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MINUTES
ADVISORY COUNCIL
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kətc'ac'ałtən (Friday,
November) 17, 2023

Approved on
November 24, 2023

The meeting took place via the Zoom meeting platform. / in the First Floor Boardroom of the Westbank First Nation Government Building.

ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Ould – sux ^w q ^w əlq ^w ilt /Chair	Old Okanagan District
Steve Gilroy – Co-chair	Lakeridge District
Allan Dion	Lakeshore District
Janice Beaton	East Boundary District
Mike Wilding	Prairie District

WFN STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Jeniffer Bellingham	Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Title & Rights
Miranda McCarroll	Intergovernmental Affairs Researcher
Brayden Holenstein	Referrals Officer / Acting Recording Clerk
Julia Buck	General Legal Counsel

CALL TO ORDER	The agenda is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “A.”
<i>R. Ould</i>	Called the meeting to order at 9:12 a.m.
	<u>Recognition of any Absences of Advisory Council Members</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	There were no absences.
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by S. Gilroy THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda. CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by S. Gilroy THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of October 05, 2023. CARRIED
NEW BUSINESS	
A/C Member Entered:	M. Wilding entered the meeting at 9:17 a.m.
<i>Roundtable</i>	WFN staff, səx ^w k ^w inma?m Coble and səx ^w k ^w inma?m Tronson introduced



	themselves to the Advisory Council and then left the meeting at 9:21 a.m.
	<u>Swearing in, Oath of Office Execution, Code of Conduct</u> (Supporting documents are attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “B.”)
<i>J. Buck</i>	Reviewed the Oath of Office with the Advisory Council.
	The Advisory Council was sworn in at 9:25 a.m. on Friday, November 17, 2023.
<i>J. Buck</i>	Reviewed the Code of Conduct with the Advisory Council.
	The Advisory Council signed the Code of Conduct at 9:27 a.m.
<i>R. Ould</i>	Who is the adjudicating factor with these documents?
<i>J. Buck</i>	It is self-regulating. Sanctions can be discussed should something happen.
	<u>Introductions of Advisory Council Members and the Area they represent</u>
<i>Roundtable</i>	The Advisory Council introduced themselves and reviewed the areas that they represent.
<i>R. Ould</i>	A few years ago, we were asked to go around our districts and find a contact for the developments in our area.
ACTION	WFN staff to circulate the list of contacts for developments throughout the districts.
	<u>Appointment of Advisory Council Chair and Co-Chair</u>
<i>Roundtable</i>	The Advisory Council voted for the Chair and Co-Chair positions on the Advisory Council.
MOTION	MOVED BY M. Wilding Seconded by J. Beaton THAT the Advisory Council hereby moves to place R. Ould as Chair and S. Gilroy as Co-Chair for the 2023 – 2026 Advisory Council term. VOTING RESULTS: Rick Ould: Rick Ould and Steve Gilroy for Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. Allan Dion: Rick Ould and Steve Gilroy for Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. Mike Wilding: Rick Ould and Steve Gilroy for Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. Janice Beaton: Rick Ould and Steve Gilroy for Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. Steve Gilroy: Rick Ould and Steve Gilroy for Chair and Co-Chair, respectively. CARRIED
ACTION	M. Wilding requested a copy of the minutes from the 2022/2023 budget meeting(s). WFN staff to provide a copy of the budget materials and minutes from 2022/2023 meetings by November 24, 2023.
ACTION	M. Wilding requested information on sidewalk clearing (snow clearing). M. Wilding to contact Krista Derrickson (kderrickson@wfn.ca) with concerns related to the priority areas/infrastructure for snow clearing.
	<u>Welcome comments from the Director of IGA</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	My commitment to you all is that my department, Intergovernmental Affairs will be available to you all and we will do our best to cover any of your questions or concerns throughout your terms. We want to help you be the best you can be in your new roles.



