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|  | <p style="text-align: center;">stqa?kʷnínw` t WESTBANK FIRST NATION 515 Highway 97 South Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 3J2 Phone: (250) 769-4999 Fax: (250) 769-4377 www.wfn.ca <i>Community. Leadership. Pride.</i></p> | <p style="text-align: center;">MINUTES ADVISORY COUNCIL spáqtan (January) 15, 2019 Approved sknir'mn (February) 14, 2019</p> |
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Meeting took place in the Third Floor Council Chamber Boardroom of the Westbank First Nation Government Building.

ADVISORY COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Terry Turcan - Chair | Gord Couch – Vice-Chair |
| Rick Ould | John Cole |

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

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| Pat Leitch | Director of Finance |
| Jonathan Ford | Civil Engineering Technologist |
| Adam Nerger | səxʷkʷəʔqʷəqʷəym / Recording Clerk |

REGRETS:

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| Ludwig Teichgraber | |
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| CALL TO ORDER | Agenda is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A." |
| <i>T. Turcan</i> | Called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m. with P. Leitch present. |
| | <u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda of spáqtan (January) 15, 2019</u> |
| MOTION | <p>MOVED BY R. OULD Seconded by G. Couch THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda of spáqtan (January) 15, 2019 with the following amendments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Addition of a Review of the Completed Property Tax Roll; and • Removal of the Review of the Preliminary Budget and Quarterly Financial Update. <p>CARRIED</p> |
| | <u>Absences of a Member</u> |
| | The Advisory Council determined to excuse L. Teichgraber from this meeting due to personal travel as identified by L. Teichgraber during the previous meeting. |
| | <u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes of smíkʷtən (December) 11, 2018</u> |
| MOTION | <p>MOVED BY J. COLE Seconded by G. Couch</p> |



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| | <p>THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of smíkʷtən (December) 11, 2018. CARRIED</p> |
| NEW BUSINESS | |
| | <p><u>Review of Donation Opportunities</u></p> |
| | <p>The Advisory Council reviewed opportunities for donation to support homelessness.</p> |
| MOTION | <p>MOVED BY J. COLE Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council support a donation in the sum of \$1,000.00 to the United Church to support homelessness on the Westside. CARRIED</p> |
| | <p>The Advisory Council further supported T. Turcan and R. Ould attending the United Church to present the donation in person with support to be received from WFN's Communications Department in documenting the donation.</p> |
| <i>P. Leitch</i> | <p>In response to the Advisory Council, clarified that the budget maintained by the WFN Advisory Council for the purposes of advertising and promotion.</p> |
| | <p><u>Review of the WFN Completed Tax Roll: 2019 Presentation is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "B."</u></p> |
| <i>P. Leitch</i> | <p>Overviewed the presentation with the Advisory Council. Highlights from the presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment notices have been mailed out to property holders with a deadline for appeals of January 31, 2019; <p>In response to Advisory Council concerns regarding BC Assessment identified to date, noted that staff have experienced delays in responses from BC Assessment but will continue to follow up on these concerns.</p> |
| | <p>The Advisory Council expressed appreciation for the continued efforts of the WFN Surveyor of Taxes in raising these concerns with BC Assessment.</p> |
| <i>P. Leitch</i> | <p>Staff will follow up with BC Assessment and look to establish a meeting for further discussion. A review of the existing agreement between WFN and BC Assessment will also be conducted. The key factor of note is that the land assessment needs to be identified as leased land.</p> |



