education, culture, language and the school itself; as well as meeting sensisyusten's priorities of increased capacity and leveraging partnerships.

[More info on project](#)  
[More info on sensisyusten House of Learning](#)



## New Visitor Centre in Final Stretch

There has been a lot of progress in recent weeks and the project and construction team are working hard in anticipation of the project completion date. Soon after, Tourism Kelowna staff and volunteers will work quickly to move in to the new visitor centre, located at the foot of Queensway downtown Kelowna and open it to the public. Anticipate a public opening to be on the afternoon of June 28, 2018! The project remains on budget and on schedule. Environmental monitoring continues with no issues to report.

[More info](#)



Construction of WFN's new Multi-Use Park is well underway and is scheduled to be completed in the next month.

The public park will include a skate park, pump track, and sports court.

This new park will add to the multiple outdoor recreation spaces already available in the community, such as a baseball diamond and stadium, soccer field, beach volleyball and picnic area, beaches, a qw'ci? (pit house) and community garden, to name a few.

[More info](#)

### WFN Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Nelson Derickson, Chairperson  
Sharon Peterson  
Steve Fosbery  
Lori Ann Swite  
James Carmichael  
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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