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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Ludwig Teichgraber – sux ^w q ^w elq ^w ilt /Chair	East Boundary District
Rick Ould – Co-chair	Old Okanagan District
Terry Turcan	Prairie District
Vacant Seat	Lakeshore District

WFN STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jim Bauer	Interim Director of Operations & Chief Financial Officer
Mike De Guevara	Self-Government Implementation Researcher
Jolene Esau	Council Secretariat
Bill Brewer	Law Enforcement Officer
Richard Johns	Law Enforcement Officer
Nicole Werstuik	Youth and Recreation Manager
Kristy Jean	Communications & Economic Development Officer
Jordan Ned	Communications Assistant
Brayden Holenstein	sax ^w k'atq'ad'aym (Recording Clerk)

DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE:

Darcy Haw	Partner, MNP
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REGRETS:

Steve Gilroy	Lakeridge
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CALL TO ORDER	Agenda is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “A.”
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.
	<u>Recognition of any Absences of Advisory Council Members</u>
	There were no absences.
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by T. Turcan THAT the Advisory Council hereby excuses S. Gilroy from this meeting due to a family emergency. CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by T. Turcan THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda.



	CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes</u>
Roundtable:	J. Bauer, B. Holenstein and the A/C had a brief discussion on the recent meeting minutes in regards to inappropriate behavior or “bickering” and the detail of minutes.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Not every bit of dialog needs to be recorded in my opinion. This is a conversation we can have at a later date.
MOTION	MOVED BY T. Turcan Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of September 22, 2022. CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS	
	D. Haw was introduced the Advisory Council.
	<u>Audited Financial Statements</u> (Attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “B.”)
<i>D. Haw</i>	MNP has audited the Local Government Services section of WFN’s budget. This is an unmodified opinion. As far as the audit process went, it was all smooth with J. Bauer and A. Larsen’s assistance.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	This is nicely prepared but this does not shed light on any problems. Can the auditor note out the good things and the bad things? Can we know what is behind all the numbers?
<i>D. Haw</i>	We can share that this was a clean audit. There is no issue with the underlined numbers. A qualified auditor report would be prepared if there were issues.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	If there are operational issues we will go to WFN administration.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	In addition to the audited financial statements, we provided a copy of the management responsibilities statement. Typically, this is kept internal but we attempted to share additional details with the Advisory Council.
Staff Left:	R. Johns left the meeting at 11:06 a.m.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	When I look at this years’ audit, it is different and I can understand that due to the last year we have had in regards to a new Chief and Council and the pandemic.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Reviewed financials with the Advisory Council. Statement of Financial Position.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	The tangible asset is depreciated value?
<i>J. Bauer</i>	That is correct. This is what we built this year minus the depreciation. This is detailed in schedule one.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Continued review of financials with the Advisory Council. Statement of Operations and Accumulated Surplus.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Property taxation expense is what?



J. Bauer	These are services that are being provided to all those living on WFN lands such as the Fire Services Agreement and the Service Agreement with the Regional District. Schedule eight will speak to this further when we get to it.
R. Ould	Under water and sewer, why are we budgeting 10% less? With more development, how does this go down?
J. Bauer	That is a good point. It is difficult to know what the actual activities are as the budget is a projection. We don't know the results until after the budget is set. It is certainly a challenge as we don't always have all of the information.
R. Ould	Why have we not seen this until 6 months later?
J. Bauer	Normally this is something we would disclose much sooner. With staffing challenges and providing it to Chief and Council first caused delays. Membership and Chief and Council have to see this first. A canceled meeting, an election and staffing issues cause the delay.
T. Turcan	Compared to other governments, WFN has to more hoops to jump through which causes delays as well. Membership and the Advisory Council being the additional "hoops".
J. Bauer	Continued review of financials with the Advisory Council. Statement of Cash Flows.
T. Turcan	On the reserve funds, I thought we changed the contingency from 10% to 5%?
J. Bauer	That is correct. That was done a couple years ago and was changed by Council resolution but the law states it has to be 10%. A Council resolution cannot change WFN law.
J. Bellingham	In regards to a question about contamination, this is for things such as soil contamination and is mainly tied to Public Works. Site remediation is also tied to this.
J. Bauer	WFN has a general account that salaries and wages are paid through. Part of the salaries are connected to LGS which is why it is a part of that budget.
T. Turcan	Grants to Members, we are dealing with the GLS budget which comes from taxation. We are providing monies to Members and not tax payers, why is that?
J. Bauer	I cannot provide a response to you right now but I will look into this and get back to you.
L. Teichgraber	Professional fees are what?
J. Bauer	This pertains to lawyers, auditors, contractors and other professional services that WFN has retained.
T. Turcan	We would like to see the contribution that LGS is providing to various departments.
Delegate Left:	D. Haw left the meeting at 11:33 a.m.
	TYD – September 30th LGS Financial Results



