

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

March 12, 2013

The Advisory Council had the opportunity to review the 2013/2014 Local Government Services preliminary budget one last time before it proceeds to Council for adoption by March 31st as required by the WFN Constitution. All in all, the Advisory Council was pleased with the budget and provided their approval of it. For more information on the preliminary budget, please contact Brian Conner, Director of Finance, at 250-769-2400 or bconner@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council reviewed the following laws which have been given First Reading by Council:

- **WFN IR No.09 Boucherie Road Sonoma Storm Pond Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 13-TX-03**, in the amount of up to \$300,000 for the construction of a stormwater retention facility to attenuate the peak flow and provide treatment prior to discharge to Okanagan Lake.
- **Sidewalk Capital Project Laws**
 - *WFN Local Revenue Law 13-LRL-01* for Grouse Road, Phase IX in the amount of up to \$650,000.
 - *WFN IR No.09 Old Okanagan Highway Estate Square Daimler Road Phase VII Sidewalk Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 13-TX-04*, in the amount of up to \$750,000.
 - *WFN IR No.09 Elk Road Phase VIII Sidewalk Capital Expenditure Bylaw No. 13-TX-05*, in the amount of up to \$250,000.

The Advisory Council recommended approval of all of the foregoing laws.

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 included a petition for residents to sign and send back. They received an overwhelming response to this initiative which was presented by the Opposition in the B.C. Legislature. A media release was sent out with regards to this presentation and can be viewed on the WFN website at:

http://www.wfn.ca/docs/03.18.13_media_release_-_carbon_tax.pdf?LanguageID=EN-US

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 is preparing for the Residents' Annual General Meeting ("AGM") scheduled for Wednesday, April 17th from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Sensisyusten Community Centre. The purpose of the AGM is to allow residents of WFN lands to

meet Chief and Council, the Advisory Council and the staff of WFN and to have any questions they might have regarding living on WFN lands answered. The AGM will be in form of an open house with a light meal served to residents. A number of different presentations will be given, including a keynote address by Chief Louie and booths from the different departments of WFN will be set up so that residents may find specific information or have specific questions answered. For more information on the AGM, please contact Terry Turcan, Chair of the Advisory Council, at (250) 707-1326 or tturcan@telus.net or Raf De Guevara, Manager of Inter-Governmental Affairs, at 250-769-2440 or rdeguevara@wfn.ca.

The next meeting of the Advisory Council will take place on Tuesday, April 9th at 10:30 a.m. in the Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom of the WFN Government Building.