



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 Seabird Island Indian Band in the Province of British Columbia,

Seabird Island Band Annual Expenditure Law, 2015

Dated at Kamloops, British Columbia this 1st day of October, 2015.

On behalf of the First Nations Tax Commission

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



**SEABIRD ISLAND BAND
ANNUAL EXPENDITURE LAW, 2015**

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 authorizing the expenditure of local revenues;

B. The Council of the Seabird Island Band has made the *Seabird Island Band Property Taxation By-law* and the *Seabird Island Band Property Assessment By-law*, which by-laws have been deemed further to section 145 of the Act as property taxation laws;

C. Section 10 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 establishing a budget for the expenditure of revenues raised under its property taxation laws; and

D. The Council of the First Nation wishes to establish an annual budget for the expenditure of revenues raised in the current taxation year, and an interim budget for the next taxation year;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Seabird Island Band duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Seabird Island Band Annual Expenditure Law, 2015*.

2. In this Law:

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

“annual budget” means a budget setting out the projected local revenues and projected expenditures of those local revenues during a budget year;

“annual expenditure law” means a law enacted under paragraph 5(1)(b) of the Act as required by paragraph 10(b) of the Act;

“Assessment Law” means the *Seabird Island Band Property Taxation By-law*;

“Council” has the meaning given to that term in the Act;

“First Nation” means the Seabird Island Band, being a band named in the schedule to the Act;

“interim budget” means a budget setting out the projected local revenues and projected expenditures of those local revenues during a budget year, that is intended to have effect only until replaced with an annual budget for that budget year;

“Law” means this annual expenditure law enacted under paragraph 5(1)(b) of the Act;
“local revenues” means money raised by the First Nation under a property taxation law;
“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 *Seabird Island Band Property Taxation By-law*.

3. The First Nation’s annual budget for the budget year beginning April 1 ,2015, and ending March 31, 2016, is attached as a Schedule and the expenditures provided for in the Schedule are authorized.

4.(1) The First Nation’s interim budget for the budget year beginning April 1, 2016, and ending March 31, 2017 is comprised of

- (a) section 1 of Part 1 of the Schedule; and
- (b) all of Part 2 of the Schedule except for section 6.

(2) The expenditures provided for in subsection (1) are authorized until the First Nation’s annual expenditure law for the budget year referenced in subsection (1) comes into force and effect, at which time the interim budget ceases to have force and effect.

5. Expenditures of local revenues must be made only in accordance with the annual budget.

6. Where the First Nation wishes to authorize an expenditure not authorized in this Law, or change the amount of an expenditure authorized, Council must amend this Law in accordance with Council procedure and the requirements of the Act.

7. The grant amounts set out in the annual budget are hereby approved as expenditures in accordance with the Taxation Law.

8. This Law authorizes the expenditure of contingency amounts as necessary within any of the categories of expenditures set out in the Schedule.

9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12. (1) The Schedule attached to this Law forms part of and is an integral part of this Law.

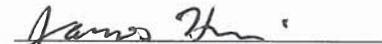
(2) A reference to the Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to this Law.

13. 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 15th day of August, 2015, at Agassiz, in the Province of British Columbia.

A quorum of Council consists of six (6) members of Council.


Chief Clem Seymour


Councillor James Harris


Councillor Margaret Pettis

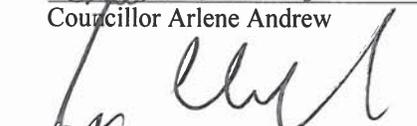
Councillor Marcia Peters


Councillor Vivian Ferguson

Councillor Art Andrew


Councillor Alexis Grace


Councillor Arlene Andrew


Councillor Jason Campbell

Councillor Carol Hope

SCHEDULE
ANNUAL BUDGET 2015 AND INTERIM BUDGET 2016

PART 1: REVENUES

1. Local revenues for current fiscal year:	
a. Property Tax	\$ 1,105,321
2. Prior Year Surplus	396,149
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,501,470

PART 2: EXPENDITURES

1. General Government Expenditures	
a. Executive and Legislative	304,742
b. General Administrative	113,532
c. Other General Government	
i. By-law Development	0
ii. Appeals	24,422
2. Protection Services	
a. Policing	
b. Firefighting	138,000
c. Regulatory Measures	
d. Animal and Pest control	5,000
e. Justice	60,623
f. Security	71,000
g. Other Protective Services - Dyking	100,000
3. Transportation	
a. Roads and Streets	50,000
b. Snow and Ice Removal	
c. Parking	
d. Public Transit	
e. Other Transportation	
4. Recreation and Cultural Services	
a. Recreation	
b. Culture	30,000
c. Heritage Protection	
d. Other Recreation and Culture	183,511

e. Elder's Program	90,086
5. Community Development	
a. Education	35,000
b. Planning and Zoning	
c. Community Planning	
d. Economic Development Program	
e. Tourism	
f. Trade and Industry	
g. Land Rehabilitation and Beautification	22,525
h. Other Regional Planning and Development	
d. Education	2,500
e. Other Service	158,582
6. Grants:	
a. Home owner grant equivalents:	1,140
b. Other grants:	
i. Age over 65	275
7. Contingency	\$ 110,532
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,501,470
BALANCE	\$ 0

Note: The First Nation has the following service agreements with third-party service providers, and the amounts indicated are the amounts payable by the First Nation under each agreement during the budget period:

a. District of Kent – Road Maintenance	\$ 14,750 per Annum
b. District of Kent – Sewer Service	\$ 1.15 per Cubic meter