

GROUSE BARNES

Wilfred "Grouse" Barnes Elder and Knowledge Keeper from Westbank First Nation. Okanagan College Honorary Fellow for 2020.

Grouse is a fluent Nsyilxcən speaker and has been associated with the Okanagan College for over ten years as a cultural and language educator.

Grouse also is part of the Okanagan Nation Response Team (ONRT). According to Grouse, they help to respond to critical incidents throughout the Indigenous communities in the Okanagan, assisting youth or families in trauma.