

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

January 10, 2012

The Advisory Council, in conjunction with WFN Chief and 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 12th and correspondence was sent from the Advisory Council to The Minister of Finance, Honourable Mr. Falcon, in November but they have not yet received a reply. Residents of Sun Village recently had a meeting with Member of Legislative Assembly Mr. Ben Stewart on this matter, as well. The Advisory Council has decided to send correspondence on this issue directly to the Premier of B.C. For more information on this issue, please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or tturcan@telus.net.

The Advisory Council was presented with a report that overviewed the assessed values of the various classes on WFN lands. Now that this information has been received, the Advisory Council will proceed with a thorough review of next year's proposed budget at the next Advisory Council meeting scheduled for February 14th. For more information on the assessed values, please contact Ernest Jack, Surveyor of Taxes, at (250) 769-2400 or ejack@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council recommended approval of the following WFN Capital Expenditure Bylaws:

- **No. 11-TX-09** which allows for the expenditure of up to \$60,000 to produce a message board / sculpture on IR #9. This contract will be funded with \$30,000 from the Property Taxation Capital Reserve and up to \$30,000 from the Winfield Oyama Settlement Reserve Fund.
- **No. 11-TX-10** which provides for the expenditure of up to \$300,000 from taxation revenue to fund the widening of Boucherie Road and the construction of a multi-use pathway along the south side of the road. The only proviso with the Advisory Council's recommendation is that any fencing along the roadway be done at the expense of WFN's own source revenue rather than from taxation monies.

For more information on these projects, please contact Dan Brown, Manager of Planning and Development at 250-769-2449 or dbrown@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council received an overview of the capital projects that will be sourced from taxation monies. Eleven capital projects are planned for 2012 that will be funded either wholly or partially from taxation monies. These projects include the construction of a new youth centre, sidewalk and other roadway improvements, beach improvements, sewer, water and other utility improvements and the message board referenced above. For more information on these projects, please contact Dan Brown, Manager of Planning and Development at 250-769-2449 or dbrown@wfn.ca.

The next meeting of the WFN Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, February 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the WFN Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom.