

	<p style="text-align: center;"> stqa?tx^w4n'iwt sqilx^{wi} WESTBANK FIRST NATION 515 Highway 97 South Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 3J2 Phone: (250) 769-4999 Fax: (250) 769-4377 www.wfn.ca <i>Community. Leadership. Pride.</i> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> MINUTES ADVISORY COUNCIL sʔaslásq'ət , sʔiłm̓tən (Tuesday, April) 12, 2022 Approved on May 10, 2022 </p>
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Meeting took place via the Zoom meeting platform.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Vacant Seat	Prairie District
Ludwig Teichgraber – Vice Chair	East Boundary District
Rick Ould	Old Okanagan District
Steve Gilroy	Lakeridge District
Michael Trenn	Lakeshore District

WFN STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Mike De Guevara	Self-Government Implementation Researcher
Brayden Holenstein	səx ^w k'ətq'ədq'aym ⁱⁱ (Recording Clerk)

CALL TO ORDER	Agenda is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “A.”
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.
	<u>Recognition of any Absences of Advisory Council Members</u>
	There were no absences.
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by M. Trenn THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda. CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes of March 8, 2022</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY S. Gilroy Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of March 8, 2022. CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS	
	<u>Update on February 8, 2022 Motions</u>
	1. Acknowledgement of resignation of chairperson John Cole from A/C
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	This does not need to be legal counsel, I can do this.
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould SECONDED BY S. Gilroy Legal Counsel attend the next meeting for a secret ballot to be completed. CARRIED
	2. Request to set date and prepare for the 2022 taxpayer AGM
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	This has been set by Council and is to be help virtually this year. What time works best for you? May 25, 2022 is the date. Council has reviewed your



	minutes as an FYI in one of their last meetings and a resolution was made to conduct this AGM via zoom.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Can we have an effective AGM via zoom, or can we cancel this?
<i>R. Ould</i>	I think there is no value to a zoom AGM. Last year we did not have an AGM but J. Cole and C. Derickson made a video for our community.
<i>M. Trenn</i>	I agree with R. Ould, we have other ways of getting our information out to our residents and I would support cancelling the AGM rather than holding it via zoom.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	I am use to zoom meetings. It disappoints me that the presentation type for our AGM took so long. An online presentation as mentioned is another option. I am disappointed in how long the answers took regarding our AGM. From this point out, as long as COVID-19 does not bring more restrictions, we plan next years AGM in the fall/early winter.
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould SECONDED BY S. Gilroy That we do not go ahead with the zoom AGM. CARRIED
	3. Request for a by-election in Prairie District
<i>D. Elliott</i>	If you know any contributors to the A/C please have them reach out to me. If we do not find someone this week. The nomination was posted in the local newspaper as well. A mailout was completed.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	I did not see a mailout of receive an email.
<i>D. Elliott</i>	We are in the second period now. If you know someone on WFN land who can contribute, please let me know. If you email me your votes for chair and vice chair, I can conduct the secret ballot for you. It is an Advisory Council decision to do this vote now or wait until the Prairie district position is filled. I will confirm but I believe it closes next Tuesday.
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	Following up on the AGM, I will follow up with this at the next A/C meeting. I do understand your concerns. I don't know if you can cancel this meeting, we have a responsibility at WFN as well. Whether it is done via zoom or in person.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	The May 25, 2022 meeting has been voted on and the decision is that it will be cancelled. We can discuss our next steps moving forward.
ACTION	Advisory Council to make a decision regarding the AGM.
	4. Notification of concern about the 2022 budget deliberations
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	This was approved and completed.
	5. Request to receive clarification on "Westbank First Nation Advisory Council Law 2017" Clause 8:15
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	If you need someone from the administration we can do our best to make it happen, there are no restrictions that prohibit a staff member or official from attending. I will get you an email that noted me as administrator



