



WESTBANK & DISTRICT
Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News

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n Supplement to the Westside Weekly

Visitor Centre is ready for summer

Special to the Westside Weekly

Warm weather, planting flowers, enjoying the sounds of birds, getting the boat ready for summer and school is almost out – yes, summer is here.

Are you taking a British Columbia holiday this year or expecting visitors to our community?

The largest industry in B.C. is tourism and as Westside residents, you are a very important component of our success in local tourism. You know where the locals like to play and you can promote and encourage tourism by informing all your out-of-town family and friends what a great place it is to vacation, right here on the Westside, whether they stay a day or a week; all together, having visitors will make a difference to our local economy.

The West Kelowna Visitor Centre is a Provincially Authorized Center; we are located on Dobbin Road, the building with the historical mural, beside the under-construction Public Safety Building. With the start of summer, our visitor centre hires a couple of university students. This allows the Visitor Center to be open seven day a week and starting June 1, we are going to stay open later on Thursday and Friday nights to 7 p.m.

We carry all kinds of local and provincial information, from recreational activities, such as hiking trails, events, wineries, golf, places to dine, accommodations and so much more.

If you have visitors or are wanting to explore our province, come and talk to the visitor centre staff: Carson, Roohi, Judy or Leah. Come and find areas to explore in the Okanagan and the wonders of British Columbia.



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A study of leadership in changing times

Sustainability in business and community was the topic of discussion at a forum held May 11 at Agile Spider Technologies, with 68 businesses, organizations and not-for-profits attending to discuss how economic, environmental, social and cultural goals can be accomplished in tandem to achieve community sustainability.

The event included a panel discussion and the opportunity to hear how various organizations are focusing on sustainability in a number of different ways.

Moderated by Jim Paterson, GM of the City of Kelowna Community Sustainability Division, the panel included: Dilan Perera from the Calgary Chamber of Commerce, Jon Koehle from Gorman Bros., Maureen Young from Coast Capital Savings and Valerie Dougans of Spider Agile Technology.

Sustainability is obviously a very broad topic and, as pointed out by one audience member, has many different points of view. Often we speak of sustainability in terms of the environment and the resources it provides, or economic sustainability of a community. Sustainability can also be in reference to those in our community, sustainability of population, or social and cultural programs.

This event provided the opportunity to discuss the foundation of a healthy community consisting of sustainability in all areas and working in conjunction with each other, whether economic, environmental, social or cultural.

In order for us to thrive and be sustainable as a community, we need to focus on each sector and ensure that all are involved, engaged and healthy. It was

evident that many organizations have adopted some creative initiatives to help achieve sustainability in various ways. Spider Agile Technology shared a number of their initiatives, including their partnership with Kingfisher Interpretive Centre in restoring the wild salmon stocks in the Shuswap River. A tank of salmon babies live in their office and are cared for by everyone at Spider Agile Technology in preparation for their release into the wild.

Dilan Perera discussed the power of sustainability in business and shared examples of how the Calgary Chamber of Commerce works together to tackle social issues in their community, such as Action on Homelessness and initiatives that focus on supporting minorities in becoming part of the workforce. Maureen Young of Coast Capital Savings spoke on

the importance of affordability in communities and how the adoption of the Affordability Index can help to engage communities in poverty reduction efforts.

Maureen also shared how Coast Capital Savings continues to provide community investment grants to organizations that are focused on reducing poverty. Jon Koehle of Gorman Bros. Lumber shared the company's philosophy of 'what goes around comes around' and shared examples of their commitment to investing in the community, their employees and the environment.

Jon spoke of their experience during last year's fires and how the employees at Gorman Bros. were integral in saving the business as well as the home of one of the owners.

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CHAMBER CHATTER

Chamber Events

June 10 – Business After Hours

The Cove Lakeside Resort
Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Members NO cost to attend

Non members \$5

RSVP is required at 250-768-3778

Come & Network with Members and guests – Door prizes welcome!

June 25 – Breakfast & Learn

Nineteen Steakhouse & Lounge at
Two Eagles Golf Course

7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Speaker: Karen Luniw

Topic: Kick it Up a Notch: Five Tips
to Take Your Business to the Next Level

Sponsor: We are seeking a Breakfast
Sponsor for this event.

Cost: Members \$17

Non-members \$21 includes taxes and
tip

RSVP is required – call 250-768-3378

July 8 – Business After Hours

Re/Max Kelowna Westside

2205 Louie Drive, Westbank

Patio Party Time: 5:30 to 7 p.m.

Members No Cost to attend

Non members \$5

RSVP is required 250-768-3378 or
judy@westbankchamber.com

July 30 – Breakfast & Learn

19 Steakhouse & Lounge at Two
Eagles Golf Course

Time: 7 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.

Speaker: John Pankratz

Topic: HST and the Economy Sponsor:
We are seeking a Breakfast Sponsor for
this event.

