

SQ'EWLETS
ANNUAL RATES LAW, 2020

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 and interests or rights in reserve lands, including laws to establish tax rates and apply them to the assessed value of those lands and interests or rights;

B. The council of the First Nation has made a property assessment law and a property taxation law; and

C. Subsection 10(1) 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 and interests or rights;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Sq'ewlets First Nation duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Sq'ewlets First Nation Annual Tax Rates Law, 2020*.

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 *Scowlitz First Nation Property Assessment By-Law, 2004*;

“First Nation” means the Sq'ewlets, 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” has the meaning given to that term in the Taxation Law; and

“Taxation Law” means the *Scowlitz First Nation Property Taxation By-Law, 2004*.

3. Taxes levied pursuant to the Taxation Law for the taxation year 2020 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. 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.

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

6. 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.

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

8. 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 _____th day of May, 2020, at Lake Errock, in the Province of British Columbia.

A quorum of Council consists of two (2) members of Council.

Chief John Williams Jr.

Councillor Melvyn Hall

Councillor Joseph Chapman

**SCHEDULE
TAX RATES**

| PROPERTY CLASS | RATE PER THOUSAND DOLLARS OF ASSESSED VALUE |
|---|--|
| Class 1 - Residential | 0.0 |
| Class 2 - Utilities | 70.30942 |
| Class 4 - Major Industry | 0.0 |
| Class 5 - Light Industry | 0.0 |
| Class 6 - Business and Other | 0.0 |
| Class 7 - Forest Land | 0.0 |
| Class 8 - Recreational Property/Non-Profit Organization | 0.0 |
| Class 9 – Farm | 0.0 |