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# sk'aytan, Moon of the Fall, leaves and dry grass



**Great blue herons, photo courtesy of Eric Marshall.** "With more than 2,092 photos submitted, it was a challenge for the judges to highlight only a few of the many amazing photos celebrating BCs diverse wildlife," says Erin Ryan of the BC SPCA. "We want to thank all the participants for sharing their amazing photos and helping to raise more than \$34,320 to help the BC SPCAs Wild ARC care for injured and orphaned wildlife."



# to our FIREFIGHTERS

We can't thank you enough for your work and service to community, for saving our homes.

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Rainbows are a symbol of hope in many cultures. They appear as perfect arcs, often during a rainstorm when the sun shines onto water. Every year wildfires devastate lives and communities in British Columbia, putting wildlife and humans at risk. See pages 16 and 17 for photo submissions of the White Rock Lake wildfire. To lift our spirits in these difficult times, photo above courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith, September 18, 2021; at right, photo courtesy of WFN Member, Desire'e Money, taken while delivering orange shirts to the community.

Be the change you wish to see in the world.

Mahatma Gandhi



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# I WESTSIDE



**Life and death in the forest.** As seen from Upper Killiney Beach, September 21, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.

# letters to the editor

We welcome all letters and submissions. Preference given to concise submissions, maximum of 250 words and please stick to local issues. We do not accept or read anonymous letters, and may edit for length, legality, taste, grammar, content. Common sense will prevail in this plain language liability statement.

#### dear readers.

I hope this finds you as well as can be in these difficult and uncertain times. Like many of you, I am not able to return home.

My home is deemed "uninhabitable" both because of extensive smoke damage and because my whole neighbourhood remains under a *Do Not Consume* water advisory, with no potable water. My house is still standing ... remediation is underway. For details about the water systems, see Director Carson's update on page 11.

As I was driving out the day of evacuation on Friday, August 6, the radio announcer was saying if you have somewhere to go, anywhere at all, any friends or family — go there. For me that meant my family's farm west of Calgary. And from a designated hotspot from my mobile (since farmers only get 6 mbps service from Telus), I'm writing to you today.

Westside strong — see pages 14, 15 for local businesses; see pages 16, 17 for feature of photos of the fire sent in by readers.

Always a reader favourite, and by request, see super cute pet pics on page 13. You're welcome.

Notice the beautiful photos throughout featuring entries in the annual *Wildlife-in-Focus* campaign — I hope they make you smile and lift your spirits.



As always, I'll look forward to your comments and if you'd like to see anything in particular, please let me know. Happy reading,



katherine payne writer. pet lover. volunteer.

# Rants & Raves

ALL RANTS are the opinion of the individual and do not reflect the opinions of THE WESTSIDE POST. The editor reserves the right to edit for good taste and otherwise, for clarity, brevity, so please keep it short and [bitter] sweet.



Award winning photo of Black bears, courtesy of Erin Kellie of Gibsons, BC. The BC SPCA proudly announces winners of 2021 *Wildlife-in-Focus* photography contest. Participants competed in two categories: Backyard Habitats, in order to highlight our special relationship with wild animals in our backyards and Wild Settings, a category with images featuring animals in their natural habitats.

**RAVE** I just had a chance to read the digital version of the paper from last month: westsidepost.ca The photo on page 2 titled "The night before the evacuation", by Sue Cseh-Galbraith, along with that quote - "It was like nothing I had ever seen from my firefighting ... It was like a fire tornado 40 feet tall ..." What an incredible picture she captured of the firefighter and his truck; it says it all. It was like the calm before the storm of what no one could have expected. Reflecting back at what happened, it is hard to capture history right at your own front door with pictures. Walking through the rubble of my neighbourhood taking pictures, memories that we will forever look

back on. It was hard for me to grieve and walk around ash and the charred trees where a lot of my friends lived. I had a lot of tears at each site. I saw a lot of areas that the fire didn't touch and I kept asking myself, what if? Why did the fire hit that home and not that one? The BIGGEST RAVE to the fire **fighters in our communities** that, after all their Tuesday night practices at the firehalls, could not have foreseen any of this in the place they call home. To our communities along the Westside: stay safe – we will rebuild and will hold these memories for years to come. [Gary, Estamont Beach]

\*see pages 16/17 for reprint of wildfire photos from readers

RAVE Thank you very much to the 2 anonymous readers who each sent \$100 to help pay for printing costs of this paper. Your generosity is much appreciated and will make a real difference since so many advertisers did not pay their bills in August or September. Excerpt from message received with funds: "Donation to help keep paper alive after White Rock Lake fire! Thank you for all your hard work and community spirit."
[Katherine, editor, Killiney Beach]

RAVE We saw the digital version last month – good job but we prefer a print copy but I guess it was a good solution in face of evacuations and with access restrictions to Westside neighbourhoods. Hopefully we'll be back soon and the Okanagan's favourite community paper will be back to usual print version. Thanks, we really enjoy the paper.

[Kim & Brent, La Casa]

RANT >> Who are the ridiculous people who refused to leave our neighbourhood for the evacuation? I can't believe anyone could be so stupid! And on top of putting themselves at risk, they put everyone else at risk as our firefighers were forced to divert their attention from fighting the fire to these idiots who needed rescuing by the fireboat. Really? I hope they get a bill for emergency rescue services and a wake-up call for jeopardizing others' safety.

[subscriber, Killiney Beach]

RANT >> Our swimming platform was destroyed in broad daylight by kids from the community. Thanks to the lone resident who swam out to intervene and shame on the parents who sat and watched from shore. What a disgrace, they should be made to pay.

[anonymous in Westshore Estates since scared of retribution from the parents!]



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# headline highlights from around the province & nation

by reader request, headlines gathered over the last month from local and national papers, press releases, CBC and others

# Trudeau avoids commitment on First Nations fire standards plan

No commitment on calls for a legislative framework to enforce fire and building codes. "Picking one thing that suddenly is going to be the fix is ... not how you solve a systemic nationwide problem that is multilayered."

# 3 Vancouver police officers facing criminal charges in arrest of cyclist

Charges of assault and assault causing bodily harm stem from arrest of cyclist who fled after being spotted without helmet, lights and reflectors. Wow.

# The BC Vaccine Card is now in effect

To learn more about the vaccine card and how to access yours, visit: gov.bc.ca/vaccinecard

# Construction of new West Kelowna roundabout begins

Stevens Road will be closed to traffic from the intersection to Juliann Road for an estimated 12 weeks.

# City of Kelowna: highlights of September 13 Council meeting

Details available online. Topics include: Agricultural land exclusion, The Ponds

subdivision, Clifton townhomes, YLW parking and UBCO.

# Alberta health-care system sets another record with over 300 patients in intensive care at press time

Premier Kenney rejects all calls for lockdown despite 5,000 new daily cases.

# Saskatchewan winter cereal crops expected to thrive after early planting

A severe drought this summer devastated Saskatchewan farmers but this years' crops came off early, which means winter cereal crops were able to be planted sooner.

# Canada: meet your new LGBTQ2S+ MPs

A record of 7 queer, trans or Two-Spirit candidates were elected to Parliament in the recent September election.



#### Wildlife settings winner: Bighorn sheep.

Amateur wildlife photographers in BC made tough work for judges as the BC SPCAs 13<sup>th</sup> annual *Wildlife-In-Focus* photography contest winners were announced in its most successful edition to date. Photo courtesy of James Painter.

# Annamie Paul steps down as Green Party leader

Paul won leadership in October of last year with 54% of the vote.

# Jagmeet Singh apologizes to BC chiefs after all major party leaders miss AGM Regional Chief Terry Teegee said that federal party leaders were invited to address chiefs and did not respond or appear.

# More than \$1.45M raised for BC residents affected by wildfires

Customers visiting BC Liquor Stores and Cannabis Stores gave generously to the Canadian Red Cross, with more than \$1.45M in donations going directly to assist BC residents affected by this year's devastating wildfires. This amount will be matched by both the Province and federal government, for a total exceeding \$4.35M.

# Michael Kovrig, Michael Spavor return to Canada after release from China

*'Two Michaels'* welcomed home by friends, family after over 1,000 days in harsh Chinese detention.

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- RED BOXES along Westside Road near bulletin boards + main mailboxes
- community & fire halls
- Killiney Beach Library
- waste transfer stations
- Trader's Cove Drive
- 1000 Westside Road
- Lake Okanagan Resort
- La Casa
- Spallumcheen Golf & Country
- O'Keefe Ranch

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- RATIO coffee shop Correales' Wine Shop
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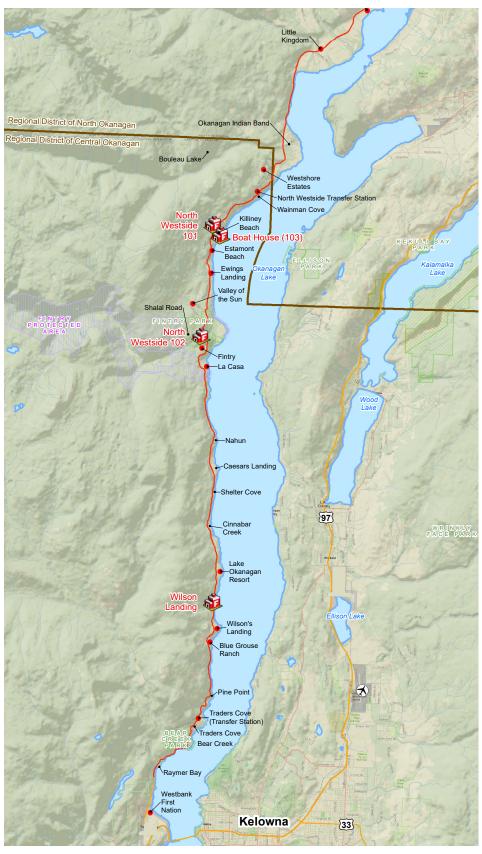
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- thanks to Dave Orlando at RDCO map update underway, should be ready for next edition



# news & notes from around the district

the Regional District of Central Okanagan encompasses over 314,000 hectares of diverse topography straddling the shoreline of Okanagan Lake

# Wildfire recovery support

The White Rock Lake wildfire impacted residents of many communities within the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area off Westside Road near the RDCOs northern boundary with the Okanagan Indian Band and North Okanagan Regional District.

While residents were still displaced by the fire, planning was underway for the recovery phase, once evacuation orders were removed. The RDCO opened a recovery office to assist in the recovery of those neighbourhoods impacted by the fire and to help residents who were evacuated or suffered property damage or loss. Our staff is available to answer inquiries, during regular office hours Mon. – Fri. 8 am – 4 pm: recovery@rdco.com | 250.469.6111

Information was also provided as people returned and a dedicated web resource was created at <a href="reto.com/recovery">reto.com/recovery</a>. Updates are made to this page as new information becomes available. In addition, those interested in receiving email updates can subscribe to receive the White Rock Lake Wildfire Recovery newsletter. Sign up: <a href="reto.com/recovery">rdco.com/recovery</a>

Customers of the RDCO water systems in the affected North Westside area who have subscribed are receiving status updates whenever new information is available. Subscribe to the e-notification program at: <a href="rdco.com/water">rdco.com/water</a>

updates every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 3 pm: RDCO staff and other stakeholders will provide a livestream status update and answer resident email questions: youtube.com/regionaldistrict

**next session:** Tuesday, October 12 Recordings are also available if you're unable to view live. The RDCO will continue to support and assist residents with their recovery in the days, weeks and months ahead.





RDCO parks that were closed during the White Rock Lake wildfire are open again. Extensive hazard assessments were done on the natural surroundings and amenities in the Killiney Beach and Westshore Estates community parks. Thanks to the efforts of firefighters from the North Westside, other RDCO departments, the BC Wildfire Service and other departments across the province, none of the infrastructure was compromised. Photos courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.

# Grant funds new Development Approvals Strategy

A \$371K grant from the Union of BC Municipalities will help the Regional District develop and implement a new Development Approvals Improvement Strategy. The goal of the program is to create a more efficient and streamlined development approval processes to reduce barriers, support economic recovery and make the process easier.

