

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **October 4, 2011**

**The Advisory Council is continuing to lobby for the granting of the carbon tax rebate / homeowner grant to residents on WFN lands.** Currently, this rebate is provided to residents not residing on reserve lands but not to those who are. A meeting was held with the Assistant Deputy of Finance on August 12<sup>th</sup> but so far, no action has been taken on the part of the provincial government with regards to this issue. The Advisory Council, in conjunction with the Director of Operations, will continue to pursue this issue. For more information on this issue, please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or [tturcan@telus.net](mailto:tturcan@telus.net).

**The Advisory Council reviewed the following Capital Expenditure Bylaws:**

- **Bylaw No. 11-TX-07** for the expenditure of up to \$670,000 from Local Governments Services funds in order to fund the installation of sidewalk on the west side of East Boundary Road from Grouse Road to Wolfe Road on IR #9.
- **Bylaw 11-TX-08** for the expenditure of up to \$1,100,000 from Local Governments Services funds in order to fund a renovation of the first floor of the WFN Government Building once Peace Hills Trust has vacated the premises. As a part of reviewing this bylaw, the Advisory Council was given a 3D presentation by architects from Meiklejohn, the architectural firm that has been contracted to develop the plans for the renovation.

For more information on the bylaws, please contact Ernest Jack, Surveyor of Taxes, at 250-769-2400 or [ejack@wfn.ca](mailto:ejack@wfn.ca). For more information on the actual work to be done, please contact Keith Bepple, Manager of Engineering, Utilities and Public Works, at 250-769-2449 or [kbepple@wfn.ca](mailto:kbepple@wfn.ca) for LRL 11-TX-07 and Lori Ann Swite, Property Supervisor, at 250-769-2449 or [laswite@wfn.ca](mailto:laswite@wfn.ca) for LRL 11-TX-08.

**The Advisory Council was provided with an update on water meter billing.** It is anticipated that in the new year, the process of educating residents on what water meter billing will mean, such as helping them to understand how billing relates to consumption, will begin. Bills will go out, initially, that have no dollar value attached to them but that show what the consumption has been. A whole communications strategy will be developed for the rollout of water meter billing. Water meters will begin to give WFN an understanding of not only what is being consumed but also what is being discharged in the form of sewage for the benefit of future planning. For more information on water meters, please contact Hilary Hettinga, Manager of Development Services, at (250) 769-2447 or [hhettinga@wfn.ca](mailto:hhettinga@wfn.ca).

**The judging for the Communities in Bloom ("CIB") competition will take place at the end of October** in Quebec City. The Economic Development Officer will attend this conference on behalf of WFN. For more information on Communities in Bloom, please contact please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or [tturcan@telus.net](mailto:tturcan@telus.net) or Jayne Fosbery, Economic Development Officer, at (250) 769-2402 or [jfosbery@wfn.ca](mailto:jfosbery@wfn.ca).

**The new WFN website is now up and running.** Residents are encouraged to visit the site and familiarize themselves with the new format and information available to them on that site. Included on the site are the agendas for, and highlights from, each Advisory Council meeting. The website may be found at [www.wfn.ca](http://www.wfn.ca).

**Advisory Council meetings will take place on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month,** with the proviso that there may be months when this day may be adjusted due to scheduling conflicts that arise.