

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 8, 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. Various meetings have been held with Government representatives with correspondence being sent back and forth, including correspondence from the Premier. To date, however, no headway has been made on this issue and so the Advisory Council, along with Chief and Council, are continuing to explore options for pursuing 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.

Another successful Residents' Annual General Meeting ("AGM") took place on April 19th. This open house style event provided an opportunity for residents of WFN lands to come out and meet the Chief and Council, Advisory Council and staff of WFN who were on hand, with information booths and displays, to answer any questions that residents had. Around 270 residents attended the event.

The Advisory Council has been meeting fairly regularly with WFN's new Communications officer, Mandi Carroll, in order to explore ways of more effectively communicating with residents on WFN lands. A number of new initiatives are underway that will help to assist in this area.

Communities in Bloom will once again take place this year. The Most Beautiful Contest will be held on June 20th and judges will be in town to judge the area on July 25th and 26th. In preparation for this event, a community clean up is being planned for June 19th. In addition to these initiatives, it was recently announced that the Westside has been selected as the location for this year's Toronto Dominion Tree Planting program. Through this program, 30,000 trees will be planted in the areas that were impacted by the recent Westside fires. For more information on Communities or Bloom or to register a group or a project, please contact Jayne Fosbery, Economic Development Manager, at 250-769-2402 or jfosbery@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council held their semi-annual meeting with Council on April 17th where they had the opportunity to discuss a number of issues impacting non-Member residents on WFN lands.

The Advisory Council recommended approval of Local Revenue Law 12-LRL-01 for the Pine Stadium Renovation Project. This law allows for an expenditure of up to \$85,000 for renovations to be made to Pine Stadium. The renovations will include dismantling the existing dugouts and rebuilding them with masonry block and new roofing to match the roofing on the pavilion, restraining the outfield fence, renovating the washrooms and kitchen and installing a light standard with a concrete base. For more information on the Law, please contact Ernest Jack, Surveyor of Taxes, at 250-769-2400 or ejack@wfn.ca. For more information on the actual work to be done, please contact Lori Ann Swite, Property Supervisor, at 250-769-2449 or laswite@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council made a donation of \$1,200 to the Westside Community Food Bank in response to an increase in demand that the Food Bank has faced over

the past few months. The mandate of the food bank is to provide food to persons in need in order to make the community a better place to live.

Council enacted the amendments to the Community Protection Law (“CPL”) at their May 7, 2012 meeting. The amendments will now allow Council to issue Restraining Orders against persons convicted of an offence under the CPL in the United States and other countries as well as in Canada. This was accomplished by redefining some of the terms relating to the offences listed in the CPL. In addition, a new section 6.2.1 was added to require the RCMP to provide information on a Convicted Person and section 6.4 was amended to better align the required information for a Notice of Offence. For more information on the CPL, please contact Marcus Hadley, Legal Counsel, at 250-769-4999 or mhadley@wfn.ca.

The next regular meeting of the WFN Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, June 12th at 9:00 a.m. in the Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom of the WFN Government Building.