"Throughout the development of this strategy, the Regional District intends to review what we currently do to see what is working and what is not. The goal is to update or create internal approvals and communications procedures that will result in more effective engagement regarding development processes."

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR TODD CASHIN

Outcomes of this 2-year project include: implementing new software, establishing an online application

portal, reviewing existing processes and associated bylaws, and developing standard templates and guidelines. The strategy will identify opportunities for improvement to make the permit and approvals process more efficient and user-friendly.

RDCO Chair Gail Given says this is an important endeavor as the Central Okanagan is one of the fastest growing and most desirable places to live in BC and across Canada: "By putting a streamlined strategy for development approvals into practice, we hope to raise awareness and understanding of the regional district process and strive for consistency across the region. And at the same time, we'll create a more transparent and efficient process for potential applicants, while meeting planning and policy objectives ..."

# **news & notes** from around the district

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# **Bulky Item Collection**



# North Westside Road Transfer Station

- All Bulky Items \$20 a truckload
- Fridges and Freezers No Charge, must be empty
- Cash or Cheque Only

No Construction, Renovation Material No Hazardous Wastes, No Electronics

# October 6 – October 20, 2021 During Regular Transfer Station Hours

(Mon, Wed, Sun 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Sat 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.) North Westside Transfer Station Users Only

\*Don't forget the dates, take a photo of this poster for future reference

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# Event extended for North Westside residents

North Westside Road residents within the Central Okanagan will have a longer window of opportunity to dispose of unwanted bulky items this Fall.

The Bulky Item collection event is held twice a year, once in Spring and again in Fall, at the North Westside Road Transfer Station on Sugar Loaf Mountain Forest Service Road. This event has been extended an extra week to help residents in recovery mode after the White Rock Lake wildfire.

#### details

During regular operating hours at the North Westside Road Transfer Station, you can dispose of large household bulky items:

- Wednesday October 6 20
- \$20/ truckload, cash or cheque only
- fridges and freezers accepted at this event no charge however you must empty all contents prior to drop off

The North Westside Transfer Station is set up to receive household waste including appliances, scrap metal, lawn mowers and other motorized parts, household and lawn furniture. Hazardous material (including computers and electronics) and demolition waste such as wood from damaged structures or burnt vehicles cannot be accepted.

The North Westside Transfer Station is only open to RDCO residents, property owners and tenants with a valid ID.

# more info, hours & address:

Mon., Wed., Sunday 8 am – 12 noon; Saturday 8 am – 4 pm; located at the Sugarloaf Mountain/Whiteman Creek Forest Service Road. For more info: Regional Waste Reduction Office at 250.469.6250 or recycle@rdco.ca

# news & notes from surrounding areas

City of Kelowna, WFN Westbank First Nation + OKIB

# WFN news highlights

# WFN launches online language program

On September 30, 2021, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, Westbank First Nation (WFN) launched an online language tutorial series in effort to revitalize nsyilxcon language learning within the community. WFN received \$100K from the First People's Cultural Council through their Pathways to Language Vitality Program that helped to support developing materials, immersion programming, planning and community collaboration. See page 21 for Word of the Month, along with language features throughout every edition of this paper.



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**Signs of life and beauty after the fire.** September 20, 2021. Photo courtesy Sammie Hoffman.



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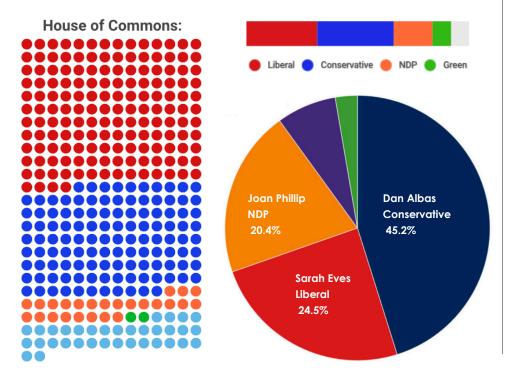
# updates from elected officials & recent candidates

editor's note: all elected officials are regularly invited to provide editorials, updates or submit content for Westside readers – MP, MLA to the Mayor, our Regional Director and/or candidates in the recent election



Two Anna's Hummingbirds fighting over Crocosmia. Photo courtesy of Steen Petersen and featured in the annual *Wildlife-in-Focus* fundraising campaign.

# 2021 Federal election – results summary



# Letter and thank you to readers

Thank you to everyone who contributed their time, energy and made donations to my campaign. Our campaign started during a particularly difficult summer of wildfires and the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> wave of this pandemic. I am proud of our team — we stayed positive and fought to bring progressive representation to Central Okanagan Similkameen Nicola. I enjoyed every minute and look forward to working with the Liberals of this riding to continue building on our momentum.

Thank you to all the people that came out to meet me, shared their ideas, and were willing to have conversations even when we disagreed. I will never forget the people I met over 6:30 am coffee in Hedley, at the doors across this beautiful riding, connecting with voters in Heritage Park, doing interviews at Gellatly Aqua park, virtual town halls or any number of the other events we participate in. The conversations I had the privilege of having proved once again that in Central Okanagan Similkameen Nicola, we value our community, we want to support local businesses and we want to have a place for Canadians to thrive by protecting our environment.

I am thankful Canadians chose to re-elect a government that will lead us out of the pandemic with a resilient and inclusive recovery and address the climate crisis. I also want to personally congratulate Dan Albas on winning re-election and thank all the other candidates for stepping forward to represent our riding. It is not easy to step forward but it is a vital part of the democratic process.



Sarah Eves, ran against incumbent in recent Federal election, representing our riding of Central Okanagan-Similkameen-Nicola.

# wayne's world: working for you

Regional Director for Central Okanagan West discusses ideas and issues from around the electoral area

September has been a busy month for the North Westside. Coming home has been an emotional roller coaster – many of us are happy to be able to return home but, at the same, we are heartbroken for our friends and neighbours who lost their homes and the devastation through our communities. Now we begin the recovery process.

