



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 Rates 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 RATES 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 to establish tax rates and apply them to the assessed value of lands, interests and rights in the reserve;

B. The Council of the Seabird Island Band has enacted the *Seabird Island First Nation Property Taxation By-law* and the *Seabird Island First Nation Property Assessment By-law*, which by-laws have been deemed to be property taxation laws made under the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*, pursuant to section 145 of that Act; and

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 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 Seabird Island Band duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Seabird Island Band Annual Rates 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;

“Assessment Law” means the *Seabird Island First Nation Property Assessment By-law*;

“First Nation” means the Seabird Island Band, 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 *Seabird Island First Nation Property Taxation By-law*.

3. Taxes levied pursuant to the Taxation Law for the taxation year 2015 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. 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.

5 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.

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

7. 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.

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

9. 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

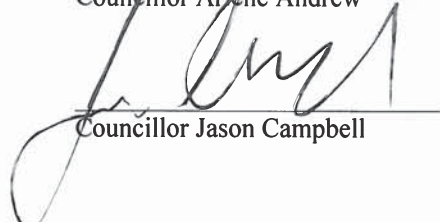
Councillor Marcia Peters


Councillor Vivian Ferguson

Councillor Art Andrew


Councillor Alexis Grace


Councillor Arlene Andrew


Councillor Jason Campbell

Councillor Carol Hope

SCHEDULE
TAX RATES 2015

PROPERTY CLASS	RATE PER \$1,000 of assessed Value in:	
	Improvements	Land
Class 1 - Residential	7.34266	7.34266
Class 2 - Utilities	73.25701	73.25701
Class 5 - Light Industry	21.86654	21.86654
Class 6 - Business and Other	17.95000	17.95000
Class 7 – Managed Forest Land	19.18310	19.18310
Class 8 - Recreational Property/Non-Profit Organization	13.63189	13.63189
Class 9 - Farm	20.11865	20.11865
Class 10 - Prescribed Railway Rights of Way	56.95859	39.02864