Cost: Members \$17

Non members \$21

RSVP is required 250-768-3378

September 21 – Westbank & District Chamber Annual Golf Tournament

Two Eagles Golf Course - Shotgun
start at 2 p.m.

18 Holes – shared power cart Dinner

We are seeking Hole SPONSORS and
Prize sponsors – contact the Chamber
for details.

Community Events

June 5 – Westbank is a Special Place

Crafters Show & Sale

Westbank Lions Community Hall

2466 Main Street

Details contact Sheila Bennink at

217-521-2322 wabbennink@shaw.ca

Proceeds to assist the Lions in their
Service Club initiatives.

July 1 to 4 – Westside Daze

Free Family Festival in West Kelowna

The Westside Celebration Society is

excited to have a feature and focus for
each day:

July 1 – Come and Celebrate Canada

Day starts with a service club pancake

breakfast, Classic and Antique Car

Show, Live entertainment all afternoon,

Giant Strawberry Shortcake served by

our local, provincial and federal
politicians.

The first of our evening concert series
will showcase Sista B and the Boyz
then The Guys & Dolls of the 50s and
60s.

July 2 – Youth day

Battle of the Bands, Motocross
demonstrations, Skateboard competi-
tion, special appearance by Goodbye
Beat Down band.

Go to the Westbank Legion to enjoy a
BBQ and open house then bring your
lawn chair back to the park for The Fab
Fouever, a Beatles Tribute Show.

July 3 – Service club pancake break-
fast, parade, kids fair, live stage enter-
tainment.

At the Westbank Yacht club they will
be hosting a cardboard boat race, great
fun for the whole family and open
house.

The evening concert opens with Leif
David Magician then ABBA Again the
concert is followed by the Fireworks
over Gellatly Point.

July 4 – Okanagan Days, celebrating
First Nation Heritage. Demonstrations
and entertainment will be featured. All
days will have West Coast Amusements,
Crafters Vendors, Trade Show booths
and Concessions.

For more details look at the web page
www.westsidedaze.com

August 15 – The Kidney Foundation of Canada, 3rd Annual Kidney Walk

We are seeking volunteers to be on the
Walk Committee to help with planning

the event, recruiting volunteers and
sponsorship; let me know if you or your
friends and family are interested in vol-
unteering just contact us.

If you would like to join the walk as a
participant and get pledges to support

The Kidney Foundation of Canada –
B.C. Branch, we would love to have you
and your friends, family and colleagues,
it takes place at Mission Park Greenway
at 10 a.m.

The fundraising pages and online
component are up and running. For walk
info and pledge forms go to: www.kid-
ney.ca/bcwalk.

Ask about virtual walks too. We are
seeking businesses who want to support
The Kidney Foundation of Canada, B.C.
Branch by becoming a sponsor (cash or
in-kind) or by selling the Golfer's Red
Book at their place of business/front
counter.

The B.C. Golf Course Owners
Association has given us the coupon
books for free to sell and raise money
for the B.C. Kidney Foundation (money
goes towards local Kidney Walks
fundraising totals).

The Golfer's Red Book sells for
\$21.95 and contains over 250 coupons at
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ing over \$10,000 in golf savings – two
for one green fees and special discounts
throughout.

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everyone.

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Building valley-wide partnerships

Valley-Wide Business After Hours is
organized by each Chamber of
Commerce's Chief Staff Officer from
Osoyoos to Vernon and that's eight

managers who get
together to discuss and
organize everything from
location, date, time, ven-
dors, wineries, entertain-
ment, even the logistics
such as washrooms and
garbage cans.

This year, the event
celebrated its fourteenth year. For the
first seven years, the event was always
hosted in Summerland.

Then we started to rotate the event
between participating communities.

Two years ago, Westbank hosted at The
Cove Lakeside Resort, last year Oliver,
this year Vernon and next year Lake
Country Chamber will have the privi-
lege to host the Valley-

Wide Business After
Hours, designed to allow
our chamber members to
network on a valley-wide
level.

Most years, the event
attracts 500 to 650 mem-
bers. The host chamber

ends up doing the Lions Share, but it is
so rewarding.

This year was no exception; Vernon
staff and team were amazing.

Somehow the second Thursday in

May is always a perfect day and since
this is an outdoor event, we are so
grateful that the weather is warm, the
sun shines, the sixty vendors and winer-
ies have a chance to showcase their
products.

The O'Keefe Ranch was delightful to
work with, the meal provided was
amazing and they never ran out of a
single item.

The entertainment exceptional and
the beer, wine, coffee and networking
gave everyone a sense of community.

It was a wonderful event. Next
year this will be hosted by Lake
Country Chamber of Commerce, an
easy distance so keep the second
Thursday available next May.



O'Keefe ranch house

Leadership

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This powerful story showcased the strong bond
that exists in their workplace and is a testament to
their philosophy.

Not only did the panel have some great insight
into what their own organizations are doing to
address sustainability, but they inspired conversa-
tion of how we as a community can come together
to make positive change and create a community
that addresses sustainability in all areas.