Water user fees (basic & consumption) for the RDCO public water systems of Westshore, Killiney Beach, Valley of the Sun and Upper Fintry have been waived for August and September. The Killiney Beach system – which at time of writing is still under a *Do Not Consume Order* – will be considered for extended water fee relief should we not reach a potable water standard by October. A discussion will take place should this timeline not be met.

To put this in monetary terms, the cost to the individual water systems is:

- Killiney Beach \$30,919.93
- Westshore \$38,234.88
- Valley of the Sun/Upper Fintry \$22,490.02

The RDCO has made inquiries to the higher levels of government for grants, disaster mitigation funding and possible Gas Tax Funding to help offset the costs associated with the recovery stages that are needed to get us back up and running as a community.

The Board has also approved a short-term elimination of Demolition Permits and Temporary Building Permits (TBP). Cost of lost revenue is \$8,000 for Demolition and \$4,000 for TBP. The TBP allows you to park an RV on-site for up to two years while you rebuild your home. Along with the elimination of these fees, the RDCO has promised me that everything possible will be done by staff and management at the RDCO to assist you in your rebuild and to reduce the red tape that normally accompanies construction within the electoral area.

To help accomplish the goals of the recovery plan, the RDCO has hired a contract Community Recovery Manager, Steve Schell. Steve is a former Manager of the Kamloops Fire Centre and I have worked with him during my years as a Fire Warden. I hold Steve in high regard and am pleased to see him in this position and welcome him to our community. A Policy Group composed of elected officials from the affected area(s) will work directly with the CAO, Steve and recovery staff to accomplish the goals of the recovery plan. This should present an opportunity to build back better.

With the FireSmart Program at the heart of the community recovery plan we can move forward knowing that we need to be better prepared for future wildfires. More on this in later editions.

September was also the month of Union of BC Municipalities, (UBCM) the annual get together for regional

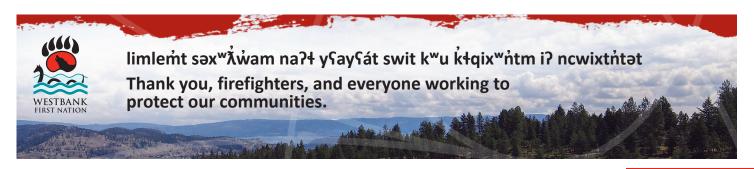


Wayne Carson, Regional Director, Central Okanagan West waynecarson.ca | 250.801.4859

districts, municipalities and the provincial government elected officials to get together and discuss projects, concerns and of course, finances for these items. This year was online due to the pandemic but non the less very informative with opportunities to network with other elected officials that have similar issues and discussing solutions to those issues.

I attended a virtual meeting with the Minister for Urban Affairs, RDCO Chief Administrative Officer and Board Chair Gail Given, to get an update on the status of the North Westside Governance Study; they are currently examining the scope of the study to determine a budget. Hopefully, we will have a response soon.

If you have any questions or concerns beyond the information mentioned above, I can be reached at: <a href="https://www.wayne.carson@rdco.com">wayne.carson@rdco.com</a>



# **RDCO Board meeting highlights:** September 9 + 27



Westside sky as seen from Killiney Beach, September 21, 2021. Photo from the *Evacuation Tales* series and courtesy of Sammie Hoffman.

# next RDCO meetings:

- Thursday, October 14 following 8:30 am Governance & Services Committee meeting
- Monday, October 25 at 7 pm

Meetings take place at the Regional District office at 1450 KLO Road, Kelowna (Woodhaven Boardroom.

Limited public attendance allowed with Provincial health orders in place for all public gatherings.

from September 9, 2021

# Partial water fee relief due to wildfire

For more details on this topic, see September 27 meeting.

# RDCO Parks hazard tree policy

The Board adopted a hazard tree and tree management policy for RDCO parks. The goal of the policy is to assist parks services staff in identifying potentially hazardous trees, especially in high-traffic visitor areas such as pathways, picnic areas and access/exit areas and scheduling maintenance work for identified trees.

# **Development Permit extension request**

The Board approved a 1-year extension for Development Permit (DP-20-09) application for a property at 2235 Westside Road.

# Report on COSAR headquarters

The Board has received a Building Needs Assessment report prepared for the Central Okanagan Search and Rescue (COSAR) organization. The report highlights the need to secure a new location with centralized equipment storage and to assist with responses across the region. Staff to provide a more detailed report within 2 months.

from September 27, 2021

#### Wildfire-related fee relief

The Board has adopted amendments to the fees and charges bylaws for the Killiney Beach, Westshore Estates and Upper Fintry, Shalal Road and Valley of the Sun water systems to provide some water fee relief for customers impacted by White Rock Lake wildfire evacuations; also approved waiving fees for Demolition and Temporary Building Permits for residents affected by the fire.

# Wildfire community recovery plan

The Board received a report outlining an interim White Rock Lake wildfire recovery plan. The document outlines the initial short, medium and long-term recovery objectives and will evolve as the response moves forward.

# Solid Waste Management Bylaw

The Board adopted several amendments to the Solid Waste Management Bylaw.

# Asset Management grant application

The Board has endorsed a resolution that supports an application for an Asset Management Planning grant from the Union of BC Municipalities.

#### **Proposed Regional Context Statement**

The Regional Board has accepted a proposed Regional Context Statement as the City of Kelowna updates its Official Community Plan (OCP).

Highlights from the Regional Board meetings are included here as space allows and are available in their entirety from the Regional District, usually within a day. Get more details and/or audio of any of these meetings from the RDCO at <a href="rdco.com/board">rdco.com/board</a> or on Director Wayne Carson's website.

**westside pet pics** – voted favourite feature 5 years in a row in our annual Reader's Choice Awards – enjoy!

# Happy "tails"



Search and rescue volunteers with Smokey, a mixed breed saved by Central Okanagan Search and Rescue (COSAR) after they saw a man throw the pet from a vehicle and drive away. This disgraceful and completely unacceptable behaviour was witnessed as the man was evacuated from La Casa. Nicknamed Smokey by the volunteers, she is doing well after being checked over by the incredible vets at Rose Valley Vet Hospital. Dr. Moshe Oz at Rose Valley is a longtime animal advocate who frequently helps pets in need with vet services.



