

	<p style="text-align: center;">stqaʔkʷłnıw`t WESTBANK FIRST NATION 515 Highway 97 South Kelowna, BC 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 sʔaslásq'ət , kətc'ac'ałtən (Tuesday, November) 10, 2020 Approved smík'w'tən (December) 8, 2020</p>
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Council Chambers, WFN Government Building
9:15 a.m.

ADVISORY COUNCIL:

John Cole (Chair)	Prairie District
Ludwig Teichgraber (Vice Chair)	East Boundary District
Rick Ould	Old Okanagan District
Steve Gilroy	Lakeridge District
Michael Trenn	Lakeshore District

ȷıłmıxʷm nał səxʷkʷınmaʔməm (CHIEF AND COUNCIL):

ȷıłmıxʷm Christopher Derickson	səxʷkʷınmaʔm Andrea Alexander
səxʷkʷınmaʔm Jordan Coble	səxʷkʷınmaʔm Lorrie Hogaboam

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Raf De Guevara	Director of Intergovernmental Affairs/ Title & Rights Department
Kevin Kingston	<i>Interim</i> səxʷkʷulm kł ȷsȷat (Director of Operations)
Jeniffer Bellingham	Self Government Implementation Coordinator/Researcher
Carla Znak	səxʷk'ətq'ətq'aym (Recording Clerk)
Ashley Mazur	

REGRETS:

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	<u>ȷıłmıxʷm nał səxʷkʷınmaʔməm (Chief and Council) Meet and Greet</u>
	Prior to the meeting being called to order, the Advisory Council informally met with WFN Chief and Council. There was a round table of introductions and an overview of WFN and its connectivity with surrounding municipalities.
CALL TO ORDER	Agenda is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A".
<i>J. Cole</i>	Called the meeting to order at 9:58 a.m.
	<u>Recognition of Any Absences of Advisory Council Members</u>
	There were no absences.



	<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda</u>
MOTION	<p>MOVED BY R. OULD Seconded by L. Teichgraber THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda of sʔaslásq'ət, kətc'ac'aʔtən (Tuesday, November) 10, 2020. CARRIED</p>
OLD BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes of sk'aytan (October) 13, 2020</u>
MOTION	<p>MOVED BY R. OULD Seconded by L. Teichgraber THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of sk'aytan (October) 13, 2020. CARRIED</p>
NEW BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	<u>Swearing in and Oath of Office Execution</u>
<i>K. Kingston</i>	Introduced himself and clarified that in his capacity as the Council Secretariat for Westbank First Nation he would be administering the Advisory Council Oaths. He overviewed the confidentiality component and advised that only details identified in the public minutes can be shared and all other confidential or <i>in camera</i> matters as determined by the Advisory Council cannot be shared.
	Each Member of the Advisory Council executed their Oath of Office with K. Kingston as a witness, in the following order: R. Ould, J. Cole, L. Teichgraber, M. Trenn, and S. Gilroy.
	<u>Opening Words from Kevin Kingston</u>
<i>K. Kingston</i>	<p>Welcomed the new Advisory Council and introduced himself and his role at WFN.</p> <p>Throughout the course of your tenure, you may be in contact with either myself or our other legal counsel, Julia Buck, who will attend your meetings to answer any legal questions. We will administer the Oaths. I will be the witnessing your Oath.</p> <p>The Residential Premises Law governs residential tenancy matters on WFN Land. Disputes would go through the WFN dispute resolution process and not the Province's.</p>
<i>A. Mazur</i>	Introduced herself as the Residential Premises Administrator. I am your point of contact for residential tenancy disputes.



	<u>Appointment of Advisory Council Chair and Co-Chair</u>
	<p>The Advisory Council proceeded with nominations for Advisory Council Chair by way of secret ballot distributed and collected by A. Mazur. In accordance of 7.1 of the <i>WFN Advisory Council Law</i>.</p> <p>The votes were unanimous and J. Cole was appointed as the Advisory Council Chair.</p>
	<p>The Advisory Council proceeded with nominations for Advisory Council Vice Chair by way of secret ballot distributed and collected by A. Mazur.</p> <p>Advisory Council appoints L. Teichgraber as Vice Chair of the Advisory Council.</p>
<i>Staff left</i>	A. Mazur left the meeting at 10:07 a.m.
<i>K. Kingston</i>	<p>Welcome to the newly elected members to the Advisory Council. Expressed his appreciation of the strong relationship that WFN has with the Advisory Council. It's a relationship that is somewhat unique in Canada and in Indigenous government. You are participating in a conceptual plan that was created in the early 2000's that has worked exceptionally well.</p>
<i>Staff left</i>	K. Kingston left the meeting 10:09 a.m.
	<u>Opening Words from Raf De Guevara</u>
<i>R. De Guevara</i>	<p>Welcomed the Advisory Council and thanked them for taking on their roles. I am looking forward to the relationship building. There have been some changes within the organization that includes the change in the CAO and the Director of Finance. Currently K. Kingston is the <i>Interim</i> CAO and Alix Larsen is the <i>Interim</i> Director of Finance. A. Larsen is providing great support and we are looking forward to moving forward through this budget season with her.</p> <p>I would like to take a different approach with BC Assessment moving forward. For the most part bound by <i>BC Assessment Law</i>. Therefore we cannot change it but we want to make sure our concerns are raised.</p> <p>I have been a part of the Advisory Council for many years and have confidently handed it off to J. Bellingham. I am still responsible as a whole for this Board in ensuring things stay within the parameters of the Constitution and our laws.</p>



