

# **City Centre Auto Service**

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## **Local entrepreneurial couple now fixed in their own location**

Kamloops, B.C. – Local automotive business team are also a team outside the shop – in marriage. Kevin and Teresa Wallace have made their names as the honest, family-operated automotive business run out of Westbrook Chevron on 8<sup>th</sup> Street – Kevin as head mechanic, Teresa as manager and bookkeeper.

With a young family, the couple of 24 years managed Chevron on Battle Street in 1990 and relocated to Westbrook Chevron in 1993. As their family grew, so did their shop and their reputation for good quality, honest service.

“We are thankful to our staff, clients and suppliers who helped make our dream come true,” Kevin said.

Though Chevron gave them the start they needed, they always dreamt of owning their own shop. Twenty-one years passed, and their hard work paid off.

The Wallace’s moved into their new shop, City Centre Auto Service, in late December.

“It was so nice to spend Christmas with our family,” Teresa said, as Kevin and Teresa usually worked Christmas Day to alleviate gas attendants from working the entire day.

After renovating the building from inside out, the shop is custom to how they always dreamt.

The new shop has four lifts – one for heavy duty vehicles, five bays, 18-foot doors allowing service of motor homes, an alignment rack, updated computer diagnostic equipment, and a clean burning used oil fuel furnace that recycles their used oil and heats the building. There is also a client-friendly sitting area with couches, newspapers, a TV, coffee and free Wi-fi.

“We are excited to be in the downtown core. We believe in Kamloops and its business opportunities. Kamloops is growing and changing, and we are proud to be part of that,” Teresa said.

Teresa, was born and raised in Kamloops, and Kevin’s father transferred constantly with work growing up, so he is happy to finally settle down in Kamloops – where they both call home. For them, Kamloops has it all.

They contribute to the city they love. It’s why they are donating proceeds from their grand opening’s car wash to the Boys and Girls Club.

“With two parents working these days, parents can’t always be home. The Boys and Girls Club is a great way to make sure kids are keeping active and involved in a safe environment,” Teresa said.

All Kamloopsians are welcome to attend City Centre Auto Service’s grand opening celebration on Saturday, June 16 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The celebration will include:

- Free hotdogs, hamburgers and beverages
- Hourly door prizes
- Car wash by donation for the Boys and Girls Club
- Tours of the shop
- Meet and greet with the mechanics
- Free personal powder puff courses on basic car care and maintenance
- CIFM DJ on remote location
- Grand Prize draw to clients who entered for Bryan Adams tickets

Teresa even tried to book Bryan Adams for the event.

“I offered him our rooftop. I said we could close down the east end of Victoria Street, donate proceeds to a local charity and get pumped for his concert at the ISC,” she said.

“His agent must have just laughed when he read it.”

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