Ivy's story is a true 'tail' of transformation. At just seven weeks old, the little black cat was horrifically thrown from a moving vehicle. Thankfully, a Good Samaritan was able to retrieve her and brought her to the BC SPCA location in Kelowna for help and is expected to make a full recovery.

Thanks to all our pets for making our lives better and helping us get through these difficult times.



**DID YOU KNOW** you can donate your empties to the SPCA and make a huge difference for the animals? **No need to sort, drop-off anytime Tuesday – Saturday** or leave at donation hut near the gates.



**The Catman**, 18, is a friend to all, humans and animals alike, and is an excellent help in the garden.



**Do you remember Patches?** Adopted 6 years ago when she was found with a broken tail and needed to be spayed. Sponsored by *The Westside Post*, she is the "condo cat" at the Kapulanikai vacation condos in Maui, where the manager feeds and cares for her daily.



Miss Betty, 7, is our Delivery Assistant and Complaints Manager, seen here with her "listening ear" on!

Send in your favourite pet pics by the 24th: westsidepost@icloud.com

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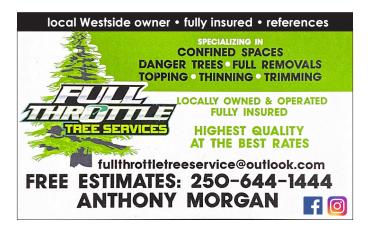
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# White Rock Lake wildfire: community photo submissions 1 of 2

"... I'd rather fight 100 structure fires than a wildfire.
With a structure fire you know where your flames
are, but in the woods it can move anywhere; it can
come right up behind you." Tom Watson



The night before the evacuation, we went to Valley of the Sun, 2 km from our home, and from a plateau by Westside Road, we watched the smoke rise above the mountain. The firefighters were on watch and said the wind was 50 km/hr and the fire was out of control. It had already engulfed the valley behind Sugarloaf mountain. August 5, 2021. Photo courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.

"... it was like nothing I've ever seen in all the years of firefighting ... it was like a fire tornado 40 feet tall ..."

- firefighter describing the White Rock Lake fire



White Rock Lake wildfire as seen from across the lake from Ellison Provincial Park, August 11, 2021.



Close-up of above, August 11, 2021.



Somewhere off Westside Road, night of August 24, 2021.



Photo released from BC Wildfire Service on August 26, 2021.

# White Rock Lake wildfire: community photo submissions 2 of 2



As seen from across the lake, 5 am on August 16, 2021. Photo courtesy of Jesse Ballard.

"The sacrifices to do this job are ultimately driven by passion, empathy, courage and a huge amount of integrity."



Frog covered in ash. Photo courtesy of firefigher Coleman Gower.



Kyle Young, above, an incident commander with the BC Wildfire Service, says this fire season has been more challenging than previous years and asks folks to be kind.



Brave and tireless team from the North Westside Fire Rescue.



As of September 1, 2021: 120 armed forces, 345 wildland firefighters, 52 structural protection firefighters, 5 danger tree assessors, 14 helicopters and 38 pieces of heavy equipment.

# health & wellness: features by reader request

your horoscope by local expert + Healthwise column







Neighbourhood visitors. Photos from the After the Fire series and courtesy of Sue Cseh-Galbraith.



# star gazing: horoscope



featuring
internationally
recognized Psychic/
Astrologer Heather
Zais of Kelowna

Heather Zais, a psychic since birth, is internationally recognized and featured regularly online and in print. She has taught and lectured in schools, colleges and institutes and has clients around the world.

She keeps an office downtown and is available for psychic and astrology readings in person, by phone or e-mail. Heather does personal, relationship and past life charts; tarot, palm and tea reading; remote viewer, medium and dream analyst. To book an appointment with Heather, please call 250.868.9978 or e-mail psychicheatherzais@telus.net

ARIES: Relationships intensify as key individual agrees to work together as a tighter unit in personal and business.

TAURUS: You see the fruits of your labour. This will make you feel good about the part you played in all of this.

GEMINI: You feel lucky and you are in most areas. Be creative and others will respond to you in ways you like.

CANCER: Make decisions affecting home or base of operations. Move or rearrange things to make this work out.

LEO: You are flattered or given room to strut your stuff. Be willing to take a more prominent role in community.

VIRGO: Arrangements discussed will make you more secure about your future as well as income and provisions.

LIBRA: Timing seems right to take a chance or escalate things to the next level. Your confidence is building up.

SCORPIO: Private matters take on more importance as you see where things are going and how to make gains.

SAGITTARIUS: You are included with influential or powerful people. They realize you are key to unfolding events.

CAPRICORN: Take your place center stage as others rely on your expertise in most areas now. Finances increase.

AQUARIUS: Increased communications over distance show who is really on the same page and has your back.

PISCES: Special funding arrangements should come together more easily now as sources are nailed down.

# healthwise: empowering you with medical facts

by reader request, popular Healthwise column by Davidicus Wong MD, appears regularly in this paper, Burnaby Now, Royal City Record and Richmond News

I wrote my first column for the Burnaby Now, 30 years ago this month!

I recognized that there was a lot of confusion and misinformation in medicine. Yet, there was no shortage of people providing unqualified medical advice. The average person also needed help in demystifying medical terminology, navigating the healthcare system and destigmatizing emotional health

My goal remains to provide readers with the practical, evidence-based information they need to maintain their own health and well-being.

When medical advice came from friends, relatives and hairdressers, it was always well intended. There was considerably more incorrect, incomplete and biased information coming from the media, primarily radio and television and, to a lesser extent, the internet.

Can you really trust a full-page newspaper ad promising a cure for your back pain or a TV celebrity promoting his own products?

With the explosion of social media over the past two decades and pandemic confusion over the past two years, the situation is even worse. No wonder friends and families are divided by heated debates about masks, vaccines and public health guidelines. What do you need to make the right decisions for your personal health?

1. Recognize that medical science – as with all areas of knowledge – is evolving and growing. Nearly all of the treatments I was taught in medical school for specific conditions have changed. That's why physicians are always keeping up with journals and require continuing medical education to stay up to date with the latest developments.