	<p>It is important to note that when we are involved with different projects we will do our best to inform the Advisory Council of these.</p> <p>Encouraged the new Members to reach out to him for clarification on matters.</p>
<i>J. Cole</i>	<p>It is my hope to spend some time with you in regards to your expectations of the Council and your perspective of the future and insights.</p>
	<p><u>Introductions of Advisory Council Members and the Area They Represent</u></p>
	<p><u>Lakeshore District</u></p>
<i>M. Trenn</i>	<p>I have been involved in a variety of community associations, both sides. I was a life insurance agent and financial planner so I understand regulation. I have spent a number of years working for a fabrication company. I spent over 20 years being self-employed, working with business owners and families regular basis. I have been part of the West Kelowna Residents Association and the local Chamber of Commerce and Sonoma Pines Board. My background is quite broad. A remarkable change is how the governance of WFN has evolved over time.</p> <p>I feel that I can add value based on my experience and background and look forward to working with the Advisory Council and the community.</p>
	<p><u>Lakeridge District</u></p>
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	<p>I have been self-employed for many years and know how to work with memberships and governments. When moving from Manitoba, I was attracted to the unique leases on WFN Land. I found that this lease was very well balanced. I have assisted L. Teichgraber on other occasions as well. I am appreciative that WFN gives us an opportunity to speak and be heard. My understanding of leases, government regulations will hopefully assist me in my term.</p>
	<p><u>East Boundary District</u></p>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	<p>This is my 16th year on the Advisory Council. I am interested in the evolving governance. I am still as interested as I was the first day I started. I enjoy contributing to our community and feel that I maintain a good relationship with First Nations.</p>



	<u>Old Okanagan District</u>
R. Ould	This is my second term. I previously worked for Canada Post in a variety of roles, including as a delivery planner. I helped to implement changes and worked with government officials and the public. I became involved in the Advisory Council and enjoy having input and contributing to a positive change. There is a perception that community Members have an expectation that we cannot always adhere to. This term I represent the area I reside in and look forward to this.
	<u>Prairie District</u>
J. Cole	This is my second term as well. I spent 17 years as a realtor and then worked in government in a variety of roles and locations. My worked involved policy and analysis, and also ran the real estate division. I have an intimate knowledge of First Nations and their challenges from my work experience but also in my research done in university. I am very comfortable with the <i>WFN Constitution</i> . I am now representing my area of residents and look forward to communicating with the residents the purpose and abilities of the Advisory Council. I am looking forward to being more forward-thinking and proactive in our role.
	<u>Overview of WFN Administration Orientation Binder 2020 Advisory Council Orientation Binder is attached to these minutes as Exhibit “@”.</u>
J. Bellingham	<p>This information is provided to help you understand the parameters of WFN. These are listed to better assist you in your role. The key documents are the <i>WFN Constitution</i> and the <i>Comprehensive Community Plan</i>, which are driven by the community. If you look at the organization chart, you will see that the Membership is at the top of organization. The policies in place all support WFN laws.</p> <p>In response to J. Cole, WFN Members can come to Council at any time. The four Food Chiefs have divided the government into different structures: land, governance, economy and community.</p> <p>There are several documents in the binder provided that will give you the core understanding to help you in your role, both from a Member perspective and an employee perspective. Encouraged the Advisory Council to reach out with any question or if they need clarity. We have focused on an on-line format since COVID-19. The website has become valuable and should have any information you need on there.</p>



<i>R. De Guevara</i>	<p>In response to J. Cole, to some degree people are concerned about the distance but it has created many efficiencies. We are getting used to it and there haven't been any issues.</p> <p>Today we have a virtual lobbying meeting and being face to face tends to be more impactful, however, it can go well.</p>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	For our department, it has increased business. It has sped up our ability to connect with people.
<i>R. Ould</i>	It is important that introductions can be made face-to-face still and hopefully we can still do this with the delegations we've had come to meetings in the past.
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	That connectivity won't change. Some things have been delayed but it still will happen but virtually.
<i>R. Ould</i>	I noticed that there is a fear at first of meeting virtually but once people do it once or twice there seems to be great buy-in.
	<u>General Discussion</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	Thanked J. Bellingham for the work she has done with compiling the orientation binder.
<i>R. De Guevara</i>	<p>Encouraged the Advisory Council to reach out to him if they would like a tour of the community core and boundaries of the reserve. This would assist in having a better understanding of the land exchanges that have taken place.</p> <p>We have a number of presentations that can give you another element on the tax component, and how all the governing documents tie together.</p>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	We will overview the list of complexes and the representative for each at the January, 2021 meeting.
FOR YOUR INFORMATION	<u>Next Meeting</u>
	Next Meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	<p>MOVED BY L. TEICHGRABER Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.</p>



Items Requiring Closure

Items that still require closure include the following:

- Referral of Advisory Council's concerns passed on to the appropriate party(ies) regarding gaps in the information provided to them when requesting them to approve WFN Local Revenue Law 20-LRL-01 (J. Bellingham)
- Review of donation considerations (December meeting)

These minutes are certified correct:

John Cole

Ludwig Teichgraber

Rick Ould

Steve Gilroy

Michael Trenn