

## Protocol

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Some of the goals identified in the protocol include developing clearly defined actions and responsibilities to respond to and prevent future sexual violence, ensuring an immediate and supportive response to disclosures of sexual violence and facilitating collaboration between agencies to support those affected by sexual violence.

"We believe that all community members of the Central Okanagan have a shared responsibility to dispel harmful attitudes, beliefs and behaviours regarding gendered roles and sexual violence," the protocol states. "We are committed to building a safe environment that promotes equality, consent and respect."

The role of the school district is identified as providing safety for the survivor in the school setting, providing internal support and counselling to the survivor and the accused youth, protecting the survivor and the accused from any bullying related to the sexual assault, and providing referrals to appropriate community services providers.

"It's about us knowing that with young people in our community, these things can happen and do happen, and working with our expert partners in the community to provide all the supports we can," said Kaardal. "These aren't just one-moment events... they impact people's lives for many years to come."

The role of the Elizabeth Fry Society is identified as believing, supporting and empowering sexual assault survivors and non-offending family and peers, providing safety planning for at-risk survivors, providing emotional support, counselling, resources and information for survivors, and providing referrals to community service providers.

The role of the RCMP is identified as treating both the survivor and the accused youth with compassion, dignity and respect, assessing risk and providing protection to the survivor as needed, conducting a thorough investigation of sexual violence to recommend charges to Crown counsel, and providing referrals to appropriate community service providers.

The role of Interior Health is identified as providing mental health services to the survivor and the accused youth, and providing referrals to appropriate community service providers.

The protocol will be subject to periodic review every three years or earlier if necessary.

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## EDUCATION

# New private school recruiting overseas

**Unisus International School aims to 'bring the world to our Canadian students in Summerland'**

Special to The Okanagan Weekly

**SUMMERLAND** — A new dormitory and recruitment of overseas students promises to make Summerland's new private school truly international.

Unisus International School opened its doors last month with classes for local Junior kindergarten to Grade 6 students. A goal of the world-class education offered at Unisus is to create a global community of young leaders from both Canada and other countries to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

"We will bring the world to our Canadian students in Summerland by welcoming international students," said Unisus founder and director Cindy Leung. Construction is now underway

on a 100-bed dormitory to house students from around the world and across Canada.

"Completion of this first phase, Tower 1, is anticipated for May 2019 in time for the 2019-2020 academic year. As the school grows, Tower 2 will be constructed," said Unisus director of student life Rich McLeod.

McLeod's responsibilities include the school's facilities and athletic and experiential learning programs.

The new facility will have three storeys and a dining hall where students can socialize and enjoy meals. There will also be accommodation for adult house parents. The dormitory is designed to meet the needs of the modern student, with spacious rooms and fibre-optic Wi-Fi, relaxation lounge equipped with visual and audio equipment, and a state-of-the-art security system.

Upon completion of the dormitory, Unisus will be the only international school in Western Canada offering Junior kindergarten to Grade 12 programs and weekly full-time boarding. Recently, Leung and Unisus re-

crutment manager Anke Jenkins met with representatives of schools in Brazil before Jenkin's continued on to Vietnam and China. Unisus also has staff in Africa recruiting outstanding students from Kenya.

"We are excited about the connections we made with the Brazilian schools," Leung said upon returning to Canada.

These connections include bringing students from Grade 8 through Grade 10 to Summerland beginning in September 2019 from becoming partner schools.

The partnerships will involve the exchange of teachers and class projects on which students work together.

An example is the project on Indigenous languages — the 2019 theme of the UNESCO Associated Schools Project Network — in which students will learn about the Indigenous languages in their own country and other countries. "The innovative technology at Unisus makes this project possible and brings the world a lot closer to our students. The classroom becomes so much more than four walls," Leung said.

## WATER CONSERVATION

# Board announces contest winners

By Okanagan Weekly Staff

The Okanagan Basin Water Board's annual water conservation campaign was rewarding three Okanagan residents.

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dents to pledge to conserve water. Powell won \$500 in WaterWise irrigation material from ProSource Irrigation Supply.

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# UBCO set to welcome alumni, staff back home

**Homecoming celebrations next weekend will include street festival, food, soccer game**

By Okanagan Weekend Staff

UBC Okanagan is hosting a homecoming event for alumni, students, faculty, staff and the community next weekend.

