?aqam

NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL REVENUE LAWS AND INVITATION TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to section 6 of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* (the "FMA").

?aqam (the "First Nation") proposes to enact the ?aqam Property Assessment Law, 2017 and the ?aqam Property Taxation Law, 2017 (together, the "Proposed Laws").

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LAWS:

The Proposed Laws are a property assessment law made under the authority of section 5(1)(a)(i) of the FMA, and a property taxation law made under the general authority of section 5(1)(a) of the FMA. The property assessment law is an update and replacement of the existing St. Mary's Indian Band Property Assessment Law, 2008 and amendments, and provides for the assessment and valuation of interests in land in ?aqam'sreserve lands, and includes provisions for appointing assessors, inspecting property, preparing assessment rolls, and mailing assessment notices. This law includes a process for reconsideration of assessments and for a right of appeal to an assessment review board. The property taxation law is an update and replacement of the existing St. Mary's Indian Band Property Taxation Law, 2008 and amendments, and establishes a taxation regime that taxes interests in land in the reserve, and includes provisions for exemptions, grants, preparing tax rolls and tax notices, the levy of penalties and interest on unpaid taxes, and the collection and enforcement of unpaid taxes. A copy of the Proposed Laws may be obtained from ?aqam Administration at the address set out below.

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS:

The Council of ?aqam invites written representations regarding the Proposed Laws. If you wish to make a written representation, your written representation must be received by ?aqam at the address set out below on or before 4:30 pm, Monday, July 4th, 2017. Council will consider all written representations received in accordance with this Notice before enacting the Proposed Laws.

ADDRESS AND CONTACT PERSON:

For further information or questions regarding the Proposed Laws or this Notice, please contact: Ivan Winter, Director of Finance at 7470 Mission Road, Cranbrook, BC, by telephone at 250-426-5717 or by email at iwinter@agam.net.

Dated: June 1st, 2017