

3rd Annual Business Walk WFN aims for 50 visits, October 1st

Kicking off Small Business month, WFN will conduct a Business Walk on the morning of October 1, 2014, in conjunction with the communities of Peachland, District of West Kelowna, Kelowna and Lake Country.

The program has been recognized as a best practice in the Province of British Columbia's on-line Business Attraction (site selection) toolkit, and is led by the Central Okanagan Economic Development Commission (COEDC). To date, over 750 businesses have been visited throughout the Central Okanagan.

Visits will take approximately five minutes and are comprised of a few simple survey questions about your business climate. WFN walker teams aim to visit 40-50 businesses along Highway 97. By participating you will provide valuable information that business stakeholders throughout the Central Okanagan can use in developing programs and services. We hope to see you then!

Lim lemt, thank you, to the 60 WFN businesses who also met with us over the summer for more in depth interviews on their level of satisfaction with doing business on WFN lands. The visits provided additional data and value to our WFN Economic Development, Commission and Council, in order to ensure we continue to provide a friendly place to do businesses.

Lim lemt, thank you, also to the COEDC for taking the lead on both of these important initiatives.

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. Contact GWBOT office at (250) 768-3378 for more info. Upcoming is GWBOT's **Business Expo, Saturday, October 18** @ The Cove Lakeside Resort. Visit gwboardoftrade.com for more info.

Lim lemt, thanks, to the over 50 businesses who participated in WFN's Business Appreciation event, June 17 (see photo above).



Westside Culture Days Sept 26-28th

Over 40 businesses and 80 artists will be participating in the first ever Westside Culture Days, the weekend of September 26 to 28, 2014. Encourage your friends, family, neighbours and coworkers to discover the Westside community through the many events and shows taking place. Look for the yellow and purple balloons, or visit westsideculturaldays.com.

TD Tree Day

40 trees were planted in the WFN community core, September 22, for our 3rd Annual TD Tree Day. Lim lemt, thank you, to the 30 volunteer tree planters, including WFN staff and TD District VP, Dale Safinuk, TD Tree Day site manager, Kemei Baird, and other TD staff.

Recent Business Openings

Dockside Marine Centre

'Experience the Dockside Difference' from a new and truly dockside location in Shelter Bay Marina off Campbell Road. Serving boaters since 1975, Dockside offers premium brands such as Searay, Bayliner, Harris FloteBote, Sanger, Lund, Mercury & Highfield Inflatables. Visit www.docksidemarine.com or call (250) 765-3995.

The Co-operators Insurance

Trusted insurance for home, life and more. Call for a quote at (250) 861-3777 or visit www.cooperators.ca. Now located in Okanagan Lake Shopping Centre, and open seven days a week.

Best West Alterations

Best quality, fit and price, Best West offers first-class alteration services in Governors Landing. Express service and delivery available. Visit www.bestwestalterations.com or (250) 768-4472.

Retail Directory & Tourism Guide

Complimentary copies of WFN's Fall 2014 Retail Directory, as well as the 2014-15 Visit Westside (WFN & DWK tourism brochure) were recently mailed to businesses. We hope you enjoy them and are able to use them in promoting your business & the Westside! Online versions can be viewed at www.wfn.ca/salmon/ecdev.htm



WFN EDC Chair Nelson D. presents award to Jules G., Chase Office

Key Business Awards

Congratulations to Chase Office Interiors and Fender's Automotive, for recognition at the GWBOT Key Business Awards, September 18, 2014. With a theme of 'Collaboration for Innovation', the evening was well received by both of the WFN business winners, and all other nominees, finalists, and participants. Congratulations to all.

Chase Office Interiors, 'Aboriginal Business' of the Year, is located next to Sears at 1979 Old Okanagan Highway. To set up an appointment, call (250) 980-3553 or on-line at chaseoffice.ca.

Fender's, 'Large Business' of the year, opened their doors at their new location, 3380 Carrington Rd, earlier this summer. Providing mechanical, collision, express glass, tires & detailing... fenders.ca.

B.C. Achievement Award to Heartland

Congratulations to Heartland Economics, WFN's forest management division, who will be recognized at the October 15th BC Aboriginal Business Awards gala in Vancouver as "Community-Owned Business of the Year". Heartland manages 150,000 acres of community forest, ensuring activities are ecologically suitable, economically feasible and socially responsible. Visit wfndc.ca.

WFN Telephone Directory

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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
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	Wayne Murdock 250 317 4596
WFN Museum	778 755 ARTS

Did You Know:

YLW recently added new daily service to San Francisco? "San Francisco is a great destination," says Airport Director Sam Samaddar. "It provides travellers better connection points to many more U.S. cities, as well, the San Francisco Bay area is a great region to visit." The new line is also expected to meet the travel needs of the Okanagan's growing technology industry. According to a recent study released by Cheapflights.ca, YLW is also the most affordable airport in Canada, with an average fare of \$308!

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.

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

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.

Way, welcome, to our newest Commissioner, Stephanie Clough!

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