The weekend will include a street festival, food, a soccer game between the UBC Thunderbirds and UBC Okanagan Heat, a scavenger hunt and more.

On Friday, Oct. 19, there will be a kickoff breakfast from 8:30 to 11 a.m. The breakfast is free for students, alumni and faculty members.

The earth, environmental and geographic sciences department is hosting a free barbecue from 4 to 6 p.m. Friday.

At 6 p.m. Friday, there will be a street festival with music by local country star Ben Klick, carnival games, food trucks and a beer garden.

On Friday, there are also a variety of events for alumni of visual arts, management, nursing and social work.

An engineering extravaganza event will take place Saturday from 8 a.m. to noon, while a chemistry discovery event will take place that day from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The free men's soccer match will be at 1 p.m. Saturday. A scavenger hunt will take place at 3 p.m. afternoon. The cost is \$20 per team of four people.

On Saturday evening, a harvest reception will feature more than 20 tasting stations from Okanagan restaurateurs, winemakers, craft brewers and cider producers.

The event, Nourish, will begin with a talk by Canadian Olympic skeleton champion Jon Montgomery.

Montgomery, who is the host of the Amazing Race Canada, will share the story of his Olympic journey and discuss lessons he learned about teamwork, leadership and dreaming big.

Tickets for Nourish cost \$50. For tickets to the events and more information, go online to [events.ubc.com/UBCOHomecom](http://events.ubc.com/UBCOHomecom) 20182497401.

one of the biggest concerns he has heard is the lack of communication from city hall with regard to building plans.

Rhodes said changes also need to be made to improve safety.

"A lot of people have said there's a lot more break-ins into homes and into homes," he said. "We pay a lot of money in policing costs, and we need to get the value for our dollar."

One solution may be to hire a private security company as West Kelowna has done, he suggests.

"We have such a vast area here... that the police can't be everywhere."

Lake Country elects two council members at large and four in separate wards. Running for council at large are Oscar Barnes, Penny Gambell and Bill Scarow.

Running for the Carrs Landing council seat are Jeanette Lambert and Cara Reed. Running for the Oryana seat are Todd McEwen and Neil Johnson.

Irish Ireland was acclaimed for Okanagan Centre, and Jeremy Kozub was acclaimed for Winfield.

## Mayoral race

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"We've been talking to a local fire engineer who has a lot of experience, and I think we can do a short-term fix that will get done in a fairly quick time at fairly little cost to us."

Costs will be shared by the province, the District of Lake Country, the City of Kelowna and the Okanagan Indian Band. Work would involve creating an extra lane on Glenmore Road at the Highway 97 intersection with two left-turn arrows instead of just one, said Baker.

"If we can eliminate the blockage at Highway 97, it would improve access to our streets away from the highway."

Another key issue for Lake Country is affordable housing, Baker said.

"We have a major developer in the works that I'd like to see through." Going up against Baker is political newcomer Barry Rhodes, who has lived in Lake Country for five years.

Rhodes is a former corrections officer at a maximum security prison. He is now retired and has a hobby farm in Lake Country.

"We need a change," said Rhodes. "There are so many people complaining about a lack of infrastructure, emergency services, poor planning and the community not getting involved in any of the stuff that's going on."

Rhodes said he believes his leadership skills developed in his corrections career set him up well for the mayoral position.

"I don't have a lot of experience. I'm not a politician guy. I'm a jeans and T-shirt guy," he said. "When given a task, I don't just try my best. I do my best."

One of the key issues Rhodes said he plans to focus on is attracting more businesses to Lake Country.

"We need to put a business plan together for having business come into Lake Country."

In speaking with residents, Rhodes said

it was originally that made this story and these people so great."

Whyte is a former Daily Courier columnist, whose health problems caused him to stop writing a year ago. "I put everything on hold to try and get my health back, which I did, and God, and now I'm back," he said.

## Whyte

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Dunlop, who lives in an apartment and helps with the gardening there, donated her prize to friend Melissa Johnson, also from Summerland, who has been xeriscaping her yard.

A total of 603 people entered the contest, a 33 per cent increase over last year.

Armstrong won the community award for most pledges per capita.



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