

## **ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS**

### **January 8, 2013**

**The Advisory Council received a quarterly update on the activities of WFN Law Enforcement.** Along with their normal duties, each Law Enforcement Officer (“LEO”) is also focusing on different initiatives that align with their particular interests and skills. Due to his interest in youth, LEO Wayne Murdock is focusing on developing a relationship with the local Boys and Girls Clubs. LEO Dan Heaton is heading up WFN’s efforts to establish a WFN Emergency Operations Centre as well as emergency procedures for each WFN building. There are only about 13 people in B.C. who have his level of training in this area. LEO Richard Johns is focusing on the offering of various community informational and training workshops. For more information on WFN Law Enforcement, please contact Della Elliott, Legal Services Supervisor, at 250-769-4999 or [delliott@wfn.ca](mailto:delliott@wfn.ca).

**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 residing on WFN lands. The Advisory Council recently sent out an information package on this issue to residents, which includes a petition for residents to receive this rebate, and encourage residents to send back their responses in the stamped envelopes provided. For more information on this issue, please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or [tturcan@telus.net](mailto:tturcan@telus.net).

**The Advisory Council was provided with a report on 2012 to 2013 assessments.** New commercial and residential properties are up approximately \$39 million. The Advisory Council did, however, express concern with the number of empty commercial spaces on WFN lands and the impact that those empty spaces has on taxation revenue. For more information on the assessments, please contact Ernest Jack, Surveyor of Taxes, at 250-769-2400 or [ejack@wfn.ca](mailto:ejack@wfn.ca).

**The Advisory Council has recommended approval of Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 12-TX-08** which allows for the expenditure of \$123,252 for the realignment of Lindley Road. The realignment was necessary in order to meet the legal width and location of the road. For more information on this project, please contact Dan Brown, Manager of Planning and Development, at 250-769-4999 or [dbrown@wfn.ca](mailto:dbrown@wfn.ca).

**The Advisory Council was provided with a preliminary review of the 2013/2014 Local Government Services budget.** They will review it at each upcoming meeting as it continues along the process of finalization. For more information on the preliminary budget, please contact Brian Conner, Director of Finance, at 250-769-2400 or [bconner@wfn.ca](mailto:bconner@wfn.ca).

**The Advisory Council provided recommendations to Council** on dealing with graffiti issues on WFN lands as they feel there needs to be tighter laws governing this issue. They have been informed that, when the laws pertaining to this issue are reviewed during their regular review cycle, their recommendations will be considered. For more information on this issue, please contact Gordon Couch,

Member of the Advisory Council, at 250-707-0689.