

	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>stqaʔtxʷ4nʹiwt sqilxʷi</b>  <b>WESTBANK FIRST NATION</b>            515 Highway 97 South            Kelowna, B.C. V1Z 3J2            Phone: (250) 769-4999 Fax: (250) 769-4377  <a href="http://www.wfn.ca">www.wfn.ca</a>  <i>Community. Leadership. Pride.</i> </p>	<p style="text-align: center;"> <b>MINUTES</b>  <b>ADVISORY COUNCIL</b>    <b>skaʔhásq̓t</b>  <b>(Wednesday), siyaʔtən</b>  <b>(June) 19, 2024</b> </p>
---	--	---

**ADVISORY COUNCIL MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

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

**WFN CHIEF & COUNCIL IN ATTENDANCE:**

Jordan Coble	səxʷkʷínmaʔm (Councillor)
Andrea Alexander	səxʷkʷínmaʔm (Councillor)

**WFN STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:**

Brayden Holenstein	Referrals Officer
Kayt Ell	Executive Assistant to Council - Projects

**REGRETS:**

Jeniffer Bellingham	Director of Intergovernmental Affairs & Title and Rights
Robert Louie	yílmixʷm (Chief)
Sara Tronson	səxʷkʷínmaʔm (Councillor)
Angie Derrickson	səxʷkʷínmaʔm (Councillor)

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	<b>The agenda is attached to these minutes as EXHIBIT “A ”</b>
<i>R. Ould</i>	Called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.
	<b><u>Recognition of any Absences of Advisory Council Members</u></b>
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>MOVED BY BEATON</b> <b>Seconded by WILDING</b> <b>THAT</b> the Advisory Council hereby excuses Jeniffer, Sara, Angie and Robert from this meeting due to other business. <b>CARRIED</b>
	<b><u>Motion to Adopt the Agenda</u></b>
<b>MOTION</b>	<b>MOVED BY BEATON</b> <b>Seconded by WILDING</b> <b>THAT</b> the Advisory Council hereby approves the agenda. <b>CARRIED</b>
<b>OLD BUSINESS</b>	
	<b><u>Motion to Adopt the Minutes</u></b>



<b>MOTION</b>	<p><b>MOVED BY BEATON</b>  <b>Seconded by WILDING</b>  <b>THAT</b> the Advisory Council hereby approves the minutes of April 19, 2024.  <b>CARRIED</b></p>
	<p><b><u>Jason Brolund to provide contact information for Fire Assessments and a fire-safe video.</u></b></p>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	I have sent Jason a reminder to share the requested information.
	<p><b><u>Check with G. Dimmick on Development Cost Charges (DCC) for multi-story buildings on WFN Reserve lands.</u></b></p>
<i>B. Holenstein</i>	I have sent Graeme a reminder to share the requested information.
<b>NEW BUSINESS</b>	
	<p><b><u>Current State of Working Relationship</u></b></p>
<i>R. Ould</i>	<p>We have been to a few of these meetings in the past and there seemed to be a lot of complaining. This has drastically changed and the WFN staff have done a great job. Bringing in the WFN Directors and appropriate staff has helped with meaningful meetings and agendas.</p> <p>In general, I am pleased with our working relationship. The past few years have not been great the whole way but I am happy in my role and with the state of our working relationship alongside the WFN Chief &amp; Council and staff.</p>
<i>s4x<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>4nma?m J. Coble</i>	Is your communication channel directly through J. Bellingham?
<i>R. Ould</i>	Previously, we were only told to contact the liaison (M. Carroll). With that role currently vacant, J. Bellingham has allowed for a broader communication channel where the Advisory Council Chair can discuss items directly with the respective staff. All of that communication is still flowing through me as the Chair before heading to the other WFN staff.
	<p><b><u>Review of AGM</u></b>  <b><u>Currently, there is no law "requiring" it</u></b></p>
<i>R. Ould</i>	<p>I had a lot of good feedback from this year's AGM. I believe the staff did a great job of being available for questions from residents.</p> <p>Moving forward, I left a lot of financial numbers out of my presentation. R. Louie did dive into the numbers more so which was great to see. I would like to take more time next year to go to each booth and find out more about the type of questions they are receiving throughout the evening.</p>
<i>s4x<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>4nma?m A. Alexander</i>	I thought it was very well done. I agree that all the booths did a great job as well.
<i>R. Ould</i>	The AGM is not required in the WFN Advisory Council Law, however, it is great that WFN continues to put this on for us and the residents. We aren't asking for the law to be created but we want to make it known how much we do appreciate it.



