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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ludwig Teichgraber – sux ^w q ^w əlq ^w ilt /Chair	East Boundary District
Rick Ould – Co-chair	Old Okanagan District
Terry Turcan	Prairie District
Steve Gilroy	Lakeridge District
Vacant seat	Lakeshore District

WFN STAFF MEMBERS:

Jim Bauer	Chief Financial Officer
Miranda McCarroll	IGA, Researcher
Jeniffer Bellingham	Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Title & Rights
Brayden Holenstein	Referrals Officer & Acting Recording Clerk
Kristy Jean	Communications & Economic Development Officer
Michelle Bolan	Sncewips Operations and Cultural Administrator
Graeme Dimmick	Manager of Planning and Development

DELEGATES:

Lisa Pastro	Indigenous Advisor, RDCO
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CALL TO ORDER	The agenda is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “A.”
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Called the meeting to order at 9:03 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 S. Gilroy Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda. CARRIED
	<u>IGA Representative Change – Miranda McCarroll, IGA Researcher</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	Introduced M. McCarroll to the Advisory Council.
Roundtable	Roundtable introductions for M. McCarroll, the new conduit person from IGA for the Advisory Council.
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes</u>



MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by T. Turcan THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 15, 2022 CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY S. Gilroy Seconded by R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> December 21, 2022 CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by T. Turcan THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> February 14, 2023 CARRIED
	<u>RDCO 2022 Citizen Survey</u> (The presentation prepared by L. Pastro is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "B.")
<i>L. Pastro</i>	Reviewed presentation with the Advisory Council.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	Has the Chief and Council seen this presentation?
<i>L. Pastro</i>	They have not, J. Coble sits on the RDCO Board of Directors so there is Chief and Council representation. This was presented at the Economic Development Commission.
<i>R. Ould</i>	What you are saying makes sense but regarding the weighted sample size of the survey, how are the numbers so drastically different?
<i>L. Pastro</i>	I don't have the answer but I can take this back and find an answer.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	What is the population in Lake Country?
<i>L. Pastro</i>	Roughly 15,000. The population is increasing very fast.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	It is the fastest-growing municipality in BC over the last five (5) years.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	On the homelessness part, are we finding as new structures go up in downtown Kelowna, the homeless people are being pushed outside of the city center?
<i>L. Pastro</i>	I wouldn't be the best person to speak to that. This would be more of a specific municipality item to be addressed.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	On WFN lands, I notice that the theft problem is on the rise. We are watching people take catalytic converters in the daylight.
<i>L. Pastro</i>	Again, this is more of a specific municipality part. On WFN lands, this would be more of a WFN item to address.
<i>R. Ould</i>	We had someone from the RDCO come to one of our meetings recently and educate us and our residents on the RDCO elections.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Is there any way to link things like this to the WFN website? So that non-



	members can see it as well.
<i>L. Pastro</i>	This is something we are working to do. We will be working with the communications team at WFN to ensure information is shared whenever possible.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	It looks like we fit in just below the benchmark for overall satisfaction.
ACTION	M. McCarroll to send an invitation to L. Pastro for representation at the 2023 Advisory Council AGM.
<i>R. Ould</i>	None of these numbers surprise me so that's good. There is work to be done in terms of educating residents so it is good to see you and the RDCO taking on that initiative.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	How does the working relationship work between you as the indigenous coordinator and Westbank First Nation?
<i>L. Pastro</i>	Anything that is brought to my attention at the RDCO level, J. Coble is my go-to person in terms of working with Westbank First Nation. We have a very good working relationship.
Delegate Left:	L. Pastro left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.
	Recording started at 9:49 a.m.
	<u>LGS Financial Report December 2022</u> (Financial documents prepared by J. Bauer are attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "C.")
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Reviewed financial documents with the Advisory Council.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	On the property tax, the budget is \$17.5M, is this what was collected as of December 31, 2022?
<i>J. Bauer</i>	This is from April 1, 2022, to December 31, 2022. The end-of-year statements will cover the full amount.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	The actual dollar amount showing the \$13M doesn't show me everything for the property tax.
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Our taxation year is on the calendar year and WFN runs on a fiscal that starts April 1 every year. This creates certain confusion within the budget. We will look for ways to better share this information with you. We will get better with how we present this material in the future regarding our financial reporting.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Travel and promotion in the budget, what is this for?
<i>J. Bauer</i>	It is for either of those.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	We have used travel expenses in the past but COVID-19 put a halt on travel.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Utilizing GICs is something you are trying to do more of correct?
<i>J. Bauer</i>	Yes, we are getting good returns now but they could be better by utilizing GICs.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Can the contingency funds be invested for more returns?
<i>J. Bauer</i>	We can't use it or spend it. Where we hold the money is what is looked at to create better cashflows. I can provide a better update later in 2023.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	We are getting the report in a new format, why is this?



