



RESIDENT SERVICES & ELECTIONS



Advisory Council

WFN's Advisory Council (AC), comprised of five WFN residents elected to a three-year term, provides input on WFN laws, budgets and tax rates.

Election

An Advisory Council election is held every three years. To vote and be eligible for nomination, you must be a non WFN member living on WFN lands. Individuals interested in joining the AC are encouraged to attend several AC meetings prior to seeking nomination.

Regional District Central Okanagan Election

Residents are entitled to vote in the RDCO election for the Central Okanagan West Electoral Area Director and Zone 2 School Trustee. An election occurs every four years.

Resident Annual General Meeting

A Resident AGM is hosted annually in the spring. Residents are invited to attend to learn about WFN programs, services, election processes, and tax expenditures.

Participate in meetings

Residents may attend regularly scheduled Advisory Council meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month at the WFN Government Building. Should you wish to attend, or have a concern you would like to raise, contact the AC Chairperson. Meeting minutes can be found on the WFN website.

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Tax-paid services

Residents of Westbank First Nation (WFN) have access to tax-paid services such as: road and sidewalk maintenance, water quality monitoring, law enforcement, Okanagan Regional Library services, waste collection (RDCO contract), sewer treatment (RDCO contract), transit, fire rescue, and recreation opportunities.

Transit

The Kelowna Regional Transit System is available to WFN residents with service routes from Westbank to Peachland and Lake Country. Information about fares and schedules is available online at bctransit.com.

Property tax

Property taxes can be paid in person (515 Hwy 97 South, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.), online, using internet banking, by mailed cheque, or at your bank. Payment is due on the first business day after July 1.

Fire rescue

Through a service agreement with WFN, West Kelowna Fire Rescue provides fire protection services for residents of Westbank First Nation.

Emergencies: 9-1-1

Burning complaints: 250-469-8577

Non-emergencies: 778-797-3200

Recreation

Leisure programs and activities

WFN Community Services offers a variety of programs and activities, including drop-in bootcamp, yoga, and gym. View the bi-annual WFN Leisure Guide on the WFN website.

Facilities

Facilities open to the public and available for rent including some of following.

- Pine Stadium (baseball), Youth Centre, Sport Court, Community Services building, Pine Acres Home (Elders care), sənisyustən school, multi-purpose room, kitchen, gym, and weight room. Quail Lane.
- WFN Government building, which includes Property Tax, Engineering, Planning and Development, Economic Development, Communications, and the Trading Post. Westside Rd and Hwy 97S.
- sncəwips Heritage Museum. Old Okanagan Hwy.
- Shannon Lake Rd ball field, Elders Hall, and Westbank Child Development Centre.
- Public Beach & Park. Boucherie Road.
- Beach Lots (50). Old Ferry Wharf Rd.
- Public Works & Utilities. Red Cloud Way.

Shopping and amenities

The retail directory on the wfn.ca website overviews the 400+ local WFN businesses, shops and services.

Local laws

WFN enforces its own set of laws, including a Residential Premises Law (in place of the BC Tenancy Act).

Law enforcement

WFN Law Enforcement Officers (LEO) enforce WFN Laws and work closely with the RCMP. Provincial and federal laws are enforced by the RCMP.

Call an LEO for:

Graffiti and petty vandalism, domestic animal control, enforcement of business licenses, outdoor event permit requests, unsightly premises, day-time noise complaints, and illegal refuse dumping.

- Law Enforcement Officer: 250-717-6147
- Report a minor offence online at: wfn.ca

Call the RCMP to report:

Domestic dispute, harassment or threats, physical or sexual assault, violence and fighting, drug activity, robbery, vagrancy, emergency assistance, traffic offences, and suspicious persons or vehicles.

- RCMP emergency assistance: 9-1-1
- West Kelowna RCMP Detachment (non-emergency): 250-768-2880

Garbage and Wildlife:

Residents are responsible to store garbage in watertight containers and not set them out to the curb until 7:00am on pick-up day. This will reduce human/wildlife conflict and keep our neighborhoods clean.