



**First Nations Tax Commission**  
**Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations**

The First Nations Tax Commission, pursuant to the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, hereby approves the following law made by the Cowichan Tribes First Nation in the Province of British Columbia,

***Cowichan Tribes First Nation Annual Rates Law, 2016***

Dated at Kamloops, British Columbia this 3rd day of June, 2016.

On behalf of the First Nations Tax Commission

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C.T. (Manny) Jules – Chief Commissioner  
First Nations Tax Commission



**COWICHAN TRIBES FIRST NATION  
ANNUAL RATES LAW, 2016**

WHEREAS:

A. Pursuant to section 5 of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, the council of a first nation may make laws respecting taxation for local purposes of reserve lands, interests in reserve lands or rights to occupy, possess or use reserve lands, including laws to establish tax rates and apply them to the assessed value of lands, interests and rights in the reserve;

B. The council of the First Nation has made a property assessment law and a property taxation law; and

C. Subsection 10(1) of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* requires a first nation that has made a property taxation law to, at least once each year, make a law setting the rate of tax to be applied to the assessed value of each class of lands, interests or rights in the reserve;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Cowichan Tribes First Nation duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Annual Rates Law, 2016*.

2. In this Law:

“Act” means the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, S.C. 2005, c. 9, and the regulations made under that Act;

“Assessment Law” means the *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Property Assessment Law, 2013*;

“First Nation” means the Cowichan Tribes First Nation, being a band named in the schedule to the Act;

“property taxation law” means a law enacted by the First Nation under paragraph 5(1)(a) of the Act;

“taxable property” means property in a reserve that is subject to taxation under a property taxation law; and

“Taxation Law” means the *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Property Taxation Law, 2013*.

3. Taxes levied pursuant to the Taxation Law for the taxation year 2016 shall be determined by imposing the rates set out in the Schedule upon the assessed value of all taxable property in each property class.

4. Except where otherwise defined, words and expressions used in this Law have the meanings given to them in the Assessment Law and the Taxation Law.

5. Where a provision in this Law is expressed in the present tense, the provision applies to the circumstances as they arise.


6. This Law must be construed as being remedial and must be given such fair, large and liberal construction and interpretation as best ensures the attainment of its objectives.

7. The Schedule attached to this Law forms part of and is an integral part of this Law.


8. This Law comes into force and effect on the day after it is approved by the First Nations Tax Commission.

THIS LAW IS HEREBY DULY ENACTED by Council on the <sup>th</sup>24 day of May, 2016, at 5760 Allenby Road in the City of Duncan, in the Province of British Columbia.

A quorum of Council consists of five (5) members of Council.

  
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Chief William C. Seymour

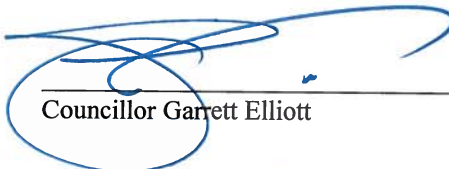
  
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**SCHEDULE  
TAX RATES**

PROPERTY CLASS	RATE PER \$1000 OF ASSESSED VALUE
<u>British Columbia</u>	
Class 1 – Residential	10.1600
Class 2 – Utilities	37.6900
Class 4 - Major Industry	30.1300
Class 5 - Light Industry	25.4200
Class 6 - Business and Other	25.2400
Class 9 - Farm	11.1800