J. Bauer	Our systems haven't changed, this is just a formatting change in our financial structure presentations to provide more visibility and transparency.
L. Teichgraber	Would you flag any items that are notably different from our budget presentation that aren't tracking as well?
J. Bauer	There is nothing that jumps out with significant concern. Our revenues however are looking better than in recent past.
T. Turcan	Almost all of our investments are with BMO, have you shopped around with other banks? Is there an advantage to being with one bank rather than multiple?
J. Bauer	BMO is very competitive and will often match numbers for WFN. It is certainly easier to use one bank for transactional purposes but with diversification, you can find positive outcomes.
	<u>Sncewips Museum Update</u> (The presentation prepared by M. Bolan is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "D.")
M. Bolan	Reviewed presentation with the Advisory Council. We have a list of community contacts for people who like to do dances, welcomes and speeches within the Okanagan.
S. Gilroy	Are you a conduit for the art community?
M. Bolan	We are mixed into
T. Turcan	Are you actively pursuing larger businesses for displaying art?
M. Bolan	We aren't actively pursuing them but we do try and promote opportunities.
L. Teichgraber	Wild horse canyon?
J. Bauer	It is in the Peachland area.
L. Teichgraber	Do other museums recommend people to your museum?
M. Bolan	Yes, are we doing the same for other museums in the area?
R. Ould	I went in to get a sweater from the gift shop, can we order specific sizes?
M. Bolan	If you stop by, we can certainly order whatever you need.
T. Turcan	How are your numbers now compared to pre-COVID-19? The various artifacts you do have, are from Okanagan members and not specifically WFN.
M. Bolan	These numbers are a huge increase. Our location change has been a large factor. Yes, that is correct, we do focus on Okanagan pieces.
Staff Left:	M. Bolan left the meeting at 10:38 a.m.
	<u>Next Steps for Bylaws</u>
J. Bauer	I have provided redline copies of our bylaws for you to review. March 23, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. we hope to bring this back to the Advisory Council.
ACTION	Set a meeting at 9:00 a.m. on March 23, 2023, to review two (2) bylaws with the Advisory Council.
Staff Left:	J. Bauer left the meeting at 10:42 a.m.



	<u>Existing Projects and Upcoming Capital Projects</u> (The memo prepared by G. Dimmick is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “E.”)
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	Reviewed memo and RDCO, GIS mapping with the Advisory Council.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Are there concerns regarding fire safety and access to West Harbor additional units?
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	The fire department is not concerned with the current plans.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Where will the access be?
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	A connection from the underpass and across the bluff will connect the new development.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	Regarding the water system, where are we?
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	There is a lot of pressure on the water and sewer system. There will be upgrades made by the developer.
<i>R. Ould</i>	Were there discussions about a roundabout for Old Okanagan Road and Shannon Lake Road?
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	Not that I am aware of.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	There are concerns about the plan for the Lakeridge. What they don’t understand is that there is a plan. Is there a layout plan that was presented to the Membership?
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	Nothing has been finalized and we are still early in the process. Ntityix is the head leaseholder and is treated as a developer for this purpose.
<i>L. Teichgraber</i>	It would be good to see the community plan for the Lakeridge Park development.
<i>R. Ould</i>	We requested a sidewalk on Old Okanagan. Is it happening still?
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	I have been out of the loop on this as we do not have an engineering department right now. We lost all of our engineers to other opportunities. We do have a sidewalk priority list. I will see where this sidewalk is on the list. It is a MOTI road so it is something we could push them for as well.
<i>T. Turcan</i>	When we looked at the budget, J. Bauer showed a list of capital projects related to water and sewer that added up to almost \$19M and \$5M for IR10 water and sewer. IR9 reservoir also needs upgrades.
<i>G. Dimmick</i>	We are behind on capacity but we will not be in a dire state.
<i>R. Ould</i>	I will remember to ask for an update on the Old Okanagan sidewalk in the future.
Staff Left:	G. Dimmick left the meeting at 11:21 a.m.
Staff Entered:	K. Jean entered the meeting at 11:26 a.m.
	<u>Updated Advisory Council AGM Flyer</u> (The flyer prepared by K. Jean is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “F.”)
<i>K. Jean</i>	Reviewed flyer with the Advisory Council.
	<u>Updated Residential Services Brochure</u> (The brochure prepared by K. Jean is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “G.”)



K. Jean	Reviewed brochure with the Advisory Council.
T. Turcan	Regarding the election, it should be noted that the election is this year.
K. Jean	We can ensure that it is communicated everywhere else.
T. Turcan	Participants in meetings, say residents can attend every third Thursday. We should ensure we keep moving with that date. Unfortunately, there is also a spelling error.
K. Jean	The mail out of the brochure will be done with the tax notice and we can look at including an election document.
ACTION	Find out who sends out the tax notices (Donna Reid/Ernest Jack) so that the brochure and an election notice can be included in the mailout. The Advisory Council requests WFN Legal prepare a document that speaks to election information.
	<u>Lakeridge</u>
S. Gilroy	I need an answer about the fence line at West Harbor and comments from T. Turcan regarding the approval for the construction of this fence line on the foreshore.
T. Turcan	The plan came to us and included a note that the developer could restrict access to the foreshore. This was taken back to the Chief and Council and my understanding is that they made no changes and the developer may have been given the right to install the fence line.
	<i>No other issues with the other districts.</i>
R. Ould	There are five (5) family homes being pushed out of their homes and it will come to us eventually. I am concerned because we do not have a representative for this district.
	<u>Next Meeting</u>
	The next meeting will take place on
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	MOVED BY S. Gilroy SECONDED BY T. Turcan THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

ⁱ stqa?tx^wniw`t sqilx^w (Westbank First Nation) The people (sqilx^w) living where wind blows (niw`t) and forms swamps or puddles alongside a large lake (stqá?tk^w4). 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 sylx territory from Hardy Falls to around the Gellatly/Green Bay area but in reality, it includes a few other areas, including x^wa4 mnik, the area closer to IR#10 and many other areas that have specific place names.