	If you are not getting traction with your communications with staff, please reach out to me for assistance, however, I do not need to be involved in all of your communications and workings.
	Individual and Group Photos for the WFN Website
RECESSED	The Advisory Council recessed the meeting at 10:14 a.m. and then followed the break with photos.
RECONVENED	The Advisory Council reconvened the meeting at 10:35 a.m.
OLD BUSINESS	
	<u>Financial Services to provide percentages regarding where taxation revenues are being allocated compared to other revenues</u>
	<u>Financial Services to provide information to the Advisory Council regarding page 9, item 5, accounts receivable and why they were reversed over the years</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	Financial action items will be covered at the next meeting on November 24, 2023.
	<u>Development Services to provide a sidewalk plan, an updated version or the most recent plan</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	Reviewed WFN organizational restructuring with the Advisory Council. WFN staff will be scheduling regular attendance from all WFN departments.
	<u>R. Ould to email a copy of the letter to Development Services and the Recording Clerk</u> (The email letter is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “C.”)
<i>R. Ould</i>	I provided a copy of this to the Recording Clerk so it can be included in the minutes package from our last meeting.
	<u>Advisory Council to provide any recommendations for the orientation to J. Bellingham and M. McCarroll as soon as possible</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	I think we should go through the orientation first, following that, the Advisory Council can suggest additional items.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	There should be sandwich boards in all of the districts during the election period. I had a few people bring concerns about their lack of knowledge regarding the upcoming election. In the future, we should find new ways to market the election to ensure more participation.
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	This was the best turnout we have seen in terms of the number of voters. We can work towards a better marketing process for the next election.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Thank you. I just want the public to be more aware of the Advisory Council and have a better understanding of what we do and how we do it.
<i>M. Wilding</i>	I was surprised to see that WFN holds their own election polls. There is an option when you are doing your taxes, there is an added section for residents to put their name in for elections.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	We just want more awareness from the residents.
	<u>Schedule Quarterly Meetings for 2023-2024</u> (Supporting documents are attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “D.”)



<i>R. Ould</i>	Do you know if the \$2,000 donation has to be decided on by January?
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	It is on our fiscal calendar so March 31 st is the deadline. We will have this on the January agenda.
<i>R. Ould</i>	We used to meet monthly. Now we meet quarterly so it is very important that these dates work for everyone
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	If a date does not work for someone, WFN is very flexible in changing dates and a zoom option can be made available upon request. We will work to ensure all of your meeting materials are sent out one (1) week prior to the meeting. There will be times when special meetings are required and the Advisory Council also holds the right to request a special meeting.
MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould Seconded by S. Gilroy THAT the Advisory Council hereby accepts the proposed meeting schedule as presented. WFN Boardrooms will be made available to the Advisory Council 30 minutes before and after the scheduled meeting. CARRIED
	<u>Review the Advisory Council Orientation Binder</u>
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	Reviewed the orientation binder with the Advisory Council.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	I always thought that WFN had interactions with the Indigenous Affairs office at the provincial level.
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	We do have communications with them. However, we do not have the same protocols in place with the Provincial Government that we do with the Federal Government. Because we supersede the provincial government, we have to approach our intergovernmental relationship differently than how we do with the Federal government. We also work with local municipalities with respect to the foreshore, this is a long-standing item at WFN as the protection of the foreshore is of high importance. Working with developers on how to treat our lands in a more sustainable manner is a continuous priority for WFN. Continued reviewing the orientation binder with the Advisory Council.
<i>M. Wilding</i>	If a property is on City of West Kelowna land, I pay my taxes to them. If the property is on WFN lands, do I pay my taxes to WFN?
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	That is correct, however, if the property is on the foreshore (i.e. docks) the taxes are paid to the City of West Kelowna. Over the next year, we hope to solidify a letter of understanding for WFN to take over the jurisdiction of the foreshore.
ACTION	WFN staff to follow up on the newsletter signup section on the Website. S. Gilroy was unable to register for the newsletters.
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	In response to a question from S. Gilroy regarding who owns all of the WFN lands, the WFN Community only holds about 15% to 18% of reserve land. The remaining lands are owned by individual members through a certificate of possession.
ACTION	J. Bellingham to work with WFN Legal, Ntityix and other applicable staff to assist



	S. Gilroy with questions related to the Lakeridge Lease and WFN lands.
ACTION	WFN staff to provide a link for organizational videos to the Advisory Council. The link can be found above or HERE .
<i>J. Bellingham</i>	After we close today's meeting, we will go forward with the below sessions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lunch at Sammy J's • Tour of the WFN Museum • Tour of Westbank Community Lands
ACTION	The Advisory Council agrees to set a meeting with the Chief and Council for December 18, 2023. The meeting time is to be determined and invitations will be sent out.
ACTION	Move the "Tour of the WFN Government Building" agenda item to the November 24, 2023 meeting.
	Next Meeting
	The next meeting will take place on November 24, 2023.
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	MOVED BY R. Ould THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned. CARRIED The meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

Items Requiring Closure	
Items that still require closure include the following:	
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stqaʔtxʷn'iwɨ sqilxʷ (Westbank First Nation) The people (sqilxʷ) living where wind blows (niwɨt) 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 xʷał mnik, the area closer to IR#10 and many other areas that have specific place names.