

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

October 16, 2012

At the request of the West Kelowna Residents Association, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Advisory Council will be attending meetings regarding the proposed medical facility for the District of West Kelowna. The purpose of their attendance is solely for acquiring information and will not constitute any endorsement of, or commitment to, the proposed medical facility on the part of WFN. For more information on these meetings, please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or tturcan@telus.net.

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, much correspondence being sent back and forth, including correspondence with the Premier and a written submission on the issue to the provincial government. The rebate is provided to residents not residing on reserve lands but not to those who are. 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 recommended approval of WFN Local Revenue Law 12-LRL-03 which allows for the expenditure of up to \$50,000 out of the IR No. 10 Water Development Cost Charges Reserve Fund for the purchase and installation of a genset which will provide backup power to the IR #10 lift station and pump house in the case of a power outage. 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 project, please contact Dan Brown, Manager of Planning and Development, at 250-769-2449 or dbrown@wfn.ca.

The awards for the national competition of Communities in Bloom were announced recently. Though WFN, in partnership with the District of West Kelowna, once again received 5 blooms, the award went to Fort Erie in Ontario. WFN and the District did, however, receive honorable mention for the six First Nation art projects that WFN has located throughout its lands. For more information on the competition, please contact Bonnie Semeniuk, Advisory Council representative to the Communities in Bloom Committee, at 250-768-3000 or blsemeniuk@gmail.com.

The next meeting of the WFN Advisory Council will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 9:00 a.m. in the Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom of the WFN Government Building.