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Meeting took place in the Council Chambers Boardroom of the Westbank First Nation Government Building.

ADVISORY COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:

Terry Turcan - Chairperson	Gordon Couch – Vice-Chairperson
John Cole	Ludwig Teichgraber
Rick Ould	

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:

Adam Nerger	səxʷk'əʔq'əq'aym / Recording Secretary
Jeniffer Bellingham	Researcher
Jordan Coble	Sncəwips Operations and Cultural Administrator
Brian Conner	xatus sqlaw / Director of Finance
Eric Fleury	Budget and Financial Reporting Administrator

CALL TO ORDER	Agenda is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "A."
	The meeting opened at 9:00 a.m.
<i>P. Fosbery</i>	<p>Welcome to Westbank First Nation ("WFN"), I am Pat Fosbery, CAO/Director of Operations for WFN. I have been with the WFN Government for 11 years.</p> <p>WFN is 1 of 8 First Nations that make up the Okanagan Nation. The Okanagan Nation's traditional territory extends from north of Revelstoke, West to Merritt, East to Nelson/Kaslo and south to Chelan/Colville. The Okanagan traditional territory is where the syilx people have lived and prospered for thousands of years. Today you are located on WFN Reserve land, which consists of approximately 5300 acres in total, and is made up of five reserves.</p> <p>I.R. 11 and 12 contains the Gallaghers Canyon lands, obtained and moved into reserve status in the 1990's. These lands are currently undeveloped and will be of great benefit to the WFN Membership for generations. I.R. 8 is a small reserve consisting of less than 5 acres and is located in the Mission Creek area of Kelowna. I.R. 9 is located 12 km down the highway from our WFN Government Office and is substantially developed consisting of commercial, retail and residential</p>



	<p>developments as well as the WFN community core, Community Services buildings and Pine Acres Home facility.</p> <p>Today you are on I.R. 10, which includes Lakeridge Park, West Harbour and WFN Government Offices. Our government office, built in the 1980's, has undergone substantial renovations and is currently fully occupied by WFN Government departments and staff. We are currently in the WFN Council Chambers, where WFN Council conducts its business. You are sitting at a table that was recently built from timber harvested from our Community Forest. WFN, through our Corporate arm Ntityix Resources, manages a Community Forest which consists of a volume of 55,000 m³ of timber and is roughly 45,000 ha. in size.</p> <p>In the 11 years that I have been with WFN we have experienced substantial growth seen through a total assessed value of \$1.3 billion, over 400 businesses operations on our lands including banks, professionals and retail. WFN operates with a \$40 million annual budget, including a taxation budget of \$13 million. There are currently 845 WFN Members, of which roughly 550 reside on WFN lands. There are approximately 10,000 non Members who currently reside on our lands which is a very unique situation across Canada. WFN Government currently operates with a staff of 185, doubling in the last 11 years.</p> <p>There are a number of reasons why WFN has experienced this growth including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Location, the Central Okanagan is a great place to live, raise families, retire and conduct business;• Self-Government Agreement; this is our bi-lateral agreement with Canada. WFN is one of very few First Nations to be self-governing. This agreement provides the foundation in which good governance, laws and policy are developed;• Strong leadership over the years;• A proactive and educated Membership who believe in WFN as a progressive First Nation;• Professional, experienced and knowledgeable staff members; and• The Advisory Council who over the past 11 years I have seen become a successful, productive and respected body who are an integral part of WFN's success.
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	<p>I want to thank the new members for their interest in stepping up into a role that I am sure you will find interesting, engaging, challenging and rewarding. There is great experience around the table with your fellow Advisory Council members, Gord Couch, Terry Turcan and Ludwig Teichgraber. Each of these individuals have a great understanding of the role and expectations of the Advisory Council as well as WFN from their experience as Advisory Council members.</p> <p>An orientation binder has been prepared for each Advisory Council member's review. In this binder you will find key documents such as the WFN Strategic plans, Community Plans, Economic Development Plans, WFN Constitution and the Advisory Council Law. I highly recommend that Advisory Council members look to arrange for tours of our lands and buildings, including our museum.</p> <p>The Advisory Council has access to very capable support through our IGA Department and its manager Raf DeGuevara. Jen Bellingham will also be a key point of contact. These are the people that can link you to WFN Government.</p> <p>Further support provided by WFN Government from time to time includes staff such as Brian Conner, Director of Finance and his team at Financial Services; Joe Mocilac, Director of Development Services and his team; Kevin Kingston and Della Elliot and their team consisting of Legal Services and Law Enforcement.</p> <p>At its very core, the Advisory Council is an elected body to represent the rate payers on WFN Lands, and more specifically to provide input into laws that impact the residents. Additionally, and also of importance, I view a key role of the Advisory Council members is to be proponents and supporters of WFN. You each live in a community of WFN and have taken the time to step into the role as an Advisory Council member, which reflects that you care and have a vested interest in the ongoing success of our community.</p> <p>I hope you each enjoy your term as an Advisory Council member.</p>
	<p>K. Kingston and D. Elliott assisted the Advisory Council in conducting a voting process for the selection of a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson. T. Turcan was elected</p>



