

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

February 10, 2015

The Advisory Council reviewed the Provisional Property Tax Budget for next year. Due to the increase in residential tax revenues through increased residential units, it's anticipated that the residential tax rate will decrease this next year.

There will, however, be an increase in 2015 water user fees, effective July 19, 2015. The increase is necessary to keep up with the rising costs of providing service and to set aside sufficient capital for long term capital replacement. Despite this increase, WFN's rates remain low in comparison with those of the surrounding communities. For more information on water user fees, please contact Derek Corning, Infrastructure Engineer, at 250-769-4999 or dcorning@wfn.ca.

The Advisory Council received presentations from WFN staff on the following areas for their information:

- An overview of the development approval process on WFN lands
- An overview of the funded projects list for 2015
- The Sidewalk Implementation Strategy for WFN lands

The Advisory Council is contemplating making recommendations for revisions to the Advisory Council Law. Some of the changes being recommended include changes to electoral boundaries and a change to the time of year that the Advisory Council election is held. The rationale for a change in boundaries is to even out the number of residents that each Advisory Council Member represents, and the rationale for the change in date for the Advisory Council election is to attempt to increase voter turnout since the current date of the election is in the summertime.

Residents' Annual Meeting

The next Residents' Annual Meeting will take place on April 30, 2015. This meeting is an opportunity for residents on WFN lands to hear about some of the activities and developments taking place on WFN lands and to have any of their questions relating to residency on WFN lands answered.

The next Advisory Council Meeting will take place on March 10, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in the Inter-Governmental Affairs Boardroom of the WFN Government Building.