

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

September 11, 2012

The Advisory Council continues to explore how to best lobby for the granting of the carbon tax rebate / homeowner grant to residents on WFN lands since their attempts to influence government officials to this end have been unsuccessful so far 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. The provincial government was accepting written submissions on this issue until August 31st and the Advisory Council made a submission by the deadline. The Advisory Council has recommended that they initiate a petition for residents to sign in opposition of not receiving the homeowner grant. 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 received an update from WFN's Law Enforcement Officer ("LEO"). The number of calls being received by WFN's 3 LEOs continues to increase on an annual basis. As such, the Advisory Council voiced their support for an increase in law enforcement resources. LEOs may be contacted as follows:

Dan Heaton – 250-863-8247 or dheaton@wfn.ca.

Richard Johns – 250-717-6147 or rjohns@wfn.ca

Wayne Murdoch – 250-768-0227 or wmurdoch@wfn.ca

The Advisory Council recommended approval of WFN Local Revenue law 12-LRL-02 which allows for additional funds to complete the Bayview Lift Station Decommissioning and Old Okanagan Sidewalk Phase IV projects approved through Local Revenue Laws 11-LRL-04 and 11-TX-06. The additional funds required were due to an unexpected amount of rock needing to be removed and to the extension of the roadway beyond the project limits in order to blend in the super elevation and alignment. This later cost would have been encountered at a future date on the next phase of the sidewalk plan. For more information on the bylaw, please contact Ernest Jack, Surveyor of Taxes, at 250-769-2400 or ejack@wfn.ca. For more information on the actual work done, please contact Derek Corning, Civil Engineering Technician, at 250-769-2449 or dcorning@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council was informed that additional communications personnel will be hired by WFN. One of the first responsibilities of the new communications person will be to improve tactical communications, such as the website, so that more current, useful and relevant information is available to residents on WFN lands. Those who wish to access the WFN website may do so at www.wfn.ca.

The next meeting of the WFN Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, October 16th at 9:00 a.m. in the Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom of the WFN Government Building.