

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **November 8, 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> and correspondence between the Ministry of Finance and Chief and Council has taken place 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 Chief and Council, 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 results of the national Communities in Bloom ("CIB") competition were announced at the end of October** in Quebec City. WFN/District of West Kelowna placed second behind Campbell River in the 20,001 and 50,000 population category. Other communities competing in this category were Essex, Ontario and Conception Bay South, Newfoundland. 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 Advisory Council received an overview of the 2010/2011 financial audit report from the auditor** as well as an overview of the financial report as of September 30, 2011 from representatives of the WFN Finance Department. The Advisory Council was pleased with both reports. A draft provisional budget for 2012/2013 will be presented to the Advisory Council in the new year. For more information on the financial reports, please contact Brian Conner, Director of Finance, at 250-769-2400 or [bconner@wfn.ca](mailto:bconner@wfn.ca).

**Residents on WFN lands are eligible to vote in the Regional District election** taking place on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Information on the election may be obtained from <http://www.regionaldistrict.com/departments/admin/election2005/election2005.aspx> or by calling the Regional District at 250-763-4918.

**For those who may be interested in attending, the Grand Opening of the Snyatan Shopping Centre and the unveiling of the horse and rider statue** will take place on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. For more information on this event, please contact Virginia Leach, Executive Corporate Assistant, at 250-769-4999 or [vleach@wfn.ca](mailto:vleach@wfn.ca).

**The next regular meeting of the Advisory Council will take place on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>** at 9:00 a.m. in the Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom of the WFN Government Building.