

**COWICHAN TRIBES FIRST NATION
ANNUAL EXPENDITURE LAW, 2025**

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 Cowichan Tribes First Nation duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Annual Expenditure Law, 2025*.

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 *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Assessment law, 2019*;

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

“First Nation” means the Cowichan Tribes 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 *Cowichan Tribes First Nation Taxation Law, 2019*.

3. The First Nation’s annual budget for the budget year beginning April 1, 2025, and ending March 31, 2026, 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. This Law authorizes the expenditure of contingency amounts as necessary within any of the categories of expenditures set out in the Schedule.

8. 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.

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

10. 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.

11.(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.

12. 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 ____ day of _____, 2025, at Duncan, in the Province of British Columbia.

A quorum of Council consists of seven (7) members of Council.

Chief Cindy Daniels

Councillor Christopher Alphonse

Councillor Francine Alphonse

Councillor Tasha Brooks

Councillor Jennifer Charlie

Councillor Troy Elliott

Councillor Audrey George

Councillor Howard George

Councillor Terri Allen

Councillor D'arcy Joe Jr.

Councillor Calvin Swustus Jr.

Councillor Calvin Swustus Sr.

Councillor Amanda Sylvester

SCHEDULE
ANNUAL BUDGET

PART 1: REVENUES

1. Property Tax Revenues to be collected in Budget year

a. Property Tax Revenues	\$3,471,486.72
b. Payments received in lieu of taxes	\$20,000.00
c. Business Licensing	\$10,000.00
d. Penalties and Interest	\$10,000.00
e. Interest	\$45,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES	\$3,556,486.72
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PART 2: EXPENDITURES

1. General Government Expenditures

a. Accounting & Audit	\$10,000.00
b. Assessment	\$30,000.00
c. Financial Administration	\$200,000.00
d. Lands Management Administration	\$875,000.00
e. Public Works Administration	\$750,000.00

2. Protection Services

a. Other Protective Services - Bylaw Enforcement	\$255,000.00
b. Other Protective Services - Emergency Response	\$200,000.00
c. Other Protective Services - Security Guards	\$150,000.00

3. Transportation	
a. Roads and Streets	\$150,000.00
4. Recreation and Cultural Services	
a. Gym, Recreation & Culture	\$350,000.00
b. Activity Fees	\$75,000.00
5. Community Development	
a. Housing	\$89,341.19
6. Environment Health Services	
a. Garbage Waste Collection & Disposal	\$375,000.00
b. Sewage Collection and Disposal - Septic Repair Clem Clem	\$15,000.00
c. Water Purification and Supply - JUB Operating Costs	\$45,000.00
7. Contingency Amount	\$123,805.53
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$3,693,146.72

PART 3: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT

1. Accumulated Surplus- revenues carried forward from the previous budget year	\$136,660.00
2. Accumulated Deficit- revenue expenditures carried forward from the previous budget year	\$0.00
BALANCE	\$0.00