

Business

BREAKING GROUND



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Manlio Marescotti (from left), Marriott International's vice-president of lodging development, Wade Steele of Interior Savings Credit Union, Vernon mayor Wayne Lippert and architect Garry Tomporowski break ground at the \$10 million Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott. Located on the Anderson Way retail district just north of the new Lake City Casino, the four-storey, 98-room hotel will be Marriott's second Fairfield Inn & Suites in the Okanagan, joining the existing property in Kelowna.

Poppy's Closet proves popular

Morning Star Staff

Poppy's Closet Canada is bringing the best of British High Street children's fashion to the Okanagan.

Debra Large, the founder of the company, moved to Vernon from Britain two years ago with her husband and two small children. After spending two years as a stay at home mom, she put her dreams into action and set about forming her own company.

Poppy's Closet is a baby and children's online clothing and accessory store. In addition to the customer shopping online, Large also offers a unique personal service known as Poppy's Parties, where she will bring the store right to your house.

With host incentives, Large said these parties are proving a great success. Poppy's Closet caters for children from newborn to 11-year-olds.

Large imports unique and fashionable brands, mainly from the UK market, and she is also the distributor for stroller accessories to come out of the Blue Mountains in Australia.

Chamber seeks new leaders

The Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce is getting ready for the fall season with our upcoming AGM, Harvest Pumpkin Festival, Business After Business events and new this year, the Small Business Christmas Party.

Networking and community events like these don't happen due to the efforts of just one person; it takes a team to plan and implement activities. It is great to share the work, as well as the success, with a committed team and I am thankful for the commitment shown by our chamber executive and board of directors on a daily basis.

Several directors are finishing their terms – Donna Steeves (Valley First Insurance), Sharon Dahl (Century 21 Executives North) and Jayme McKillop (Rancho Vignola) – and that means we are looking for new team members.

We often hear "I am involved with the chamber. I pay my membership." While we do need membership revenue to help with administrative costs, what we really need is you. Getting involved is key to getting the most out of your chamber membership.

One way to take full advantage of your



membership is to get involved in committees that help promote business, economic growth and a positive lifestyle in our area. Here are a few of the opportunities and how you can get involved to improve your business, and ultimately our community.

Board of directors – The role of a board member includes providing board visibility in the community and at events; acting as a

conduit of information and business concerns to staff; and chairing various committees. The board meets at 6 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at the chamber office.

Would you like to get involved but aren't ready for the board level? There are opportunities available on committees such as advocacy, which develops positions we adopt on behalf of business at a local, provincial and federal level. It currently includes issues regarding transportation such as the Highway 97 corridor task force.

The membership committee establishes programs relating to membership development and retention;

Business After Business; Business-4-Breakfast, website and social networking.

The events committee sees to things like the Harvest Pumpkin Festival, Downtown Light Up, Countdown to Canada Day, Armstrong Fantastic, Music in the Park, as well as other major community events.

Committees consist of two or more members and a committee chair, who must also

be a board member. Committees change annually in November, and each committee determines when they meet and when the committee is active.

The chamber also forms task forces and work groups as the need arises. These can evolve around an area such as transportation, or be task specific to something like a marketing work group to assist in the redesign of marketing materials.

These groups vary in size and duration, and may require members with a specific skill set to participate.

How to get involved? If you would like to learn more about the board of directors or any of the committees, contact the Armstrong chamber at 250-546-8155, or e-mail manager@aschamber.com.

Patti Noonan is the executive director of the Armstrong Spallumcheen Chamber of Commerce.

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CORRECTION

On the September 7 coupon for Vernon Vintners, it should have read as follows:

OFFER VALID FROM SEPTEMBER 7, 2011.	\$10 OFF	ANY ONE BATCH OF WINE MADE ON PREMISE	VALID UNTIL THE END OF SEPTEMBER 2011.
	\$25 OFF	ANY TWO BATCHES OF WINE MADE ON PREMISE	

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Reconnaissance, restitution et réconciliation

Lors des premières activités nationales d'internement au Canada en 1914-1920, des milliers d'hommes, de femmes et d'enfants ont été stigmatisés comme étant des « ennemis étrangers ». Plusieurs furent emprisonnés. Dépourvus de peu de richesses qu'ils possédaient, forcés d'effectuer des travaux difficiles dans l'arrière-pays du Canada, ils ont également été privés de leurs droits et soumis à d'autres censures sanctionnées par l'état – non pas à cause de quelque chose qu'ils avaient fait, mais uniquement à cause de l'endroit d'où ils venaient et de qui ils étaient.

En mai 2008, des représentants de la communauté ukrainienne du Canada ont conclu un accord avec le gouvernement du Canada qui a mené à la création d'un fonds de dotation pour financer des projets commémoratifs, éducatifs, académiques et culturels ayant pour but de rappeler à tous les Canadiens cet épisode dans l'histoire de notre pays.

Recognition, Restitution & Reconciliation

During Canada's first national internment operations of 1914-1920 thousands of men, women and children were branded as "enemy aliens." Many were imprisoned. Stripped of what little wealth they had, forced to do heavy labour in Canada's hinterlands, they were also disenfranchised and subjected to other state sanctioned censures – not because of anything they had done but only because of where they had come from, who they were.

In May 2008 representatives of the Ukrainian Canadian community reached an agreement with the Government of Canada providing for the creation of an endowment fund to support commemorative, educational, scholarly and cultural projects intended to remind all Canadians of this episode in our nation's history.

Qu'est dans votre coffre?

Fonds canadien de reconnaissance de l'internement durant la Première Guerre mondiale
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