

	<p style="text-align: center;">stqa?txw4n'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 sćłkstasq̄t, pæckłtán (Friday, March) 08, 2024</p>
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ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Rick Ould	Old Okanagan District
Steve Gilroy	Lakeridge District
Mike Wilding	Prairie District
Janice Beaton	East Boundary District

WFN STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:

Brayden Holenstein	Referrals Officer & Acting Recording Clerk
Valerie Dougans	Co-Acting Director of Finance
Eric Lamarche	Accounting Lead, Budgeting & Financial Reporting
Ernest Jack	Surveyor of Taxes
Rena Gregoire	Assistant Surveyor of Taxes

REGRETS:

Allen Dion	Lakeshore District
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CALL TO ORDER	The agenda is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "A."
<i>R. Ould</i>	Called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.
	<u>Recognition of any Absences of Advisory Council Members</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY Wilding Seconded by Gilroy THAT the Advisory Council hereby excuses Allen Dion from this meeting due to personal reasons. Janice Beaton is attending by Zoom. CARRIED
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY Wilding Seconded by Gilroy THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda. CARRIED
OLD BUSINESS	
	<u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes of February 02, 2024</u>
MOTION	MOVED BY Beaton Seconded by Wilding THAT the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of February 02, 2024 CARRIED



	<u>Invite LEO Officers for an introduction to the Advisory Council</u>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	Hoping to bring this team in for an introduction meeting early this summer.
	<u>Provide more detail regarding the 1.9 million for Planning & Development and the nearly 1.5 million for Public Works and Garage.</u>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	This will be covered in today's presentation.
	<u>Provide a memo explaining the asterisk noted on the Assessment vs Tax Burden slides</u>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	This will be covered in today's presentation.
	<u>Provide a memo explaining the difference between business and residential tax rates</u>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	This will be covered in today's presentation.
NEW BUSINESS	
	<u>March 8th Final LGS Budget Review</u> (Staff Report prepared by E. Lamarche is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "B.")
<i>V. Dougans</i>	Reviewed the LGS Budget presentation with the Advisory Council.
<i>M. Wilding</i>	Ernest, WFN has essentially \$5 Million in interest income between the accounts, is there an assumption there will be rate cuts by the end of this fiscal?
<i>V. Dougans</i>	Yes, that is likely the case.
<i>E. Lamarche</i>	We did factor in a small decrease.
<i>M. Wilding</i>	Under the home-owner grant, they agreed to increase this. If the year-to-date is \$3.2 Million, why is the budget \$3 Million?
<i>V. Dougans</i>	This was higher than expected and we adjusted the budget accordingly. We are expecting the budgeted amount, rather than last year's number of \$3.2 Million.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	It is often misunderstood that the Westbank First Nation is funded exclusively through property tax. This is not the case. I'd like to be able to show residents the number regarding that split between Own Source Revenue, Tax Collection, Grant Funding and other forms of revenue.
<i>V. Dougans</i>	Continued review of the LGS Budget presentation with the Advisory Council.
<i>E. Lamarche</i>	Reviewed the <u>"Provide more detail regarding the 1.9 million for Planning & Development and the nearly 1.5 million for Public Works and Garage"</u> agenda item with the Advisory Council. We are working on fixing the framework of our different allocations. We want the Tax Dollars to go towards departments and programs with a focus on all WFN lands and not just WFN Member-focused programs and services.
ACTION	Advisory Council members to coordinate a list of services and examples to provide at a later meeting with Public Works in attendance to discuss the alleged lack of services and the increase of allocated dollars. Snow clearing



