BACKGROUND TO THIS PLAN

The Strategic Plan, a five-year plan approved by Westbank First Nation (WFN) Council in accordance with section 9.4 of the WFN Constitution, is the official plan and must be consistent with the terms of the current Council elected September 15, 2016. 

PURPOSE

Membership of Council, the WFN Governance Plan or the WFN Board of Directors does not signify the adoption of the purposes in the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan and the WFN Governance Plan are not legal documents and are not binding in any way upon any person or entity.

The purpose of the Strategic Plan is to serve as a means of communication between the WFN and the community, and to assist in the development and implementation of the WFN Community Plan, which was updated in 2015, includes a “Community Vision” priorities and goals for Council and which the Administration acts upon. Of note, the WFN Community Plan, which was updated in 2015, includes a “Community Vision” and community services and programs.

Sustainability, Understanding, Confidentiality and Efficiency.

Equality, Honesty and Fairness, Respect, Integrity, Accountability and Transparency, and negotiating mutually beneficial agreements that have resulted in increased investment, employment, and greater participation of WFN Members, with the ultimate goal of becoming politically and financially independent.

The WFN Strategic Plan 2016-2020: Priority 3: Encouraging a Rich and Vibrant Culture

Council is committed to continuing to support and enhance the opportunities of every WFN Member, from operating a daycare centre and elementary school to a dedicated Community Services Department, to a suite of services that support the achievement of those outcomes. From operating a daycare centre and elementary school to a dedicated Community Services Department, to a suite of services that support the achievement of those outcomes, WFN is dedicated to building a future that is grounded in strong governance, strong community programs that promote healthy lifestyles, youth employment and social programs, and strong educational and cultural programs that shape the community’s future.

The Strategic Plan for 2016-2020 seeks to achieve the following: In terms of the type of government, WFN decides to build and advance in Council. In Council is committed to advancing WFN’s interests internationally, including through the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues. WFN participates in the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues and the Conference of First Ministers, and enjoys a high level of mutual respect and trust with other governments.

The WFN Strategic Plan 2016-2020: Priority 2: Supporting Members through Community Services

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The WFN Strategic Plan 2016-2020: Priority 1: Empowering Individuals

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Provision of high quality youth programming and services will continue to serve as a Council priority.

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Housing: WFN has made considerable progress towards addressing legal and financial barriers to meeting housing needs on Westbank Lands, and progress towards securing additional lands to be set aside as Westbank Lands (reserves) within the WFN “caretaker area”.

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The following Goals are more specific and measurable than the Priorities, and will help WFN’s Council and Administration focus on achieving particular results. The Strategic Goals of the 2016-2019 WFN Government Strategic Plan are based on the Membership. Accordingly, while respecting the need to maintain confidentiality of its Membership and non-Member residents, WFN strives to remain a proud leader and innovator in economic development, both on Westbank Lands and within its broader ancestral lands. Ensuring a stable system of laws and policies within the ancestral lands of the syilx people. WFN enjoys the broad powers and defined responsibilities. To ensure the WFN Government carries out its responsibilities effectively and meets its goals, Council must continually assess its operations and the functions of its institutions. As a First Nation government, WFN is self-governing with a unique form of government in Canada. WFN enjoys Good Governance as the unique First Nation community that it is. To encourage economic development on Westbank Lands, WFN has established an Economic Development Commission (EDC). Council is committed to continuing to work with the EDC to ensure the ongoing economic vibrancy of Westbank Lands and within the WFN “Caretaker Area”. Ensuring a stable system of laws and policies within the ancestral lands of the syilx people.

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Support WFN Members in completing high school and achieving their post-early childhood learning.
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**Priority 2:**
Support employment opportunities for WFN Members in the WFN government. Support the Economic Development Commission in meeting shared priorities and activities.
and ensure timely notice and information about available programs, services and the history of WFN and to ensure that WFN children have educational needs and encourages their participation in the community.

**Priority 3:**
Support WFN Elders through programs and services that help meet their unique needs and encourages their participation in the community.
Provide programs, services and activities that promote the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual well-being, and healing of members of the community.

**Priority 4:**
Develop and develop prenatal to age eleven programs and services including the Allotment Commission in meeting its priorities and goals with a focus on early childhood learning.

**Priority 5:**
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**Priority 6:**
Secure access to and make best use of resources on Westbank Lands and within the WFN “Caretaker Area”. Support the Economic Development Commission in meeting shared priorities and activities.
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**Priority 7:**
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**STRATEGIC GOALS**

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