The evidence for new treatments and procedures requires rigorous study to confirm safety and effectiveness. Because of growing knowledge and changing conditions throughout the pandemic, the recommended advice for managing covid has evolved over the past two years.

- 2. Consider the source. Are the opinions from others unbiased and really based on solid scientific evidence? If so, they should be open to new information as it arises and be amenable to change.
- 3. **Keep an open mind.** One of the keys to mental health is the growth mindset: the recognition that we can learn and grow in a positive way over time. Likewise, with our world views in a larger sense; with experience, we should be open to revising and updating our ideas about life and society.



**Dr. Davidicus Wong** is a family physician. His *Healthwise* column appears regularly in this paper. For more on achieving your

positive potential in health, read his blog: davidicuswong.wordpress.com

With how social media functions to silo all of us into tribes of opposing world views, all of us can get cognitively trapped in an echo chamber. We keep seeing more of what we believe and this strengthens our resolve.

A clue that we might be stuck: hearing opposing information just makes us angry.

Over 6 years ago, we started the *Empowering Patients* public health education program to provide unbiased, evidence-based information to improve your health, through videos, free public talks and posters. We will continue to reach out to our community through our online talks and live events.

# reader's choice winner

#### Dewi Wood

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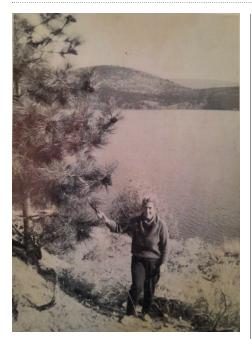


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# local history feature: Gwen Lamont — artist and recorder

by reader request, this history series features profiles of people and places along historic Westside Road



Gwen Lamont with Okanagan Lake in the background. Photo courtesy of June White.

Submitted by her daughter and feature contributor Gwendy Lamont

Gwen Lamont was born in Fort McLeod, Alberta, in 1909. It was a time when old buildings, RCMP barracks and wooden stores lined the streets and old timers kept history alive through their stories – a place where a thoughtful, imaginative child could explore and soak up such stories.

Growing up, Gwen always kept a diary, sketch book and notebook close at hand. It was a discipline she maintained throughout her life and resulted in an amazing record of history, as depicted through her eyes and thoughts.

At sixteen, Gwen won a four year scholarship to the Ontario College of Art and Design. At the time, she was the youngest ever admitted. While there, she fortunately had members of the Group of Seven as teachers and was particularly supported and encouraged by Arthur Lismer.

Gwen married and in 1948 moved with her family to Kelowna. She went on to explore the Okanagan, create art, teach, and continue her interest in the arts and local history right up until her death, in 1978.

An area of particular interest to Gwen was the west side of Kelowna. Bringing along friends and family, she frequently explored north to south along Westside Road, which was mostly still a narrow dirt road and not for the faint of heart. She even saved an old log building from destruction; it still stands to this day as a well-loved home, with Gwen's essence fully present.

In 2001, when Dan Bruce became the curator at Fintry, Gwen's artistic depictions of Westside were featured along with Bob Kingsmill, well-known and highly-respected local potter and cherished friend of Gwen's. The two artists had previously shared studio space on the historic Surtees property in Okanagan Mission. Fintry manor was an ideal venue for the event and it was a fitting tribute to a well-known artist and recorder of history.

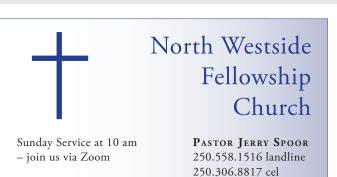
The Friends of Fintry is a non-profit society dedicated to preserving the history and legacy of the Fintry Estate. We welcome new members and volunteers to assist with research, tours and sharing Fintry's history with the public. Find us on Facebook, fintry.ca or info@fintry.ca



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don't be a stranger - everyone welcome



# WHAT'S ON - community info & other cool stuff like the library

announcements • community groups • events • library news • word of the month

# groups & events

#### Fintry Manor House & Barn

Closed for the season. Visit us online for virtual tours, to join or volunteer: fintry.ca or info@fintry.ca

# **Killiney Beach Seniors Association**

Actively supporting many community events over the years and hope to again once restrictions are lifted. You don't have to be a senior to join, everyone welcome. We share conversation, knowledge, hobbies like gardening, canning, sewing, crafts, health, fitness and even career experience. To join or more info: Donna 250.258.7141. In giving we receive. Let's all make our community an even lovelier place to live!

#### Moms n' Muffins

On hiatus. For more info or to volunteer: Ona 250.260.6642

#### **Westside Community Church**

Sunday Services at 10 am. *Don't be a stranger, everyone welcome.* Zoom link

also available. For more info, call the office: 250.558.1516

# Westside Senior Citizens Service Association Activity Centre

To get involved with your community or find new recreation activities, get in touch with us. *Everyone welcome!* Office: 250.768.4004. Activity centre, Tuesday Socials with entertainment were our most popular. On hiatus.

# **Westside Wolfpack Soccer**

Wednesday, Westshore Park, all ages, no cost, 6 – 7 pm. This free program is one of the longest running and most popular. For more info or to volunteer, contact: Coach Mike 250.309.3692

#### **GET ON THE LIST**

To have your community group or event included, send an email by the 24th to: westsidepost@icloud.com

# "There is no friend as loyal as a book."

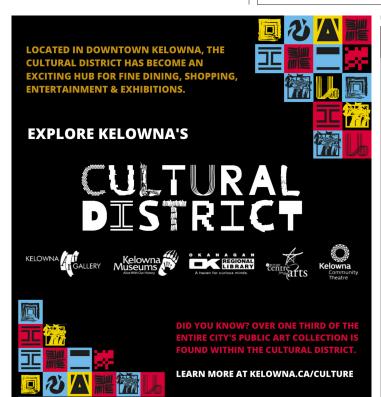
Ernest Hemingway

#### **Westside Community Library**

The library is open. We invite you to visit the library beside the Killiney Beach Hall, just off Westside Road. Address: 516 Udell Road. Health protocols in place. We have books for adults, young adults, youth & children, plus audiobooks and DVDs.

