



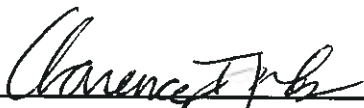
First Nations Tax Commission
Commission de la fiscalité des premières nations

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

Skowkale First Nation Annual Rates Law, 2008

Dated at Kamloops, British Columbia this 10th day of October, 2008.

On behalf of the First Nations Tax Commission



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



**SKOWKALE FIRST NATION
ANNUAL RATES LAW, 2008**

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 Skowkale First Nation has enacted the *Skowkale First Nation Property Taxation Assessment By-law* dated October 20, 1995, which 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;

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 Skowkale First Nation, at a duly convened meeting, enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Skowkale First Nation Annual Rates Law, 2008*.

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 *Skowkale First Nation Property Taxation Assessment By-law* dated October 20, 1995;

“First Nation” means the Skowkale 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 *Skowkale First Nation Property Taxation Assessment By-law* dated October 20, 1995.

3. Taxes levied pursuant to the Taxation Law for the taxation year 2008 shall be determined by imposing the rates set out in the Schedule for each property class established in the Assessment Law, 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 1 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 tax levied on Class 1 taxable property in a taxation year is less than one hundred (\$100) dollars, and

(b) a taxpayer for that taxable property is at least sixty-five years (65) 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. The Schedule attached to this Law forms part of and is an integral part of this Law.

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

THIS LAW IS HEREBY DULY ENACTED by Council on the 1st day of October, 2008, at Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia.

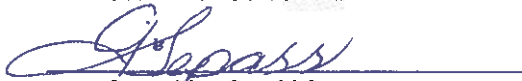
A quorum of Council consists of three (3) members of Council.



Chief Mark Point



Councillor Gordon Hall



Councillor Gerald Sepass

Councillor Jeffrey Point

Councillor James Archie

**SCHEDULE
TAX RATES**

PROPERTY CLASS	RATE PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE
Class 1 – Residential	6.87035
Class 2 – Utilities	57.78839
Class 4 - Major Industry	00.00000
Class 5 - Light Industry	18.72456
Class 6 - Business and Other	17.97914
Class 7 - Forest Land	18.00905
Class 8 - Recreational Property/Non-Profit Organization	6.99370
Class 9 - Farm	21.48472