<p>sax<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>inma?m A. Alexander</p>	<p>I don't see this as something that will be taken away in the future. The attendance is always high and it's something that all look forward to.</p>
<p><b><u>WFN Plans for Gaming on WFN Lands</u></b></p>	
<p>R. Ould</p>	<p>R. Louie mentioned that WFN will be looking into gaming on WFN lands (Casino). Where are you in the process and is there anything that you can share at this time?</p>
<p>sax<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>inma?m J. Coble</p>	<p>We are very early on and there are a lot of amendments, specifically to our corporate charter. The opportunity we have now is much better than previously so the work needs to be done in getting information to the Membership. BC Lottery is another large factor that is being dealt with.</p> <p>A lot of WFN's success has come from working alongside other regulatory bodies and other governments so we are ensuring we cover all of our bases with these organizations.</p> <p>WFN can certainly accompany a casino on our lands. Including another business such as a convention center, hotel or similar opportunity is being considered.</p>
<p>R. Ould</p>	<p>Thanks that is very similar to what I was expecting.</p>
<p>S. Gilroy</p>	<p>This is years out correct?</p>
<p>sax<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>inma?m J. Coble</p>	<p>Yes, there is a lot of engagement that needs to happen with different BC ministries, other regulatory bodies and of course the WFN Community. My vision is a walkable community where a lot of the WFN amenities are within walking distance for all.</p>
<p><b><u>Chief &amp; Council Update</u></b></p>	
<p>Introduction of Kayt Ell, WFN's newest Executive Assistant</p>	
<p>sax<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>inma?m A. Alexander</p>	<p>WFN has a new director of Operations, Lisa Pastro. She should be fairly familiar to you all. She will be starting in early July and all at WFN are very excited about her hire.</p>
<p>R. Ould</p>	<p>Just turning back on the agenda, the turnover in Finance has created a bit of confusion in terms of what information is shared but I am seeing a lot of effort from all. The agendas and meetings, as mentioned, are always well organized.</p> <p>It would be good to see the Financial Presentations shared with us directly after the Member updates, if possible.</p>
<p>sax<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>inma?m J. Coble</p>	<p>Each member of the WFN Chief and Council Chair one of the four Food Chief Committees. We utilize these committees as an administrative link to staff and a way to dive into the business items more in-depth, rather than having everything go straight to a Chief and Council meeting.</p> <p>Chief Spring Salmon - Chief for all creatures in the water.          Chief Black Bear - Chief for all creatures on the land.          Chief Bitterroot - Chief for things under the ground.</p>



	<p>Chief Saskatoon Berry - Chief for things growing on the land.</p> <p>Getting a vote at the RDCO table is very much still on our radar and will take some time to complete. Creating legislative changes at the Provincial level is not an easy, or fast process. The working relationship with the RDCO is good at this time.</p>
<i>M. Wilding</i>	How are those seats filled?
<i>s4x<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>4nma?m J. Coble</i>	The municipalities elect their officials to the RDCO seats and WFN currently sits as a non-voting member.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	A lot of residents don't understand that they have a vote when living on WFN lands when it comes to the RDCO seats.
<i>R. Ould</i>	Regarding cannabis dispensaries, is WFN looking at this?
<i>s4x<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>4nma?m J. Coble</i>	WFN's laws still outlaw cannabis and respective dispensaries. To change this would require law creation and law changes which will be voted on and decided by the WFN Membership.
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	There are a lot of considerations that need to be taken especially when it comes to choosing a location. Liquor stores are everywhere so it's important to remember that these dispensaries as well as liquor stores, are located away from schools and other sensitive areas where youth frequent.
<i>s4x<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>4nma?m J. Coble</i>	<p>Business standards also need to be upheld and the public vision of WFN always needs to be considered.</p> <p>There are a lot of updates at our corporate arm, Brenda Renewables is taking organic materials and using them to help the reclamation of the old Brenda Mines. WFN has an agreement to redirect a lot of organic waste that is currently going to landfills, up to the Brenda Renewables site.</p> <p>The corporate Nomination Board is also being worked on and is making good progress.</p> <p>Our Forestry Group, Ntityix Resources is also doing good work in regards to the McDougall Creek Wildfire Restoration. Ntityix Resources is also working on a small hand mill to assist in the reduction of wood waste. Brenda Renewables is another great option for some of the wood waste. Sustainability is very key to WFN.</p>
<i>s4x<sup>w</sup>k<sup>w</sup>4nma?m A. Alexander</i>	I have been focusing on the WFN Community, Community Services and Member-focused programs. The museum is also under my preview as well. The Siyaten Festival was a great success over the weekend and I hope a few of you got out to enjoy that.
	<b><u>District Reports</u></b>
	<u>Lakeridge</u>
<i>S. Gilroy</i>	Regarding the new land-use law being proposed, I am happy to see that



	<p>a meeting has been set in July for an update. The overall view is great in my opinion. I am concerned about the limited number of zones that currently exist though.</p> <p>Some of the changes that are happening at Westrich are concerning to residents and are another issue that I'd like to speak with the Chief and Council in the future. Another day though.</p> <p>G. Dimmick has done a great job in keeping us up to date.</p>
	<u>Prairie</u>
<i>M. Wilding</i>	No Update.
	<u>Lakeshore</u>
<i>A. Dion</i>	No Update.
	<u>East Boundary</u>
<i>J. Beaton</i>	No Update.
	<u>Old Okanagan</u>
<i>R. Ould</i>	No Update.
	The next meeting will take place on July 19, 2024.
<b>ADJOURNMENT MOTION</b>	<p><b>MOVED BY GILROY</b>  <b>THAT</b> the Advisory Council meeting be adjourned.  <b>CARRIED</b>          The meeting adjourned at 12:42 p.m.</p>

<p><b><u>Items Requiring Closure</u></b></p> <p>Items that still require closure include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jason Brolund to provide contact information for Fire Assessments and a fire-safe video.</li> <li>• Update from G. Dimmick on Development Cost Charges (DCC) for multi-story buildings on WFN Reserve lands.</li> <li>• Law Enforcement Officers to attend an introductory meeting with the Advisory Council.</li> <li>• Discuss the potential for the next Advisory Council – WFN Chief &amp; Council Bi-Annual meeting to be held during a regularly scheduled Chief &amp; Council meeting at the Lindley Building with a catered lunch.</li> </ul>
--

<sup>i</sup> stqa?tx<sup>w</sup>4n'iw<sup>t</sup> sqilx<sup>w</sup> (**Westbank First Nation**) The people (sqilx<sup>w</sup>) living where wind blows (niw<sup>t</sup>) and forms swamps or puddles alongside a large lake (stq4?tk<sup>w</sup>4). 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<sup>w</sup>a4 mnik, the area closer to IR#10 and many other areas that have specific place names.