

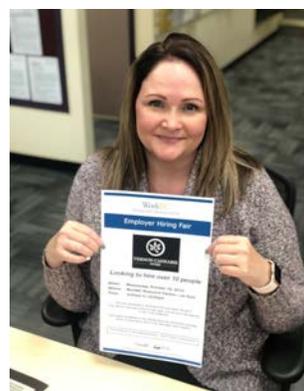


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WORK-WISE

Keeping you current on North Okanagan's employment scene

Local Leads for Job Seekers



Vernon Cannabis Store opened its first of three retail shops in Vernon, and they're looking for employees. Operations Manager Stacey, left, recently popped in to the WorkBC Resource Centre to meet with job seekers. Work is full-time or part-time and pays from \$14 to \$16. Their first shop is at 2813 35 Street. As in any Cannabis retail store, you will need your Worker Security Verification, which costs \$100, can take three weeks to process, and is done online at justice.gov.bc.ca/cannabislicensing/policy-document/worker-qualification-home.

Pop in to Starbucks in the Village Green Mall on November 5 from 3-7pm for an interview with a manager. Hiring for all locations. Perks? Free beverage before and after each shift and on breaks. Free pound of coffee a week. Thirty percent discount.

A new Rogers Call Centre will bring 350 jobs to Kelowna next summer, and will eventually employ 500. It's not work in the North Okanagan, but it's close enough that it's worth sharing!

Pinnacle Renewable Energy has local plants in Armstrong and Lavington. It announced that it has entered into a contract with a company in Japan to send 100,000 metric tons per year of wood pellets starting in 2023. What does this mean locally? According to Premier John Horgan, "Pinnacle is creating a new export opportunity that will generate good jobs in B.C. communities."



Here's a unique job for anyone interested in sound or electronics: Sun FM is hiring two part-time Board Operators. "The Opps", as Sun FM's Jerhett Schafer calls them, are the folks behind the scenes playing with sound using the buttons and faders on the "Big



Board". It's a teachable job, but interest in sound or electronics helps because then you'll love geeking out on the equipment. You'll also get to use: the touch-screen computer for things like

hitting the "live on location" button, the mic to let Jerhett and co. know they've got "30 seconds to go live", and you'll actually get to read weather reports on air. Shifts are usually 4-6 hours, you'll only pickup a few a month, and they pay \$15 an hour – perfect for some extra cash and a foot in the door of the sound world. Watch Jerhett as he demonstrates the job on our new YouTube Channel (WorkBC Centre-Vernon), then email a resume to jerhett.schafer@bellmedia.ca.

Carson and Sharena from Paladin Security (right) spent a morning in the Vernon WorkBC Centre chatting with job seekers. They're hiring, and if you're a fit, they can pay for your Basic Security



Training (BST) and License, as long as you commit to six months FT or nine months PT with them after. Pay varies, but as Carson says, "We typically pay people the most we can because we don't want to lose them."

News Bites for Local Job Seekers

We are sad to share that Quality Greens is closing its doors for good in Vernon on November 6. If you are one of the staff affected by this, give us a call at WorkBC Vernon to see how we can help you transition into sustainable employment.



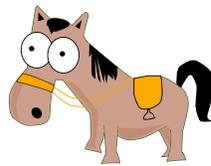
Looking for work in labour or the trades? Check out the City of Vernon's online tool to see all building permits by date range. A quick search brings up everything being built locally, the value of each project, and the name of the contractor working on each one. This way you can find and reach out to contractors directly. The website is a long one: https://ecommerce2.vernon.ca/TempestApps/PIP/Pages/Search.aspx?templateName=Guest_Date



A BC Cannabis Government Store is in lease negotiations for space between Pennington's and the Liquor Depot. They don't plan to open until mid-2020.

Service Canada has moved into the newly renovated building on the 3300 block of 30th Ave. Also set to occupy the adjacent spaces are Anytime Fitness and a non-medicinal cannabis retailer.

The Monashee Equine College is pursuing a lease near the Tolko plant in Spallumcheen. They are proposing to offer certified blacksmith and veterinarian assistant courses with the revenue used to create horse-related facilities such as a race track and a swimming pool for horses. The contact is Malcolm Lynn, the Society number is 250-545-6148, and they are currently looking for volunteers – which they say will have a shoe in the door (ha!) for employment.



LNG Canada is offering tuition-free training designed to help women get started in the skilled trades. Called "Your Place", it's four-week custom training, provides an introduction to in-demand trades, is free, includes free accommodation and airfare, and can lead directly to a job on the LNG project site in Kitimat. Visit www.yourplace.ca.



Ultimate Tradesman has a new email address: kelsey@utllabourleasing.com. Their "info@" email address no longer works.

B.C. companies are already hiring tree planters for the 2020 season, and they're struggling to fill up to 1,000 more positions than usual. "B.C. alone needs to plant an estimated 48 million more trees in 2020 than it did last year," says a CBC story. Coast Range Contracting Ltd. is one Vernon-based company that hires tree planters; visit coastrange.ca to find out more.



Swan Lake Nurseryland will be closing for winter moving forward, from November 1 until a date in February to be determined. This affects about 25 full-time employees.



The Higher Path hopes to be Armstrong's first cannabis retail outlet. It has City approval, and is just waiting on the province.

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