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New WFN council sworn in

Westbank First Nation's newly elected band council were sworn in Tuesday at its inaugural meeting.

"It was an exciting and significant day for both the new council and the Westbank First Nation community," said Chief Roxanne Lindley who beat out incumbent Robert Louie in the band council election last week.

"I look forward to working together with



the councillors, the community, staff and stakeholders, to continue

The new Westbank First Nation band council (from left) councillors Tom Konek, Brian Eli, Chief Roxanne Lindley, councillors Fernanda Alexander and Chris Derickson.

the good work of the past through ongoing engagement."

Lindley has previously worked in various WFN departments, including education, taxation, intergovernmental affairs, and as the manager of archaeology and culture.

More recently, she founded the John Norman Lindley Foundation (her father and WFN's first elected chief), a non-profit organization geared towards supporting indigenous people.

Returning councillors include Brian Eli, about to mark his 25th year

on WFN council, and Chris Derickson, who has served as a WFN councillor since 2012 and was recently elected as vice-chair of the Okanagan College board of governors.

New to the council are Tom Konek, who served as a computer technician in the United States Air Force from 2001 to 2005, awarded the Joint Service Achievement Medal for his service; and Fernanda Alexander, who worked as WFN's membership services clerk for the past three years and has been a WFN reserve resident since 2003.

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