	to be the Chairperson for the Advisory Council and G. Couch was elected to be the Vice-Chairperson for the Advisory Council.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
MOTION	<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda of October 24, 2017</u> MOVED BY L. TEICHGRABER Seconded by G. Couch THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda of October 24, 2017 CARRIED
MOTION	<u>Adoption of the Minutes of September 12, 2017</u> MOVED BY G. COUCH Seconded by J. Cole THAT the Advisory Council determined to adopt the minutes of September 12, 2017
Staff Left:	P. Fosbery, K. Kingston and D. Elliott left at 9:35 a.m.
NEW BUSINESS	
	<u>Advisory Council Member Introductions</u> Each Advisory Council member introduced themselves and provided a brief background.
	<u>Sncewips Heritage Museum Presentation</u> A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "B."
Staff Entered:	J. Coble entered the meeting at 9:46 a.m.
<i>J. Coble</i>	The Sncewips Heritage Museum currently consists of four staff members including myself. We welcome all residents to attend our museum as we look to provide a welcoming space. The Museum seeks to preserve artifacts, culture and heritage and transitioned from a repository to a museum in 2014. Overviewed a presentation with the Advisory Council. Highlights from the presentation included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The museum seeks to distinguish WFN and Syilx people and benefit Syilx peoples and the public through the sharing of knowledge; • The museum has increased its public visibility through ongoing working relationships with various institutions with the community and neighbouring municipalities; • The museum has received a number of awards to date;



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The museum offers a variety of programs, activities and training; • There is continued collaboration and outreach through the museum with various institutions such as local schools, museums and government bodies; • There is an ongoing initiative to develop an understanding of the history of the Okanagan from the Syilx perspective; and • 1% of taxation dollars are contributed to the museum to maintain its operations which is reflective of other municipality practices.
	The Advisory Council expressed appreciation for J. Coble and his presentation.
Staff Left:	J. Coble left the meeting at 10:30 a.m.
	<u>Overview of WFN Budgeting and Taxation Practices</u> A copy of the presentation is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "C."
Staff Entered:	B. Conner and E. Fleury entered the meeting at 9:31 a.m.
<i>B. Conner</i>	<p>Overviewed the presentation with the Advisory Council. Highlights from this presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently there are 4200 residential properties and 400 businesses located on WFN lands; • There are 10 WFN departments directly affected by taxation; • The draft budget is typically prepared by December 15th each year and finalized by March 15th ; • Taxation rates are compared each year to other local municipalities to ensure fair rates are applied to residents; • The Advisory Council is provided with the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations throughout the budget preparation process; • Market values have increased by 11% in the past year for WFN; and • Capital projects are received as proposals for review and discussion with the Advisory Council and WFN Council.
<i>E. Fleury</i>	We will look to present the initial draft of the budget in December to the Advisory Council. Updated versions will subsequently be presented in February and March prior to the budget finalization. All requests or recommendations



	will need to be provided for incorporation by January.
<i>B. Conner</i>	All recommendations and requests must be provided to the responsible WFN manager and not directly to WFN Finance.
	L. Teichgraber requested that Financial Services staff provide information to the Advisory Council concerning the amount paid to the public school district by WFN each year.
Staff Left:	B. Conner and E. Fleury left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.
RECESSED	The Advisory Council adjourned for a break at 11:07 a.m.
RECONVENED	The Advisory Council reconvened at 11:12 a.m.
	<u>Update on the Status of Saga Productions Video Project</u>
	The Advisory Council determined to request an update on the status of the video project at the next meeting.
	<u>Overview of the WFN Orientation Binder</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	I have prepared and provided an orientation binder for each Advisory Council member to review. This binder contains materials pertinent to WFN as well as governing documentation that guides WFN staff and government operations. Laws and Policies that govern the operations of WFN, its staff and its internal bodies have also been included that are specific to the Advisory Council. I will look to work with Raf to identify a date for a land tour for the Advisory Council.
	<u>Recognition Luncheon for Cathy Graham</u>
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Cathy was the former representative for East Boundary. Previously the Advisory Council has recognized former Advisory Council members for their efforts during their term. The question for the Advisory Council today is the manner in which we recognize Cathy's efforts.
<i>G. Couch</i>	Previously at the Resident's Annual General meeting we have recognized former members with the presentation of a gift from the Advisory Council. This brings public awareness for the individual's efforts and time spent while a member of the Advisory Council.
	The Advisory Council determined to recognize Cathy Graham at the Resident's Annual General meeting in addition to hosting a luncheon at a future date.