ACTION	M. De Guevara to send an email noting his appointment as the Advisory Council administrator.
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	M. De Guevara and myself can do our best to find you answers and if we cannot, we can certainly bring someone to assist.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	J. Cole's resignation should be put into the newsletter so that residents are aware.
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	I will do a staff report to Council as well to get an acknowledgement from WFN Chief and Council.
ACTION	Communications to make a note in the WFN website regarding J. Coles resignation.
ACTION	The Advisory Council requests the museum budget be broken down. The Property tax allocations be explained and the movement of money be shown clearly for the museum budget and expenses.
	<u>Efficiency and Effectiveness of Minute Taking Process</u>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	This item was also covered earlier in the meeting.
	<u>Concerns about "zoom" AGM and AGM planning</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	This has been covered earlier in this meeting.
	<u>Concerns about timely payment of honorariums</u>
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	This is an oversight on my part. I will make sure the notice goes out. I assumed they were being dealt with but I will make sure to process them right away moving forward.
	<u>Financial Services (FS) to review credit card processing fees and look for reductions.</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	We talked about this at our last meeting about the significant cost regarding taking credit card payments for property tax.
ACTION	M. De Guevara will follow up with Finance on credit card processing fees as well.
	<u>Requesting information to evaluate efficiency of property taxation</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Reviewed the motion below with the Advisory Council.
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	We run through BC Assessment. I don't have the rates in front of me but we are in line with our neighboring districts. Our rates are competitive.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	I want to know who is getting taxed and who isn't
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	The only people excluded from being taxed on WFN land are our Members. All other First Nation people and 100% of all businesses are subject to tax at the provincial and the federal. If a band member owns a company on WFN lands, they are taxed the same.
<i>R. Ould</i>	The RV homes are one of the issues of tax evasion.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	I would like to know what exactly I am looking at; can you give me direction on how I can understand these taxation laws?
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	I see where you are going here. Let's add this as an agenda item to our next meeting so we can gather more information.
MOTION	MOVED BY S. Gilroy Seconded by R. Ould



	<p>THAT the Advisory Council hereby requests for information on the following to make sure everyone on West Bank First Nation lands pay their fair share of property taxes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The A/C request further information on lands that are taxed and not taxed and reasons why. 2. Laws governing who is taxed and who is not taxed based of the Constitution and Laws of the WFN, whether it be commercial or residential; and 3. How the Financial Budget is split between Members and Non-member as it relates to Property Taxes. <p>CARRIED</p>
	<u>District Reports</u>
	a) <u>Old Okanagan</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	Where are we with the sidewalk plan? Can I have G. Dimmick provide an update again to this? No other contact from my area.
	b) <u>Lakeridge</u>
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	I have a concerned homeowner in West harbor, about a road going in behind her home. 1840 Viewpoint Crescent is the property where the concern is coming from. I would also like to bring in the lady with the concern to present.
ACTION	G. Dimmick to present on this potential road at the next Advisory Council meeting with Angelika Mckinley.
	c) <u>Prairie</u>
	Vacant Seat.
	d) <u>East Boundary</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	I have nothing today.
	e) <u>Lakeshore</u>
<i>M. Trenn</i>	Is the utility department approving the activity regarding a contaminated well?
<i>M. De Guevara</i>	This won't be own utility department. This is the locatee's jurisdiction.
<i>M. Trenn</i>	Apparently, this is affecting more than just WFN lands which is why I wanted to know.
	<u>Next Meeting</u>
	The next meeting will take place on May 10, 2022.
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	<p>MOVED BY R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 10:46 a.m.</p>

<u>Items Requiring Closure</u>
Items that still require closure include the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A/C to decide regarding the AGM 2. M. De Guevara to send an email noting his appointment as the Advisory Council



administrator.

3. The Advisory Council requests the museum budget be broken down. The Property tax allocations be explained and the movement of money be shown clearly for the museum budget and expenses. (J. Bauer)
4. Financial Services (FS) to review credit card processing fees and look for reductions. – (J. Bauer)
5. The A/C request further information on lands that are taxed and not taxed and reasons why. Laws governing who is taxed and who is not taxed based of the Constitution and Laws of the WFN, whether it be commercial or residential. How the Financial Budget is split between Members and Non-member as it relates to Property Taxes. – Council to Council)
6. Present on this potential road at the next Advisory Council meeting with Angelika Mckinley. – G. Dimmick
7. Butt Road sidewalk issue (Old Okanagan) – G. Dimmick
8. Funding opportunities relating to the Advisory Council and the provisional budget – J. Bauer

ⁱ **stqaʔkʷtɨnɨw`t sqilxʷ (Westbank First Nation)** The people (sqilxʷ) living where wind blows (niwt) and forms swamps or puddles alongside a large lake (stqáʔtkʷt). Being a windy area, the winds would wash along the shore creating puddles which would either seep into the land, creating wet, marshy areas or wash back into the lake. This area has been identified as the portion of syilx territory from Hardy Falls to around the Gellatly/Green Bay area but in reality, it includes a few other areas, including xʷat̄ mnik, the area closer to IR#10 and many other areas that have specific place names.

ⁱⁱ **səxʷk'ətq'əq'aym (Recording Clerk)** The person responsible for (səxʷ) working to (k'ət) write (q'aym).