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**Greater Westside Board of Trade**  
**2019 Key Business Awards Recipients**

**Quails' Gate Winery Wins Business of the Year**

**Marjolein Lloyd is Citizen of the Year**

The Greater Westside Board of Trade hosted its Key Business Awards Gala Thursday October 4 at 19 Okanagan Grill + Bar at Two Eagles Golf Course.

“Recognizing business excellence among greater Westside businesses is a key component of the Greater Westside Board of Trade’s mandate. On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to extend a heartfelt thank you to Title Sponsor, Valley First, Event Sponsor 3BP Solutions, our corporate sponsors and judges,” said President Craig Garries.

This year’s recipient of the Geoffrey Paynter Citizen of The Year was West Kelowna resident and long-time community advocate, Marjolein Lloyd. Presenting the award to Ms. Lloyd was Mrs. Marci Paynter. The Greater Westside Board of Trade introduced the “Geoffrey Paynter Citizen of the Year” Award in 2016. It honours a citizen, just like Geoffrey, who has made outstanding contributions to the welfare of the community through involvement and participation including, but not limited to, significant achievements, recognition or honours, community activities, greatest strengths and/or special qualities.

“Marjolein has given, through Rotary and personally, a lot to the Greater Westside community and globally, she has multiplied the charitable effects of volunteering by actively leading, educating and inspiring others to do the same,” says Garries.

Marjolein has been heavily involved with Rotary for almost twenty years, epitomizing the Rotary slogan, “Service Above Self”. Roles from Club President, Assistant Governor for nine clubs in the Okanagan, facilitating training session and chairing numerous club committees. As President of the Westbank Rotary Club, she lead the club’s drive to help fund and build the West Kelowna’s Children’s Spray Park. For many years, she has volunteered during Westside Daze.

For ten years running, she has been an Ambassador for ShelterBox Canada, an international disaster relief charity that delivers emergency shelter to people all over the world who have been affected by disaster. With the impact of Hurricane Dorian, her Rotary club is sending one Shelterbox to the Bahamas.

The Awards Finalist Luncheon, sponsored by Coast Capital Savings, was held in early September, at Courses Restaurant at Shannon Lake Golf Course where over 80 Westside businesses were recognized with 26 Award Finalists announced.

***Awards listed below with accompanying sponsor & winner's name***

**COMMUNITY & PUBLIC SERVICE sponsored by WEST KELOWNA CITY:** Prospera Credit Union

**TOURISM & HOSPITALITY sponsored by KELLY O'BRYANS NEIGHBORHOOD RESTAURANT:** Westside Celebration Society

**SMALL BUSINESS sponsored by PUSHOR MITCHELL LLP:** Vertical Edge Window Cleaning

**INDIGENOUS BUSINESS sponsored by WESTBANK FIRST NATION:** Country Pawn

**PERFORMING ARTS sponsored by HERGOTT LAW:** Creative Okanagan

**YOUNG ENTREPRENEUR sponsored by GRM INC.:** Environmental Towing Ltd.

**SUSTAINABLE GREEN BUSINESS sponsored by GORMAN BROS. LUMBER:** Off The Grid Organic Winery

**LARGE BUSINESS sponsored by HERO SECURITY:** Quails' Gate Winery

**NEW BUSINESS sponsored by WK GROUP LLP:** 9 Round Fitness

**PLATINUM SERVICE PROVIDER sponsored by LANDSTAR DEVELOPMENT CORP.:** Snap Commercial Photography

**BUSINESS OF THE YEAR sponsored by KELOWNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT:** Quails' Gate Winery

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L to R: GWBOT President Craig Garries, Marci Paynter & Marjolein Lloyd

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