



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

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

***Songhees First Nation Annual Rates Law, 2011***

Dated at Scantebury, Manitoba this 29th day of March, 2011.

On behalf of the First Nations Tax Commission

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



**SONGHEES FIRST NATION  
ANNUAL RATES LAW, 2011**

WHEREAS:

A. Pursuant to section 5 of the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical 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 Songhees First Nation has enacted the *Songhees First Nation Property Assessment Law, 2008* and the *Songhees First Nation Property Taxation Law, 2008*, respecting taxation for local purposes on reserve; and

C. Section 10 of the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical 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 Songhees First Nation duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Songhees First Nation Annual Rates Law, 2011*.
2. In this Law:

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

“Assessment Law” means the *Songhees First Nation Property Assessment Law, 2008*;

“First Nation” means the Songhees 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 *Songhees First Nation Property Taxation Law, 2008*.

3. Taxes levied pursuant to the Taxation Law for the taxation year 2011 shall be determined by imposing the rates set out in Schedule A upon the assessed value of all taxable property in each property class.

4. Notwithstanding section 3, where:

- a) the amount of the tax levied on Class I taxable property in a taxation year is less than three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350), and
- b) no taxpayer for that taxable property is over sixty-five (65) years of age, then the taxable property shall be taxed at three hundred and fifty dollars (\$350) for the taxation year.

5. Notwithstanding section 3, where:

- a) the amount of the tax levied on Class I taxable property in a taxation year is less than one hundred dollars (\$100), and
- b) a taxpayer for that taxable property is at least sixty-five (65) years of age, then the taxable property shall be taxed at one hundred dollars (\$100) for the taxation year.

6. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Law, if the First Nations Financial Management Board gives notice to Council pursuant to the Act that third-party management of the revenues raised under this Law is required, Council authorizes the First Nations Financial Management Board to act as agent of the First Nation to fulfill any of the powers and obligations of the Council under this Law and the Act.

7. 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.

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

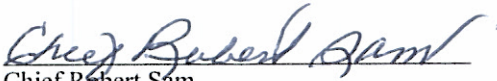
9. This Law must be construed as being remedial and must be given such fair, large and liberal construction and interpretation as best ensures the attainment of its objectives.

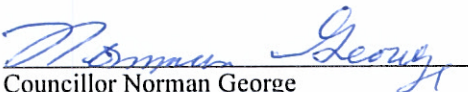
10. Schedule A attached to this Law forms part of and is integral to this Law.


11. 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 21 day of MARCH 2011, at Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia.

A quorum of Council consists of four (4) members of Council.


  
Chief Robert Sam

  
Councillor Norman George

  
Councillor Garry Albany

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Councillor Frank George Sr.

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Councillor Nicholas Albany

  
Councillor Ron Sam

**SCHEDULE A  
TAX RATES**

PROPERTY CLASS	RATE PER \$1000 of assessed value
Class 1 – Residential	5.8659
Class 2 – Utilities	45.9065
Class 3 – Supportive Housing	5.8659
Class 4 - Major Industry	44.5808
Class 5 - Light Industry	24.8714
Class 6 - Business and Other	20.12
Class 7 - Forest Land	2.6983
Class 8 - Recreational Property/Non-Profit Organization	8.3296
Class 9 - Farm	16.7178