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Akbal moved to Vernon in 1993, buying shares in Wendy's Restaurants in his pursuit of the Okanagan lifestyle. Akbal and his partners grew the business from four stores to nine, and gave back to their respective communities through Wendy's Dreamlift Day, a charity event which raised money to send kids from the ages of 4-18 who had life threatening illnesses and severe disabilities to Disneyland. They also sponsored youth soccer, ages 5-18, from Penticton to Kamloops spending in excess of one million dollars in local sports sponsorships. As Akbal became more involved in the community, he took on various leadership roles, President of the North Okanagan Soccer Association, President of the 2012 BC Winter Games, President of Funtastic Sports Society, Vice Chair of VantageOne Credit Union, Vice President 2017 Special Olympics Games, Honorary Chair 2022 BC Winter Games, Director Kindale Board, President of The North Okanagan Sports Society, was named JCI Citizen of the Year for Vernon in 2012, Community Sports Hero Award in 2012, Director 2014 RBC Cup, Director 2024 Esso Cup, became the Mayor of Vernon in 2014, and now sits as a two term Councillor in Vernon. One very proud endeavour taken on by Akbal's baseball team was the Extreme Makeover of Easter Seals Camp in Winfield in 2014, where they rebuilt the entire camp with 300 of their friend, by collecting 1.5 million dollars of free donations.

Akbal's passion to be involved and his desire to make this Greater Vernon community the best place to live has continued for over 30 years. He now sits on the Regional Hospital Board, The Regional Airport Board, RDNO, as a Director of Funtastic and VantageOne Credit Union, and two years ago joined ARC as a Director and is the Chair of the MRC Committee. Akbal runs a restaurant and carwash in Vernon, and would like the memberships support to continue to add his value to the Armstrong Regional Co-Op Brand. With his connections in the community and abroad, he brings the ability to help better serve the membership going into the future through forward thinking and strategic decision making.

Thank you for your consideration

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