

BEECHER BAY  
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**NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL REVENUE LAWS AND INVITATION TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS**

**NOTICE IS GIVEN**, pursuant to section 6 of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* (the “FMA”), that Beecher Bay proposes to enact the *Beecher Bay Property Assessment Law, 2016* and the *Beecher Bay Property Taxation Law, 2016* (collectively, the “Proposed Laws”) and repeal the *Beecher Bay Property Assessment Act, 2014* and *Beecher Bay Property Taxation Law, 2014* in their entirety.

**DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LAWS:** The Proposed Laws are a property taxation law made under the general authority of paragraph 5(1)(a) of the FMA and a property assessment law made under the authority of subparagraph 5(1)(a)(i) of the FMA. The Proposed Laws are an update of the existing laws that reflect recent amendments to the FMA and related regulations. The property assessment law provides for the assessment and valuation of interests in land on the reserve lands of the First Nation, including appointing assessors, inspecting property, preparing assessment rolls, and mailing assessment notices. The property assessment law provides a process for reconsideration of assessments and for a right of appeal to an assessment review board. The property taxation law 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. The property taxation law exempts properties that are majority-owned by Beecher Bay corporations. The property taxation law also allows for partial year exemptions and partial year taxation where properties change their exemption status during the taxation year.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED LAWS may be obtained from: Councillor Bernice Millette, 4901B East Sooke Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1B6, (250) 478-3535, [bernicebbfn@live.ca](mailto:bernicebbfn@live.ca).

THE BEECHER BAY COUNCIL INVITES WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS regarding the Proposed Laws. Written representations may be made to the Council only within thirty (30) days after July 6, 2016, being August 8, 2016.

Persons wishing to make a written representation must deliver the representation to: Councillor Bernice Millette, 4901B East Sooke Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1B6. Representations must be received at this location on or before 4:00 pm August 8, 2016 in order to be considered by the Council. Before making the Proposed Laws, the Council will consider all written representations received in accordance with this Notice.

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** For further information or questions regarding the Proposed Laws,

this Notice or the making of written representations to the Council, please contact Councillor Bernice Millette at 4901B East Sooke Road, Sooke, BC V9Z 1B6, by telephone at (250) 478-3535 or by email at [bernicebbfn@live.ca](mailto:bernicebbfn@live.ca).

Dated: July 6, 2016