	(Attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “C.”)
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Reviewed the Financial results with the Advisory Council.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	On revenues, ¾ of the property tax is included, why ¾ when it is halfway through the year? Why is there a delay
<i>J. Bauer</i>	We include the property taxes included for the calendar year. We have not yet collected the property taxes related to January 31, 2023 – March 31 st , 2023.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	A more frequent conversation with J. Bauer would be beneficial regarding the financials. We would like to include you quarterly.
Staff Entered:	J. Esau entered the meeting at 11:44 a.m.
	<u>Introduction to new Council Secretariat</u>
	J. Bauer introduced J. Esau to the Advisory Council.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	WFN has split the Legal Services and Council Secretariat into two separate departments.
<i>J. Esau</i>	I have been with WFN for 16 years now and am a proud WFN Member. I am very excited to start this new journey. The Legal Services Supervisor position will be revamped towards a community safety position.
	<u>Law Enforcement Update</u> <u>(Attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “D.”)</u>
<i>B. Brewer</i>	Reviewed law enforcement report with the Advisory Council. In response to a question about the Conservation Officer position, this is no longer a role in WFN and W. Murdock is now a part of the LEO team. In the summer hours we extend our hours to cover more of the day.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Have the numbers gotten better or worse in recent history?
<i>B. Brewer</i>	The numbers would have to be compared to past reports. This is a one-month capture.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Is WFN connected with the homelessness in the community?
<i>J. Esau</i>	We are looking at increasing community safety and possibly adding a community engagement worker to assist those struggling in our community.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	If WFN decides to further their work on this, we are prepared to assist.
Staff Left:	J. Esau and B. Brewer left the meeting at 11:59 a.m.
	<u>AGM</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	Do you have a date in mind? Historically we looked at the end of April.
ACTION	May 3, 2023 is the date decided on by IGA and the Advisory Council.
	<u>Annual Donation</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	We have until march to make a decision on where the donation will go. \$2,000 is the budgeted amount.
	The Advisory moves to donate to the homeless Shelter on West Kelowna.
MOTION	MOVED BY T. Turcan Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of September 22,



	2022. CARRIED
	<u>Capital Plan & New Development Update</u> <u>(Attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “E.”)</u>
	G. Dimmick was unavailable due to a meeting conflict.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	We have some street lights on old Okanagan that need to be repaired.
ACTION	WFN Staff to inform Development Services regarding street lights being burnt out for a long period of time on
<i>R. Ould</i>	A description as to where each development is located would be beneficial.
Staff Entered:	K. Jean, N. Werstuik and J. Ned entered the meeting at 12:13 p.m.
	<u>Recreation Services and Youth Center Programs</u> <u>(Attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “F.”)</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Are we getting a good mix of youth in terms of Member and non-Members?
<i>N. Werstuik</i>	On average, we have more non-Members than Members but we typically have really good turnouts.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Are their programs for troubled or struggling youth?
<i>N. Werstuik</i>	It is open to anyone. We do have youth at risk that attend and this is a drug and alcohol-free space. We do our best to assist any struggling youth that approach us. We also work with Membership Services.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Are there adult programs as well?
<i>N. Werstuik</i>	Yes, there are programs for the youth specifically but we also provide recreational services and programs to all ages at different times of the day. Participants have to provide proof that they live on WFN lands. These programs are for Members, non-Members and tax payers.
Staff Left:	N. Werstuik left the meeting at 12:32 p.m.
	<u>Economic Development and Communications Update</u> <u>(Attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “G.”)</u>
<i>K. Jean</i>	Reviewed presentation with the Advisory Council.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	In the past, the WFN website had an indication of the number of hits the website had?
ACTION	K. Jean to provide the number of hits the site receives.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Information for residents looking to move here would be beneficial to provide on the website. Promoting WFN residency would be a good idea.
Staff Left:	K. Jean and J. Ned left the meeting at 12:43 p.m.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Regarding the provisional budget, staff have been working on this for some time now. we brought the provisional budget to Council this week as it was required by December 15, 2022. There is a lot more work needed for this budget. It is not near final and staff will continue to work towards completing this in early 2023.



	We hope that the budget review will be covered at your February meeting.
	<u>District Reports</u>
	<u>Lakeridge</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Concerns I believe. Gilroy has had are of bear in the area. Concerns with the modern lease.
	<u>Lakeshore</u>
Vacant Seat	No contact.
	<u>East Boundary</u>
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	No contact.
	<u>Old Okanagan</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	No contact.
	<u>Prairie</u>
<i>T. Turcan</i>	I got an email from G. Dimmick regarding trees at Sunvillage. The trees are very large and are interfering with traffic.
ACTION	Development Services to follow up.
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	MOVED BY T. Turcan THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

ⁱ **stqa?txʷn`iwɬ sqilxʷ (Westbank First Nation)** The people (sqilxʷ) living where wind blows (niw`t) and forms swamps or puddles alongside a large lake (stqá?tkʷ+). 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 xʷaɬ mnik, the area closer to IR#10 and many other areas that have specific place names.