It was apparent at the event that we have a very
passionate, diverse group of people in our commu-
nity that are interested in working together to
achieve sustainability at all levels.

We look forward to further conversations and
development of next steps.

The Westbank & District Chamber of
Commerce sincerely thanks Touchpoint for sharing
this article with us.

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BLOOMERS FLORAL DESIGNS & GIFTS

204-3645 Gosset Rd
Westbank V4T 2N4

*Moving June 2010 to:
523 - 3041 Louie Dr.

Westbank, BC V4T 3E2

Contact: Bill or Terri Traverse
Phone: 250-768-8144

PROFILE: Bloomers is a family owned business that has been serving the area for 40 years.

We are a full service florist providing customer made designs, hand-tyed bouquets, tropicals, flower plants and Gund plush. We can also custom design your complete wedding day & any special events.

We have two locations, presently in the Westbank Shopping Centre which will be moving to our new location in Governors Landing later in June. Our Kelowna location is on Kirschner Rd.

RCON PAINTING

2453 Smid Rd.

West Kelowna V4T 1P1

Contact: Alec Archibald
Phone: 250-864-3900

Profile: RCON Painting is a professional painting and finishing company based in West Kelowna. Our primary services consist of interior and exterior residential painting and kitchen cabinet painting and refinishing.

We help our customers achieve their vision by turning their houses into homes.

We produce measurable results based on the attention to detail we give each and every project, the value delivered, and the time saved. The combination of thorough processes, comprehensive experience and expansive creative vision enables us to create solutions that are tailored to each customer's individual needs.

At RCON Painting we place emphasis on superior customer service. We are highly experienced and always eager to assist you. We offer a wide range of services to our customers. We strive to be the one-stop shop for all your painting and finishing needs. From new construction to refinishing, we continue to prove our skill, professionalism and creativity in all our work.

SCOOTERS ICE CREAM

Westbank

Contact: Kathy Erickson

Phone: 250-454-9032

PROFILE: "What's that sound? Why, it's an ice cream truck!"

Scooter's Ice Cream has proudly arrived in West Kelowna, Kelowna and surrounding areas! They currently have 5 trucks in their fleet, are locally owned and operated, with integrity as their mainstay. Their mobile ice cream trucks are fitted with new and friendly drivers, and are already serving the Okanagan. They offer a variety of Novelty Ice Cream and Water Ice treats, specializing in Ice Cream Vending and Special Events. However, they would be thrilled to discuss opportunities for Staff or Client Appreciation Days, Fundraisers, Birthday Parties, Ice Cream Socials and more. Watch for them on the streets, at the beaches, and on Canada Day as well! For information or event bookings call Kathy at 250-808-8746 or email ScootersIceCream@shaw.ca

CAMP OKANAGAN RESORT

4835 Paradise Valley Dr.

Peachland V0H 1X3

Contact: Judi Stowell

Phone: 778-479-7040

Profile: Camp Okanagan - A fresh air resort.

Tucked up the mountain slopes in Paradise Valley in the forested hills above Peachland is where you'll find our get-up-close-and-personal with Mother Nature wilderness-ish accommodations and RV sites. Only 10 minutes from Peachland, Okanagan Lake and Westbank.

Comfortably appointed, fully equipped two bedroom forest cabins with master bedroom, small second bedroom with bunk beds and a private bathroom. Living/dining area with kitchen, sleeper sofa, TV and deck with picnic table. Great for families.

Our distinctive one bedroom Wine Country cottages offer pampered relaxation with quality amenities. Full kitchen, walk in shower and sofa sleeper in living/dining area. Perfect for couples.

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ORCHARD CONSTRUCTION LTD.

Peachland

Website: www.orchardconstruction.ca

Contact: Pamela Orchard

Phone: 250-448-6424 / 250-767-6442

PROFILE: With 20 years of experience, Orchard Construction Ltd. provides first class commercial general contracting and construction management services. We build a diverse range of project types, including new construction and renovation.

At Orchard Construction, we approach each project with a cooperative mindset knowing that building is a partnership that requires good communication and collaboration with stakeholders to enhance every aspect of the project.

Our strong business relationships, exceptional work ethic, attention to detail, meticulous planning, accessibility, as well as our thorough understanding of construction, sets us apart from our competitors. We work with all parties toward a common goal - fast project delivery, staying within budget and achieving quality results which meet client objectives!

Our services typically fall into one or a combination of:

- General Construction Contracting
- Project Management
- Preconstruction Consulting
- Design-Build

New Construction

Renovations

Tenant Improvements

Building Maintenance

Orchard Construction provides its services in nearly all sectors of the construction industry. These projects have been built for both public and private clients and include new construction and renovation of:

Airport Facilities

Commercial Offices

Churches

Distribution Centers

Educational Buildings

Entertainment Facilities

Fitness Centers

Gas Stations

Healthcare Facilities

Hotels

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