

SKOWKALE FIRST NATION
ANNUAL EXPENDITURE LAW, 2023

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 authorizing the expenditure of local revenues;

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

C. Subsection 10(2) of the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act* requires a first nation that has made a property taxation law or a law under paragraph 5(1)(a.1) to make, at least once each year, a law establishing a budget for the expenditure of revenues raised under those laws; and

D. The Council of the First Nation wishes to establish an annual budget for the expenditure of revenues raised in the current taxation year, and wishes to authorize expenditures made in accordance with section 13.1 of the Act;

NOW THEREFORE the Council of the Skowkale First Nation duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Skowkale First Nation Annual Expenditure Law, 2023*.

2. In this Law:

“Act” means the *First Nations Fiscal Management Act*, S.C. 2005, c. 9, and the regulations made under that Act;

“annual budget” means a budget setting out the projected local revenues and projected expenditures of those local revenues during a budget year, and setting out expenditures made in accordance with section 13.1 of the Act;

“Assessment Law” means the *Skowkale First Nation Property Assessment Law, 2012*;

“Council” has the meaning given to that term in the Act;

“First Nation” means the Skowkale First Nation, being a band named in the schedule to the Act;

“Law” means this annual expenditure law enacted under paragraph 5(1)(b) of the Act as required by subsection 10(2) of the Act;

“local revenues” means money raised by the First Nation under a local revenue law and payments made to a First Nation in lieu of a tax imposed by a law made under paragraph 5(1)(a) of the Act;

“property taxation law” means a law enacted by the First Nation under paragraph 5(1)(a) of the Act; and

“Taxation Law” means the *Skowkale First Nation Property Taxation Law 2012*.

3. The First Nation’s annual budget for the budget year beginning April 1, 2023, and ending March 31, 2024, is attached as a Schedule and the expenditures provided for in the Schedule are authorized.

4. Expenditures of local revenues must be made only in accordance with the annual budget or in accordance with section 13.1 of the Act.

5. The expenditures made in the current year before this Law is enacted are included in the annual budget and are authorized by this Law.

6. Where the First Nation wishes to authorize an expenditure not authorized in this Law, or change the amount of an expenditure authorized, Council must amend this Law in accordance with Council procedure and the requirements of the Act.

7. The grant amounts set out in the annual budget are hereby approved as expenditures in accordance with the Taxation Law.

8. A TCA Reserve Fund is hereby established for the purposes of funding expenditures for the purposes of life-cycle management of capital assets.

9. This Law authorizes the expenditure of contingency amounts as necessary within any of the categories of expenditures set out in the Schedule.

10. 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.

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

12. 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.

13.(1) The Schedule attached to this Law, including any Appendices, forms part of and is an integral part of this Law.

(2) A reference to the Schedule is a reference to the Schedule to this Law.

14. 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 1st day of November, 2023, at Chilliwack, in the Province of British Columbia.

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

Chief Mark Point

Councillor Tiffany Silver

Councillor Darcy Paul

Councillor Willy Hall

Councillor Teresa Galis

SCHEDULE
ANNUAL BUDGET

PART 1: REVENUES

1. Property Tax revenues to be collected in budget year:	
a. Property Tax Revenues	\$1,462,631.00
b. Property Transfer Tax Revenues	\$450,000.00
2. Other Revenue:	\$1,400,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$3,312,631.00

PART 2: EXPENDITURES

1. General Government Expenditures	
a. General Administrative	\$53,600.00
b. Local Service Agreement	\$60,723.00
2. Protection Services	
a. Firefighting	\$18,405.00
b. Local Service Agreement	\$296,869.00
3. Transportation	
a. Roads and Streets	\$100,000.00
b. Local Service Agreement	\$121,446.00
4. Recreation and Cultural Services	
a. Recreation	\$1,964,874.00
b. Local Service Agreement	\$148,434.00

5. Community Development	
a. Local Service Agreement	\$6,747.00
6. Fiscal Services	
a. Long-term Payments to the First Nations Finance Authority	\$135,496.00
b. Local Service Agreement	\$40,482.00
7. Grants	
a. Homeowner Grants	\$310,385.00
8. Contingency Amounts	\$71,675.00
9. Transfers into reserve funds	
a. Transfer into TCA Reserve Fund	\$1,900,000.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$5,229,136.00

PART 3: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT

1. Accumulated Surplus- revenues carried forward from the previous budget year	\$1,916,505.00
BALANCE	\$0.00

Note: The First Nation has the following service agreements with third-party service providers, and the amounts indicated are the amounts payable by the First Nation under each agreement during the budget year:

a. City of Chilliwack	\$674,701.00
b. BC Assessment	\$12,972.00

Appendix
Reserve Fund Balances

1. TCA Reserve Fund

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2023 :	\$0
Transfers out	
a. to current year's revenues:	\$0
b. to reserve fund as a transfer:	\$0
c. moneys borrowed for another purpose:	\$0
Transfers in	
a. from current year's revenues:	\$1,900,000
b. from reserve fund as a transfer to fund:	\$0
c. borrowed moneys repaid to fund:	\$0
Interest earned in current year:	\$ 57,000
Ending balance as of March 31, 2024:	\$1,957,000