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| | <p>Continuing the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Residents are encouraged to review their property assessments and if there are concerns then they should be raised with BC Assessment; A greater level of awareness for residents of Westbank lands would be beneficial when looking at property taxation and assessments; and Residential assessments have increased by 2% from the previous year to represent 80% of assessments while business represents 20% of assessments which allows for a stable tax assessment from an overview. <p>In response to the Advisory Council clarified that there have been increased efforts to fill vacancies in shopping centres on WFN lands such as the Lake Okanagan Shopping Centre.</p> <p>Continuing the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> On average residential assessments experienced an 8.65% increase from the previous year. |
| <i>R. Ould</i> | <p>Recommended that information regarding property assessments be made available to residents as well as information on action that will be taken by the Advisory Council in regards to BC Assessment at the upcoming Resident's Annual General Meeting ("AGM").</p> |
| <i>P. Leitch</i> | <p>It will be important to remind residents to contact BC Assessment and seek clarification on whether their assessment was conducted as leased land.</p> <p>In response to J. Cole identified that staff will review communications that can be shared with residents concerning property assessments. This information can be made available for residents at the upcoming AGM as well.</p> <p>Continuing the report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are concerns identified with the information provided by BC Assessment to WFN concerning business assessment values which are currently being reviewed by the WFN Surveyor of Taxes; and There were additional concerns with information provided by BC Assessment regarding non-market change. |
| <i>T. Turcan</i> | <p>Recommended that consideration be given to releasing a</p> |



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| | communication statement with the proposed tax rate to increase resident engagement and attendance to future meetings. |
| <i>P. Leitch</i> | <p>This has been discussed internally with staff, however this is not something that is supported at this time as this is a change in policy and processes that have been followed to date by WFN administration. Further discussion can occur regarding this possibility going forward. Due to noted concerns with the information received from BC Assessment, staff are also not comfortable working with the provided financial numbers until they have been reviewed and addressed appropriately and this information will directly affected the final tax rate.</p> <p>Continuing the presentation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overall, there is an approximate increase of 10% in assessment value; • An updated report will be brought forward to the next Advisory Council meeting for greater review; and • A comparison for proposed tax rates will likely be available at the next Advisory Council meeting. <p>Following further review of the received information, an update will be provided to the Advisory Council to overview the findings of a more complete review of the information received from BC Assessment.</p> |
| <i>G. Couch</i> | Expressed appreciation for the efforts of Financial Services staff concerning ongoing review of BC Assessment provided information. |
| Staff Left: | P. Leitch left the meeting at 10:13 a.m. |
| | <u>Informational Update from WFN Archaeology Office; Review of BC Hydro Initiative</u> |
| <i>A. Nerger</i> | An update is anticipated from the WFN Archaeology Department by the next Advisory Council meeting and will be provided by J. Bellingham at that time to the Advisory Council. |
| Staff Entered: | J. Ford entered the meeting at 10:16 a.m. |
| | <u>Development Services Update</u> Staff Report from J. Ford is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "C." |
| <i>J. Ford</i> | Staff will be meeting with the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure ("MOTI") regarding the Carrington and |



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| | <p>Butt Road intersection. Staff did speak with the Minister of MOTI and there has subsequently been an increase in efforts from the Ministry to review WFN’s concerns. MOTI is currently reviewing the previously provided plans for this intersection. The intention remains to move forward with a roundabout as previously discussed, however this is subject to future development as well.</p> <p>In response to G. Couch clarified that paint markings are present for the intersection per the initial design plan however medians have been removed by MOTI.</p> <p>In response to R. Ould noted that the existing rumble strips will likely not be removed for the foreseeable future, however staff will discuss the potential of milling down the existing strips to reduce the impact to drivers.</p> <p>Staff are continuing to review capital project plans as the budget development process continues. There are three upcoming sidewalk projects that are identified currently as upcoming works as noted in the provided report. The Louie Drive sidewalk project will look to connect sidewalk within the Copper Sky development area to support safe pedestrian travel. Staff maintain open communication with external bodies such as ICBC to review traffic and pedestrian concerns in this area for future development considerations.</p> <p>The Tomat Avenue speed reader sign has been present for approximately 2-3 years and will be removed for maintenance shortly as there have been identified concerns in receiving data from this device. It is likely that this sign will be moved to an alternative location following a review of traffic concerns. Collected information from the device will be downloaded by staff. Staff are currently reviewing the possibility of obtaining additional signs for placement on WFN lands.</p> <p>In response to T. Turcan clarified that staff are continuing to review the development of a dog park in the Shannon Lake area. There has been a noted desire for dog parks in the community, however there are a few considerations to be reviewed prior to identification of an appropriate space for this purpose. Staff are also reviewing the possibility of creating a dog park near beachfront area.</p> |
| Staff Left: | J. Ford left the meeting at 10:49 a.m. |
| RECESS | The Advisory Council recessed for a short break at 10:49 |