	and tree maintenance were examples provided.
<i>E. Lamarche</i>	Continued review of the LGS Budget presentation with the Advisory Council.
ACTION	WFN Staff to provide a brief overview of the different revenue streams at WFN. A few examples are being requested. Examples include Tax Collection, Grant Funding and Own Source Revenue.
<i>V. Dougans</i>	Continued review of the LGS Budget presentation with the Advisory Council.
MOTION	MOVED BY Wilding Seconded by Beaton THAT the Advisory Council hereby recommends the proposed FY2024-2025 tax budget be approved by the Westbank First Nation Council. CARRIED
	<u>Westbank Annual Taxation Expenditure Bylaw 24-TX-01</u> (Staff Report prepared by E. Jack is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "C.")
<i>E. Jack</i>	Reviewed the taxation expenditure bylaw report with the Advisory Council.
MOTION	MOVED BY Gilroy Seconded by Beaton THAT the Advisory Council hereby reviews and recommends that the Westbank First Nation Council gives a third and final reading to Westbank Annual Taxation Expenditure Bylaw 24-TX-01. CARRIED
	<u>Westbank Annual Tax Rates Bylaw 24-TX-02</u> (Staff Report prepared by E. Jack is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT "D.")
<i>E. Jack</i>	Reviewed the taxation expenditure bylaw report with the Advisory Council.
MOTION	MOVED BY Beaton Seconded by Wilding THAT the Advisory Council hereby reviews and recommends that the Westbank First Nation Council give first reading to Westbank Annual Taxation Rates Bylaw 24-TX-02. CARRIED
	<u>District Reports</u>
	<u>Lakeridge</u>
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Nothing to share. We are still waiting on building permits for Westrich. When the next phase moves forward, G. Dimmick will provide an update.
	<u>Prairie</u>
<i>M. Wilding</i>	We are seeing an impact of the 27% increase in water rates and the proposed increase in usage versus flat rate. Several complexes are working on how they can cut down on water consumption.
<i>R. Ould</i>	In our complex, the strata rates were increased to subsidize this.



	<u>Lakeshore</u>
<i>A. Dion</i>	Absent from today's meeting.
	<u>East Boundary</u>
<i>J. Beaton</i>	Complaints about potholes but that is it.
	<u>Old Okanagan</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	I was contacted by a group of ladies who are concerned about the ongoing fight with the Green Acres Mobile Home Park where residents were allegedly not getting "fair market value" for their homes.
ADDITIONAL NEW BUSINESS ITEMS	
	<u>Administrative Update</u>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	<p><u>Minutes Posting</u> – WFN will work on getting all of the Advisory Council minutes updated and shared on the WFN website. The goal for staff is to have this all updated and implemented by the Advisory Council Annual General Meeting on April 16, 2024.</p> <p><u>Highlights</u> – Janice would like to create a condensed version of the minutes to share with residents. WFN will work on getting the minutes posted to the website along with a condensed (highlights) document created for each meeting that will also be posted online for residents to view. The goal for staff is to have this all updated and implemented by the Advisory Council Annual General Meeting on April 16, 2024.</p> <p><u>AGM</u> – Rick will be providing information and specific requests for this year's AGM regarding the finance presentation and his speech as Chair of the Advisory Council.</p>
<i>R. Ould</i>	I don't want to force anyone to speak at the AGM. If you are comfortable, you are encouraged, however, I can speak to anything on your behalf if you wish. If there is anything the Advisory Council wishes for me to address, I am more than happy to take any notes you provide ahead of the AGM.
	The next meeting will take place on April 16, 2024, at the Annual General Meeting for the Advisory Council and non-WFN Members living on WFN lands.
ADJOURNMENT MOTION	<p>MOVED BY</p> <p>THAT the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned.</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>The meeting adjourned at 10:38 a.m.</p>



Items Requiring Closure

Items that still require closure include the following:

- Invite LEO Officers for an introduction to the Advisory Council
- Advisory Council members to coordinate a list of services and examples to provide at a later meeting with Public Works in attendance to discuss the alleged lack of services and the increase of allocated dollars. Snow clearing and tree maintenance were examples provided.
- WFN Staff to provide a brief overview of the different revenue streams at WFN. A few examples are being requested. Examples include Tax Collection, Grant Funding and Own Source Revenue.

i stqa?tx^wniw` 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^w†). 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 x^wa† mnik, the area closer to IR#10 and many other areas that have specific place names.