

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

July 10, 2012

At the initiative of the Advisory Council, a clean up was done in Westgate Mobile Home Park in cooperation with Planet Earth Recycling. Through the initiative, residents had the opportunity to have recyclable items, whether large or small, picked up at their residence for a nominal fee. Through this pilot initiative, around 1,000 pounds of recycled goods were picked up from the homes of the 5 residents who took advantage of the offer and more recyclables were taken directly to the recycling depot by residents who elected to deliver them themselves. Overall, the initiative proved to be very worthwhile and plans are in place to offer this service to other communities. For more information, or to arrange for a pick-up in your community, please contact Bonnie Semeniuk, Advisory Council Member, at 250-768-3000.

The Advisory Council is continuing to explore how to best lobby for the granting of the carbon tax rebate / homeowner grant to residents on WFN lands as to date, their attempts to influence government officials to this end have been unsuccessful despite various meetings with government representatives and much correspondence being sent back and forth, including correspondence with the Premier. The rebate is provided to residents not residing on reserve lands. For more information on this issue, please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or tturcan@telus.net.

The Communities in Bloom ("CIB") competition will be taking place again this year. Judges will be in town to judge the area from July 23rd to 26th. A wine and cheese event is scheduled for July 25th at Lakeview Heights Community Hall where the winners of The Most Beautiful Contest will be announced. The CIB Committee met with a former CIB judge in order to receive feedback on how this area could improve the chances for winning this year's competition. For more information on Communities or Bloom, please contact Jayne Fosbery, Economic Development Manager, at 250-769-2402 or jfosbery@wfn.ca or Bonnie Semeniuk, Advisory Council representative on the CIB Committee, at 250-768-3000.

The Advisory Council reviewed the Local Government Services audited financial statements for the period ending March 31, 2012 as presented by WFN's auditor from BDO Canada. There were no issues with the audit. For more information on LGS finances, please contact Brian Conner, Director of Finance at 250-769-2400 or bconner@wfn.ca.

With endorsement by the Advisory Council, WFN Council approved Capital Expenditure Bylaw 12-TX-03 and Local Improvement Charge Bylaw 12-TX-04 at their June 18, 2012 Council Meeting. The first bylaw will allow for the installation of the Campbell Road Sanitary Sewer at a cost of \$400,000, due to the failing of currently installed septic systems. The second bylaw will allow for the recouping of the costs associated with this installation. For more information on these bylaws, please contact Ernest Jack, Surveyor of Taxes, at 250-769-2400 or ejack@wfn.ca.

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