



First Nations Tax Commission
Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations

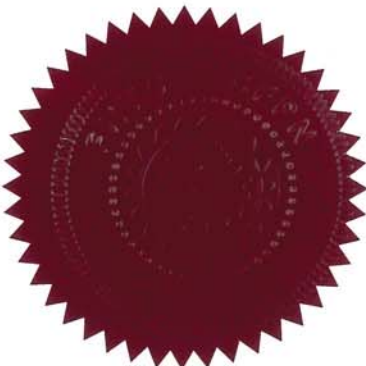
The First Nations Tax Commission, pursuant to the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, hereby approves the following law made by the Cowichan Tribes First Nation in the Province of British Columbia,

Cowichan Tribes First Nation Annual Expenditure Law, 2015

Dated at Kamloops, British Columbia this 4th day of June, 2015.

On behalf of the First Nations Tax Commission

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



**COWICHAN TRIBES FIRST NATION
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 First Nation has made a property assessment law and a property taxation law;

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 Cowichan Tribes First Nation duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Cowichan Tribes First Nation 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 *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Property Assessment Law, 2013*;

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

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

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) sections 1 to 8 of Part 2 of the Schedule, with the following changes

(i) paragraph 1(a) is reduced to \$444,445; and

(ii) paragraph 5(b) is reduced to \$59,424.

(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. A contingency reserve fund is hereby established for the purposes of funding unforeseen operating expenditures and stabilizing the impacts of cyclical local revenue decreases.

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 26th day of May, 2015, 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.



Chief William C. Seymour

Councillor Andrew Canute



Councillor Charles Seymour

Councillor Garrett Elliott

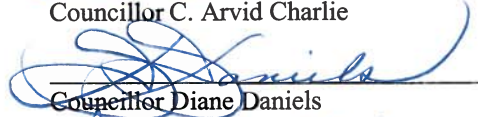
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Councillor Matthew Louie



Councillor C. Arvid Charlie



Councillor Diane Daniels

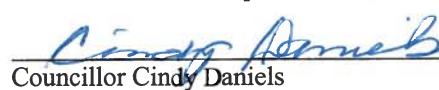


Councillor Dora Wilson



Councillor Stephanie Charlie

Councillor Albie Joseph Charlie



Councillor Cindy Daniels

SCHEDULE
ANNUAL BUDGET AND INTERIM BUDGET

PART 1: REVENUES

1. Local revenues to be collected in budget year:	
a. Property Tax Revenues	\$2,340,139
b. Business Licencing	\$ 8,640
c. Other Revenues:	
i. BC Hydro (Grant in Lieu of Taxes)	\$ 20,100
ii. Interest	\$ 2,000
2. Accumulated Surplus - Local revenues carried over from the previous budget year	\$ 500,000
3. Transfer In from Building Expansion Reserve Fund	\$ 462,391
TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,333,270

PART 2: EXPENDITURES

1. General Government Expenditures	
a. Executive and Legislative	\$ 944,445
2. Protection Services	
a. Policing	\$ 11,878
b. Firefighting	\$ 750
c. Regulatory Measures	\$ 52,734
d. Other Protective Services	\$ 65,177
3. Transportation	
a. Roads and Streets	\$ 159,781
b. Snow and Ice Removal	\$ 35,000
c. Parking	\$ 11,000
4. Recreation and Cultural Services	
a. Recreation	\$ 234,529
5. Community Development	
a. Housing	\$ 39,538
b. Community Planning (includes \$462,391 for office buildings expansion)	\$ 521,815

6. Environment Health Services	
a. Water Purification and Supply	\$ 300,503
b. Sewage Collection and Disposal	\$ 168,000
c. Garbage Waste Collection and Disposal	\$ 44,066
d. Recycling	\$ 194,912
e. Other Environmental Services	\$ 20,000
7. Other Services	
a. Health	\$ 186,416
b. Social Programs and Assistance	\$ 52,233
e. Other Service	\$ 32,488
8. Contingency Amounts	\$ 158,005
9. Transfers into Reserve Funds:	
a. Contingency Reserve Fund	\$ 100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,333,270
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 year:

a. District of North Cowichan <i>(service provider)</i>	Fire Protection (Maple Bay Petro) <i>(service provided)</i>	\$ 750
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Note: This Budget includes the attached Appendix.

Appendix A
Reserve Fund Balances

1. Building Expansion Reserve Fund

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2015	\$ 462,391
Transfers out	
a. to local revenue account:	\$ 462,391
b. to _____ reserve fund as a transfer:	\$
c. moneys borrowed for another purpose:	\$
Transfers in	
a. from local revenue account:	\$
b. from _____ reserve fund as a transfer to fund:	\$
c. borrowed moneys repaid to fund:	\$
Interest earned in current year:	\$ 0
Ending balance as of March 31, 2016:	\$ 0

2. Contingency Reserve Fund

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2015:	\$ 0
Transfers out	
a. to local revenue account:	\$
b. to _____ reserve fund as a transfer:	\$
c. moneys borrowed for another purpose:	\$
Transfers in	
a. from local revenue account:	\$ 100,000
b. from _____ reserve fund as a transfer to fund:	\$
c. borrowed moneys repaid to fund:	\$
Interest earned in current year:	\$ 0
Ending balance as of March 31, 2016:	\$ 100,000