# weekly hours

Mon. 6 - 8 pm, Wed. 11 am - 1 pm Sat. 1 - 3 pm with kids crafts, activities and storytime. **Everyone is welcome at the library.** We are wheelchair accessible. More info: Andrea library@nwcaonline.ca



#### word/phrase of the month ha ti kw xast? Commonly understood as: How are you? More literal translation: Are you well? Everyday usage: way slaxt, ha ti kw xast? hello friend, are you well? common Nsyilxcen words nsyilxcən = syilx/Okanagan language enalish syilx pronounce way' short 'why' hello longer 'why' good bye way' thank you limləmt 'leemlimt' 'weest' mountain wist lake t'ik'wt 'tee kwt'

# Okanagan real estate market very strong – latest numbers from local experts

market updates and trends from realtors who live and work on the Westside

"Buy land, they're not making it anymore."

**Ernest Hemingway** 



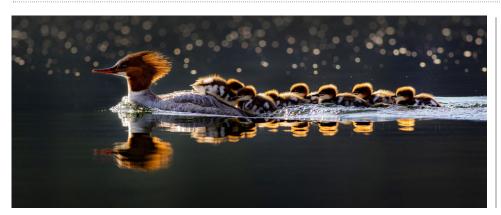












Merganser family won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Photo courtesy of Steve Burgess of Whistler. The winning photos chosen by the judges as well as the top 25 most popular photos chosen by voters, will be featured in a photo book. Available online in October: shop.spca.bc.ca/collections/wild-arc/

# Westside Community Associations

#### **NWCA**

North Westside Communities Association

Serving the residents of the North Westside since 1975 – Westshore Estates to Caesar's Landing.

**Contact**: Darryl Hordo president@nwcaonline.ca

**Hall Rentals:** Alicia rentals@nwcaonline.ca

For more info: nwcaonline.ca

**EMERGENCY 250.870.6858** 

#### **WLCS**

Wilson's Landing and Communities Society

Serving our communities from cove to cove – Traders Cove to Shelter Cove.

For more info, to volunteer or to join our community society, contact Karen Bennison, 250.769.3673

There's strength in numbers.

Get involved with your community association today and make a difference for tomorrow.

# Selling a haunted house?

This might not be a common issue in our area but *things that go bump in the night* do not have to be disclosed to a potential buyer unless their agent specifically asks if there have been any reports of the property being haunted. Along with other situations like a death or former illegal activity, stigmas associated with the property do not have to be disclosed upfront.

However, physical issues that may not be easily found by a normal home inspection are called *material latent defects* and must be disclosed if known by the seller, and might include: hidden damage that has been covered up, work done to the property without correct permits, anything that could be dangerous to occupants or items that could cost a significant amount to remedy. A common latent defect might be something like a basement that still leaks every Spring but is not noticeable otherwise.

A Real Estate agent should go over items such as these and other general property disclosures before you list your home for sale.

Happy Halloween

Maurice Greenwood is a local realtor and property manager, and a regular feature contributor to this paper.



During the month of October look for a specially marked business card from Maurice Greenwood to win 1 of 4 Halloween prize packs. Find one winning card per week on a notice board along Westside Road. Call the number on the card and provide the unique code on the sticker to collect your spooktacular prize.



120 Group that calls strikes

122 One who shuns bread products is \_\_\_\_

# Alice's puzzle pages

#### STRICTLY SPEAKING

Universal Sunday Crossword – release date: SEPTEMBER 21, 2021

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#### **ACROSS**

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Roll call response

"Told ya!"

Firstborn

Tax dodger, e.g.

Cozumel couple?

Grad school applicants' stats

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Fill-in-the-blank story Some digits in a decimal are "That tastes awful!" 49 Toot your own horn Bench warmer at a concert 53 Chemical cousins Depletes, as strength 58 Groove Meaty spread 61 Hawaiian coffee district "In all likelihood ..." 65 Melber on "The Beat"

Al Roker's network

Bring to a close

Lavatory, in Leeds

Dog's archenemy

Fighting it out

Like the number 411

X-rays give the doctor \_\_\_\_

66

Where Timbuktu is 80 82 Lyft alternative 84 Green prefix 85 Kings, queens and twins Welcome sign for a night owl? They're down under 92 La Scala solo 97 Up and at 'em An intruder who hides in the ceiling vent is \_ Big Sky Country's capital GPS guess Stick like tape Pieces' candy brand Bills' and Chargers' grp.

Produce, as money

Restorative excursion

Prepare to throw

Utilize eBay

115 Throw for a loop

125 Movement with a hashtag 126 Musical Diamond 127 Chopper blade 128 Really tiny 129 Won every game 130 Does basic math 131 App also nicknamed "the 'gram" 132 Org. that honours vegan stars DOWN Eyes, poetically 2 Paleo or keto James of jazz Like most seams "Now \_\_\_ heard it all!" December's Nick at night Pays to play poker 8 Feel sore Day care center? Sty dwellers, collectively Strongly disapprove of 12 State as fact 13 Patch up, as a lawn Sushi tuna Avid readers keep their glasses \_\_\_\_ Favorable RSVPs 16 17 Derisive sound Word after "Pete's" or "pity's" Narrowly defeated 25 Rodeo ropes Volunteer's offer Sous-chef's work, informally Tabloid gossip 37 Flows away Acronym meaning "Hurry!" 40 Starts eating with gusto Fender bender reminder 42 Maker of 15 Minutes of Flame nail polish Having a spat 46 Worn to a frazzle 47 \_\_\_ couture Geek Squad member, e.g. 48 50 Tot's first utensil, usually Fire off, like an email 51 They often lock horns on the Hill 56 Depressing Put on TV