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| | a.m. |
| RECONVENE | The Advisory Council reconvened the meeting at 10:54 a.m. |
| | <u>Review of the 2019 Advisory Council Annual General Meeting</u> |
| <i>A. Nerger</i> | At this time the preferred dates for this event are proposed to be April 17, 2019, April 24, 2019, and May 1, 2019. |
| | The Advisory Council determined to support a date of May 1, 2019 for the purposes of hosting the Resident's AGM with an alternative preference for April 24, 2019 if members of Council are unable to attend at that time. The Advisory Council further determined to support a similar approach to the 2018 AGM meal plan and floor setup. |
| <i>R. Ould</i> | Recommended that a pamphlet be prepared that showcases the Advisory Council members that can be distributed to residents at the AGM. Maps for each district and other information similar to this could be made present at the Advisory Council booth at the AGM for greater awareness. |
| <i>T. Turcan</i> | During the AGM discussion I will look to speak to the recent Regional District of Central Okanagan election and low turnout of residents on Westbank lands in the vote. This will be an opportunity to remind residents of their ability to vote in these elections. Discussion on the school board election can also be included to continue to raise awareness of resident's rights to vote. |
| | The Advisory Council noted support for the creation of an informational pamphlet and increased informational displays at the Advisory Council booth inclusive of photos of each member and information on their respective districts. |
| | <u>Homelessness Committee Report</u> |
| <i>R. Ould</i> | I was unable to attend the previous meeting prior to the holidays. A Christmas dinner was hosted by the Committee at the United Church, however no further information is available at this time. |
| | <u>District Reports</u> |
| | <u>Lakeridge</u> |
| | L. Teichgraber was not present and unable to provide an |



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| | update to the Advisory Council. |
| | <u>Prairie</u> |
| <i>G. Couch</i> | There is nothing to report at this time. There is a feeling that some communities prefer to speak with WFN administration rather than with their Advisory Council representative. This has proven to be a challenge in connecting with residents that I am aware is present for other Advisory Council representatives. |
| <i>J. Cole</i> | I acknowledge G. Couch's comments and have experienced a similar response from residents in this role. |
| <i>T. Turcan</i> | The key takeaway is that residents are getting the answers they are seeking, whether that is through their representative or staff. |
| | <u>Lakeshore</u> |
| <i>R. Ould</i> | There is nothing to report at this time. |
| | <u>East Boundary</u> |
| <i>J. Cole</i> | A resident contacted me regarding the carbon tax matter and I reviewed the history of the Advisory Council's action on this matter to date as well as the current position of the Advisory Council. The resident noted their frustration and identified that they will be writing a letter to the editor. |
| <i>T. Turcan</i> | The Advisory Council has spent substantial time on this matter to date. There has been a substantial cost to this pursuing this initiative as well, and following a recent review of these efforts the Advisory Council determined to not continue to pursue this initiative as despite previous efforts the Provincial Government has not changed their position. |
| | <u>Old Okanagan</u> |
| <i>T. Turcan</i> | There is nothing to report at this time. |
| | <u>Next Meeting</u> |
| | The next meeting will take place on sknír'mn (February) 12, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. |
| ADJOURNMENT MOTION | MOVED BY G. COUCH Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 11:58 a.m. |



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ADVISORY COUNCIL
spáqtan (January) 15, 2019**

These minutes are certified correct:

Terry Turcan

Gord Couch

Ludwig Teichgraber

Rick Ould

John Cole