	<p><u>Review of a Carbon Tax Letter to the Premier</u> A draft copy of the letter is attached to these minutes as Exhibit "D."</p>
<i>T. Turcan</i>	A draft letter has been prepared for the Advisory Council's review today.
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	If the Advisory Council determines to support and send this letter as is, it will first be provided to WFN Council for informational purposes so that they are aware of the Advisory Council's actions.
	The Advisory Council requested that the letter's title be amended to reflect that the Advisory Council is seeking to meet with the Premier to discuss the Carbon Tax Rebate program.
	<p><u>Advisory Council Recommendations for Consideration in Preparation of the Upcoming Fiscal Year's Budget</u></p>
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Last year during the budget preparation period we did make certain requests to be included in the budget. This was done at the bi-annual meeting with WFN Chief and Council. If there are any suggestions then we should capture these for discussion with them.
<i>G. Couch</i>	One item that I would like to see addressed, and an issue that has come forward each year, is addressing weeds and unsightly properties. One particular concern is a weed problem surrounding the border of Sonoma Pines which has been an ongoing concern for a lengthy period of time. There are a number of other areas that are also experiencing these concerns and are potential fire hazards for these areas and the surrounding residences. One way that this may be addressed is through Public Works who could look to be funded to provide a crew of individuals who attend areas like these to address these concerns. I would be prepared to provide a submission on this basis for consideration. There are a number of examples where WFN has addressed community held lands, however there are individually owned properties that continue to be problematic and will need to be addressed.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	If this is something that the Advisory Council is looking to proceed with then we can look to prepare a submission on this basis and look to have a discussion with representatives of Public Works as well.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	One such measure could be, as G. Couch touched upon,



	building a youth program which could look to address this issue and provide summer employment opportunities for Community youth.
<i>G. Couch</i>	Expressed concerns with the lack of acknowledgement of the Advisory Council in communications pieces regarding WFN events and newsworthy occurrences. These initiatives are possible through taxation dollars and the Advisory Council should be recognized for our role.
	Various comments from Advisory Council members concerning the publication of news events and their relation to the Advisory Council and use of taxation dollars included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of an Advisory Council profile through communication pieces; • Use of taxation dollars is a known means for local government actions and do not need to be clarified in media publications; and • Awareness of residents on the utilization of their taxation dollars.
	<u>Meeting with Chief Lindley</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	A meeting has been established for the Chairperson at the request of G. Couch as the former Chairperson for Monday October 30, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.
	The Advisory Council agreed that T. Turcan and G. Couch would attend the meeting with Chief Roxanne Lindley.
	<u>District Reports</u>
	<u>Lakeridge</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	I have nothing to report at this time.
	<u>Prairie</u>
<i>G. Couch</i>	One concern that continues to be brought to my attention is the traffic concerns for the intersection of Louie Drive and Butt Road. This was previously brought forward and I look forward to seeing a solution to this problem.
	<u>Lakeshore</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	I have nothing to report at this time.
	<u>East Boundary</u>
<i>J. Cole</i>	Cathy Graham and I took a tour of the district so that I would be aware of the district and some of the residential areas within them. This was helpful for me in undertaking this role with the Advisory Council.



	<u>Old Okanagan</u>
<i>T. Turcan</i>	I received a phone call concerning garbage collection which I was able to address. Following the windstorm which occurred last week there was a significant amount of mess remaining which WFN staff quickly attended to and which was appreciated by residents. I recently attended the Early Year's Centre grand opening where the Advisory Council were recognized.
	The Advisory Council requested that tours be prepared for attendance to WFN buildings and community buildings such as the Youth Centre, Sensisystem and WFN Utilities facility following future Advisory Council meetings.
	<u>Next Meeting</u>
	The next meeting will take place on November 14, 2017 at 9:00 a.m. in the First Floor Boardroom.
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	MOVED BY G. COUCH Seconded by L. Teichgraber THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

These minutes are certified correct:

Terry Turcan

Gord Couch

Ludwig Teichgraber

John Cole

Rick Ould