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Keeping you current on North Okanagan's employment scene

Local Leads for Job Seekers

The North Okanagan-Shuswap Employment and Business Fair is gearing up for its second year. Meet with hiring managers from local companies on March 9 from 11am to 5:30pm at the Splatsin Community Centre in Enderby. "If you are seeking a job or career and you want to discover what work opportunities there are in the North Okanagan and Shuswap area, this is a great, no pressure way to explore new opportunities and meet potential employers face-to-face," the event says.



The fifth annual Vernon Job Fair hits town April 8. Meet more than 20 employers between 10am and 3pm at the Vernon Lodge and Conference Centre. Don't miss this chance to meet the hiring teams

and to stand out with a handshake, a hello, and the opportunity to put your face to that resume. According to vernonjobfair.ca, this "...is the best-attended job fair in Vernon". "Candidates should bring resumes, dress as though going to a job interview and be prepared for discussion with hiring managers."

Predator Ridge is hiring loads of people. They're having a hiring fair on March 1 from 10am to 2pm in the Commonage ballroom (lower level of the Predator Ridge Clubhouse). "Come meet our managers and apply for all positions and get hired on the spot, with positions starting in April," the resort says. For a full list of job opportunities and an online application, go to predatorridge.com/employment.



FreshCo! is opening this spring, and is having a job fair March 13 and 14 as it ramps up for opening day. No experience is necessary. Positions include cashiers, grocery clerks, produce clerks, packaged-meat clerks, deli clerks, and bakery clerks. Perks include flexible work schedules, paid training, free uniforms, and a scholarship program for college and university. The job fair is at the Schubert Centre on March 13 from 11am to 7pm, and again on March 14 from 10am to 4pm.



On March 14, get face-to-face with local employers at the Community Expo at Kal Tire Place from 10am to 5pm. A few of the businesses confirmed so far include: The Rise Golf Course, Family First Optometry, SilverStar, BC Hydro, Value Village, Vernon Funeral Home, City of Vernon, the North Okanagan Friendship Centre...and the list keeps growing. It's not a job fair, but it does give you the chance to bring your resume and introduce yourself to the folks who run the show.



Employers presenting at our March 11 Job Hub, in the WorkBC Vernon building, include Agri-Trans Services (9am) and FreshCo (9:45am). All job seekers welcome. Show up to hear from and meet these local recruiters.

Bits and Bites to help with your Local Job Hunt



Did you know: If you've been offered a new job, but you can't afford some of the things you need to get rolling, WorkBC can likely help. Give us a call at 250-545-2215 x 230 to find out if you're eligible for things like:

- A bus pass or gas vouchers to get you to and from your new job
- Child care
- Essential work clothing like steel-toe boots or non-slip shoes
- Personal grooming and hygiene support like a professional new haircut



Even if the job you've landed is out of town, we might be able to help with the cost of getting you there, or any essential clothing required for the job. We're all about helping people get and keep that job, so don't be shy — this is the stuff we're here for!



Okanagan College in Vernon is offering a Computer Information System Diploma (2 year program) for the first time this September. Applications are open now. The College is also offering a new online course called "Recreational Cannabis Retail Sales" (March 23 to April 24) for folks looking to start a career in the cannabis industry.

Remember: WorkBC Vernon may be able to help you to take programs like these if they are the best path for you to move into sustainable, long-term employment. Ask your Case Manager for details — if you don't have a Case Manager, call us at 250-545-2215 x 230 to find out how to get one.

Have something employment-related that you want to get out to job seekers in the North Okanagan? A job fair, a new work perk, a hiring push, a wage increase, an expansion? Email info-vernon@workbc.ca and let us know — we'll do our best to share your stuff.

Local Leads for Job Seekers (continued)...

Wondering how to get work on the Highway 1 expansion project? Here's the low-down: British Columbia Infrastructure Benefits (BCIB) is doing all the hiring, and you can apply online at www.bcib.ca. They anticipate a need for truck drivers, heavy equipment operators, construction workers and carpenters.



KF Aerospace offers a one-hour tour once a month. "We take you behind the scenes of the diverse career paths and trades that make up our craft at KF." Next tour: March 19 from 2-3pm: kfaero.ca/careers/tours.

Rider Ventures is a home-grown, Indigenous-led response to protecting our area against wildfires and floods, while using traditional Indigenous land stewardship to also protect the earth. They are hiring, and will be at the job fair March 9 (featured on the previous page).



Golf season is coming, which means golf courses are hiring. Some of the positions out there include: Valet, Turfcare, Practice Facility, Cart Barn, Member Services, Carts and Concession, Retail Golf Shop, and more. Nearby courses include: The Rise, Predator Ridge, Hillview, Mabel Lake, Cherryville, Spallumcheen, and Vernon Golf.



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