



WORK-WISE

Keeping you current on North Okanagan's employment scene

Local Leads for Job Seekers

Kingfisher Boats is growing again. They're looking to hire 15 welders from now until August 9 for a shift that runs Monday to Thursday, 1pm to 11:30pm. Pop in to Kingfisher Boats for an on-site interview on July 19 or August 9 between 12:30 and 3:30pm. Bring your resume for the interview and your helmet and steel toes for a weld test. Visit kingfisher.com/careers for more info and if you want to apply before the above dates.



Want to be a Fruiter? Or at least to know what one is? A fruiter makes and plates creative fruit arrangements using everything from strawberries to starfruit, all at the Cora chain of breakfast and lunch restaurants...coming to Vernon in August. The new restaurant, set to open August 12 on Anderson Way across from Bulk Barn, is hiring for the following positions ASAP: cook, kitchen manager, fruiter, server, host/hostess, and dishwasher. Send resumes to Craig McMillan at corajobs@mcmillanolson.com. "In total we'll have 45 or so full-time and part-time staff," he says.

Krista Frasz, HR Manager at Predator Ridge, emailed to say she has immediate need for a bellman, a front office supervisor, a front desk reservations agent, a housekeeping attendant, plus 16 jobs listed online at predatorridge.com/employment.



Want a small-room meeting with recruiters from Interior Health or Starbucks? Two very different career paths, and we've got both presenting at WorkBC on July 17. Hear which positions are hot, which are current, and then ask your burning questions. Be prepared for the possibility of an interview. Interior Health presents at 9am, Starbucks at 9:45. Call WorkBC Vernon to register.

HomeSense is coming to Vernon. Opening August 13, they need to fill about 45 positions. Apply in person at their Job Fair July 6 from 9am to 5pm at the Winners in Village Green Mall. A good person to connect with is Duane Barr, who has been a manager at Winners for six years and will now manage the new HomeSense. "We're flexible," he says. "We work around people's schedules." Positions start July 20. Apply online at tjxcanada.ca/apply.



In August, Bento Sushi is opening their second Vernon location – this one in Walmart. They're hiring now and training at their existing location in Superstore. Wages are between \$14 and \$14.75, depending on experience. To apply, visit bentosushi.com, or take a resume in to the Superstore Sushi Bar and ask for Tommy or Gurbir.

Daniel Morris from Morris Property Services opened shop in Vernon this year, and business is growing so steadily he needs help. "Exterior [house/building/condo] cleaning is the easiest way to explain it," he says. "It doesn't sound glamorous but it's a niche in this town, so there's lots of work." He's looking for one or two tech/labourers, says it's a great job for guys or gals, and shares that it starts at minimum but for the right fit it would move up to \$20/\$25. Check out morrisps.ca to find out more, then call him at 250-241-2275 to see if the job's for you.



Spa Hills Compost is another newer company growing fast. "We need a Class One or Three driver for our increased business," emails Keli Westgate. Send resumes to josh@spahillscompost.ca.

LOCAL WORKBC NEWS

The new, the cool, the trending at WorkBC services



WELCOME TO JOB HUB

In June we launched a new service called Job Hub. Every month, a local employer will come to WorkBC Vernon to share current positions, hold

on-the-spot interviews (or schedule them for later), and answer questions about what it's like to work for their company. In June we featured VegPro, which currently employs 160 full-time staff. HR Manager Jessica McHaffie and HR & Recruitment Assistant Sheri Austin spent an hour talking about wages, opportunity, and everything in between. Here are some take-aways:
 - They now have a bus stop just outside the plant. It stops at 6:15am, but the regular shift starts at 6am. "We're able to accommodate a 6:30 start time for anyone who takes the bus," shares Jessica.

- Sheri says she replies to every resume she receives, and sends along more information. Then, she says, if the job seeker replies to that, she always sets up an interview. Each interview gets a short tour of the plant.

- Email resumes to sheri.austin@vegpro.com.



Production/Packaging	Line Lead	\$23.40
Wash	Line Lead	\$23.40
Sanitation	Lead	\$23.40
Wash	Wash Line Operator	\$20.25
Shipping/Receiving	Forklift Driver	\$20.25
Production/Packaging	Packaging Machine Operator	\$18.00
Sanitation	Sanitation Worker	\$18.00
Production/Packaging	Material Handler	\$18.00
	Smock Room Attendant	\$14.50
Production/Packaging	Pallet-jack Operator	\$14.50
Production/Packaging	General Worker	\$14.00

Can't make it in to a WorkBC Centre, but need help with your resume, your interview skills, and more? No problem! Log on from anywhere – your friend's, the library, the comfort of home – for any of our six new online webinars. Give your job search a boost without leaving the house. Call us to find out more.

LOCAL EMPLOYMENT NEWS

Change and growth in our local world of work

GATEWAY TO THE BUILDING TRADES FOR WOMEN

This September the Vernon Campus of Okanagan College is again running Gateway



to the Building Trades for Women. The 12-week program gives women in-shop experience in carpentry, electrical, plumbing, sheet metal and automotive. "Our goal for participants is that they connect meaningfully with a trade that they will pursue employment or further training in upon completion of the 12 weeks," says their website. The goal is to increase female apprentices. Sponsorships available for eligible women.



- A Government-run cannabis store is planned for Vernon, with no firm opening date.
- Downtown Safeway is closing November 23 and re-opening as FreshCo.
- According to Accelerate Okanagan, there are 153 current job openings in Okanagan Tech.
- Starting wage is up to \$17.50 at Kohler.
- In June, Tolko Armstrong increased its downtime from two to four weeks, citing high log costs and weak market conditions.

Have a fresh tip about work, employment, or business in the North Okanagan? Want a job fair or a hiring push featured? Email us at info-vernon@workbc.ca to get featured in our monthly Work-Wise publication.



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