Internet access letters

Life story, for short





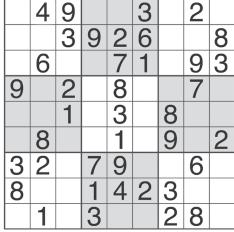




- 65 Back, on a boat
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- 68 Bourne's spy grp.
- 70 Wastes time
- 71 Surface for an axel
- 72 DEA agent
- 73 Chinese casino hub
- 74 Jerry of "Law & Order"
- 75 Moody rock genre
- 76 West Coast wine valley
- 81 The Chicago Board of Trade Building is \_\_\_
- 83 Lima or navy morsel
- 84 Disney's Queen of Arendelle
- 86 Pennsylvania city at one end of I-79
- 87 Christian of fashion
- 88 Rational
- 90 "None of that is true!"
- 91 "Sunflowers" setting
- 93 Crabtree & \_\_\_ (body care product retailer)
- 94 Tennis do-over
- 95 Bridge statistic
- 99 It might hide a boo-boo
- 100 Baggage attachment
- 102 Spain, in Spain
- 105 Prolong, as a contract
- 106 Cream of the crop
- 108 Screwups that may be epic
- 109 Outfielders' gloves
- 110 Summer complaint
- 111 Addition outcomes
- 113 Got older
- 114 Loads and loads
- 116 Unwanted faucet sound
- 117 Chemistry test?
- 118 Lean like a ship
- 119 One-named Celtic singer
- 121 "\_\_\_ so fast!"
- 123 Hindu title
- 124 Detergent in a red jug

Alice's Puzzle Pages
Reader's Choice Winner

Favourite Feature



DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★☆☆☆

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

#### about Sudoku

Sudoku is the Japanese word combining "number" and "single". Its origin stems from an 18<sup>th</sup> century game by a Swiss mathematician. His game was named *Latin Squares*. This is truly an international game.

Sudoku Daily is a puzzle that uses numbers instead of words. It's a grid of 81 squares, divided into nine blocks of nine squares each. Some of the squares contain a digit. The goal is to fill in the empty squares so that the digits 1 through 9 appear just once in every row, column and individual block.

Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 inclusive.

The aficionados of modern-day Sudoku are keen to point out that it is not a mathematical problem. Logic is what's required.

Good Luck!

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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆

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# business + services

your local business + service guide



Whinny the Bear. "She took a nap and hungout in a tree on our property for 2 hours or so! It was really cool (and a little scary) to see!" Photo courtesy of Racheal Beaubie



# cannabis retailers

**Spiritleaf Vernon** call/text 236.426.2230 vernon@spiritleaf.ca

# cleaning services

**Mike's Window Cleaning** Mike Doherty 250.308.4564

#### contractors + trades

**Don Buchan Construction** 778.212.3841

Hammerhead Construction
Jason Satterthwaite 250.260.0044

**M&K Ready Mix** 250.545.7238 Kris Ross kris@mandk.ca

**TNJ Plumbing & Heating**Tim & Jordan Hall | 250.306.3200

**Watson Brothers Excavating** Shayne Watson call/text 250.550.5902

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Infinite Loop Audio Production dewi@infiniteloop.ca

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**Westside Writing Studio** katherinepayne@icloud.com

#### grocery

**Save-on-Foods Vernon Village Green** store 250.542.8825 pharm 250.5584.854

puzzle solutions for this month

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# hardware + home improvement

Home Building Centre – 27st Vernon 250.545.5384

# landscaping | tree + lawn

**Su Casa Sustainable Landscaping** Chris 778.212.5149

**Full Throttle Tree Services**Anthony Morgan 250.644.1444

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# useful numbers

community + emergency numbers

#### useful numbers

#### BC Hydro - Power Outages

1.888.769.3766 or check online by postal code

**Burn Permits** 250.469.6223

# Conservation & Wildlife emergency

or downed wildlife 1.877.952.7277 (RAPP line)

# **Dog Licences**

250.469.6344 | rdco.com/dogs

Outdoor Burning Hotline 1.855.262.2876

Poison Control Centre 1.800.567.8911

#### Roads & Maintenance – Acciona

- paving, snow clearing, road kill 1.866.222.4204

# Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO) 250.763.4918

# after hours emergency 250.868.5299

[this would be something like a broken water main/hydrant]

#### **Regional Director**

Wayne Carson 250.801.4859

# **Burning Information Line**

1.855.262.2876

# Waste/Waste Reduction + to report

**illegal dumping** 1.250.469.6250

# **Dog Control** 250.469.6284 **EMERGENCY:** 250.979.0925

info-dogcontrol@rdco.com

• have address, date, time, breed

#### Chief Bylaw Enforcement Officer

Curtis Svenson 250.469.6214 curtis.svenson@rdco.com

# community numbers

# City of Kelowna

Community Development & Culture 250.469.8650 | culture@kelowna.ca kelowna.ca/culture

#### Fire halls

North Westside 250.545.1195 Wilson's Landing 250.469.6161

#### Friends of Fintry

Kathy Drew kathdin@shaw.ca

# Killiney Beach Community Library

Andrea Kveton library@nwcaonline.ca

# **Killiney Beach Hall Rental** 250.938.5008 rentals@nwcaonline.ca

# Killiney Beach Seniors Association

Donna Charron 250.258.7141

# North Westside Communities Association (NWCA)

Darryl Hordo <u>president@nwcaonline.ca</u>

# North Westside Fellowship Church

Pastor Jerry Spoor 250.558.1516

# North Westside Firefighters Society

Shawn Barnes 604.454.8248

# **OKIB Office** 250.542.4328

okibadmin@okanagan.org

# Westbank First Nation (WFN)

250.769.4999 main | mail@wfn.ca 250.768.0227 community services

# Westside social accounts

- @CoyoteXing
- @People of the North Westside
- @Westside Women
- @Westside Rd Community Road Reports@NWCALibrary
- @Northwestsidecommunityassociation

Wilson's Landing & Communities Society (WLCS) 250.769.3673

# hospitals + RCMP

Vernon Jubilee Hospital 250.545.2211

Kelowna General Hospital 250.862.4000

# RCMP emergency 9-1-1

non-emergency Vernon 250.545.7171 non-emergency Kelowna 250.762.3300

# **Indigenous Policing Liaison**

RCMP Constable Kyle Camalush \*no phone number provided kyle.camalush@rcmp-grc.gc.ca



# BCSPCA Animal Cruelty & Wildlife Hotline 1.855.622.7722

Vernon 250.549.7297Kelowna 250.861.7722

# If you're concerned about an animal in distress, including wildlife, please call

take a pic of this or please consider putting number in your phone

