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## WORK-WISE

*Keeping you current on North Okanagan's employment scene*

### Local Job Leads



**Go Traffic and Alliance Traffic:** Rob Mehra is the recruiter for these two companies, and is looking to hire traffic control people (TCP). He says TCP need to have good customer service skills, and that if they are good at their job the company will help them grow into a Lane Closure Technician, which makes more money plus you get your own truck that you can take home and go to work with. "We have a vested interest in making sure you grow into a LCT because if we have LCTs on site we get more revenue," he explains. Other perks of the job include: a signing bonus of up to \$400, and a "bring a friend" campaign where you can earn up to \$250 if you refer a friend who also gets hired. Rob is super open to interested job seekers contacting him to learn more about the work. "I'd be happy to talk to you about opportunities, feel free to drop in at 5000 24th street or to call me at 250-808-9864. That's my mobile number. Please feel free to call it, I don't care if it rings off the hook."

**Alexander's Beach Pub and Liquor Store:** "We are always looking for staff," says owner Gary Batula. "Right now it's crazy busy, it's hot, it's summertime. We're looking for good kitchen staff and front end staff. We're down to earth and fun and enjoyable and all of those things." Gary says these are full-time positions that last year-round, and that staff get a discount on food and drinks. To apply, take a resume in person and ask for Gary. "I'm here seven days a week," he laughs. "I'd prefer if the person can come in person -- it gives me a bit more feeling for them -- just pop in and say hi!"

### Job News to Know



**Weekly WorkBC Virtual Job Club:** WorkBC Vernon has launched a weekly Virtual Job Club! If you're a WorkBC Client, there's no need to register, just pop in to our Virtual Resource Room any Tuesday at 10am, click on "Virtual Room", and staff will be there there to share job leads, news on who's hiring and what's in demand locally, plus other job seekers can share and support in the work search journey together. If you don't know how to log on to our Virtual Resource Centre, call us at 250-545-2215 x 230 and we'll help you figure it out.

**Monthly WorkBC Virtual Job Fair:** Every month, WorkBC Vernon hosts a Virtual Job Fair, giving local job seekers the chance to meet and connect with local employers who are hiring. The next one runs August 19 at 9am, and will feature BC Infrastructure Benefits Inc, which is hiring multiple positions in the trades. Recruitment Coordinator Erin Slipetz shares: "Are you looking to grow a fulfilling and well-paid career in the trades? Look up [www.bcib.ca/job-application](http://www.bcib.ca/job-application) today." Then, come to the Virtual Job Fair August 19 at 9am and meet Erin in person!



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# Next Stop: WorkBC YRC

Where do you go if you're 30 or under and looking for work? The Youth Resource Centre. Meet the YRC team here, in pics and quotes, then pop in and do it again in real-life. They can help you look for work, make a resume, apply for work, upskill, further your education, get a job, keep a job, build a career, and so very much more.

The first person you'll meet when you walk through the YRC front doors is Kari. A musician for 12 years, Kari makes sure the space always has great tunes and really good vibe.



"A lot of people are nervous when they walk in. But we're here to help, whatever that looks like. There's no discrimination, it's the thing I love most about the team. We don't care what you've done, we just care what you're here to do."

Christine's up next. She's the art lover of the space. "Two years ago I didn't even know I could draw. Now there's always paint on me somewhere," she laughs.



*Christine*

"I want people coming in here to know that they have a place where there are others who feel the same way. I love giving them hope that they're going to find a job and succeed. And then I love working with them to help make that happen."



Then there's Josh. He'll pull a surprising kick-flip on his skateboard, then walk in and help you find work.

"We see a lot of people relax once they get to know us. Or once they come in a few times they say hey, this guy who keeps bugging me, I think he actually cares."

Next, there's Margo. "I'm here to support you with whatever your goals are, whatever that may look like to you, or to help you figure it out if you don't know."

"It can feel scary when you don't know what you want to do. My hope is you always feel comfortable and encouraged in the process."



Finally, meet Angie. "I'm so proud that everyone on the youth team is so welcoming, friendly and knowledgeable," she says.

"I want people coming through the door to know that everybody is welcome. I want them all to know that they can do it, and we will be beside them along the way, whatever that means for them, whether it's finding employment, going through skills training, whatever it is. It may feel like you can't do it, but you can."

