

**WE WAI KAI NATION
CAPE MUDGE BAND
Lands and Natural Resources
690 Headstart Cres
Campbell River, BC V9H 1P9**



From the desk of Lise Steele – Director of Lands and Natural Resources

By enacting a property taxation law, the We Wai Kai Nation will establish jurisdiction over the property within the reserve boundaries **to tax non-Native business located on reserve**. One of the major reasons for enacting this law is that if we don't establish our own law, the City of Campbell River and/or the Regional District have the jurisdiction to collect and KEEP those tax fees. In exercising our property tax jurisdiction, the Nation will serve notice to all concerned parties (City of Campbell River, and the Regional District) that we – the Nation will be taxing on reserve lands and for those parties (City of Campbell River, and the Regional District) to stop.

Other Benefits

Real property taxation will provide the Nation an independent, stable and flexible source of revenue, which can be reinvested to improve services, respond to priorities, and address deficiencies in economic infrastructure. Improved community infrastructure and the provision of dependable services also attract commercial and residential development.

Property taxation is a fundamental pillar of financing government and future economic growth. In this regard, the Nation may choose to establish property taxation in anticipation of future growth or to better manage their current economic activity. Having this regulatory framework in place assists with community planning and allows potential investors to know what the rules are before they invest.

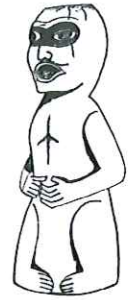
BUT AM I GETTING TAXED???

NO!!!

The Property Interest of all We Wai Kai Citizens will continue to be exempt from taxation, under the proposed property taxation laws our Citizens will NOT be personally taxed.



CAPE MUDGE BAND COUNCIL
690 Headstart Crescent
Campbell River, BC
V9H 1P9



Brian Kelly, Band Administrator

December 5th 2011

Dear Citizen:

Proposed We Wai Kai Property Assessment and Taxation Laws

Please be advised that Chief and Council gave first reading to proposed We Wai Kai Property Assessment and Taxation Laws on October 11th 2011. Copies of both these draft laws can be obtained at either the Quinsam or Cape Mudge Administration Offices.

The proposed Property Assessment and Taxation Laws will enable We Wai Kai to collect property taxes against third party interests in We Wai Kai lands. This is important as we further develop our lands and look to provide local services to those lands. If we do not enact these laws, property taxes will be collected from third parties by the City of Campbell River and/or the province on behalf of Strathcona Regional District.

Property taxation is a fundamental pillar of financing government and future economic growth. It will provide the We Wai Kai Nation with an independent, stable and flexible source of revenue which can be used to provide and improve services, respond to priorities and address deficiencies in economic infrastructure. Improved community infrastructure and the provision of dependable services will attract commercial and residential development. Having this regulatory framework in place will assist We Wai Kai with community planning and allows potential investors to know what the rules are before they invest.

Please be assured that under the proposed property taxation laws, the property interests of citizens will continue to be exempt from taxation as they have been in the past. Our citizens will NOT be personally taxed.

Please find enclosed the Legal Notice regarding the development of these two laws that is required to be provided by our Nation in accordance with the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act*; the authority under which Chief and Council are proposing these laws. Legal Notice in substantially the same form will be published in the Campbell River Mirror on December 13th, 14th and 15th. The Notice invites the public, to make representations to the Chief and Council on the proposed laws within sixty days. Citizens are, of course, invited as well to make representations in accordance with the Notice. After the Notice period has expired Council will consider any representations made and enact the law.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the proposed two laws please do not hesitate to contact Lise Steele, Director of Lands and Natural Resources, at our offices (250) 914-1890 x 111 or by email at lise@wewaikai.com.

Thank you,

Brian Kelly,
Administrator

LEGAL NOTICE

WE WAI KAI NATION NOTICE OF PROPOSED LOCAL REVENUE LAWS AND INVITATION TO MAKE REPRESENTATIONS

NOTICE IS GIVEN, pursuant to section 6 of the *First Nations Fiscal and Statistical Management Act* (hereafter referred to as the “FSMA”), that We Wai Kai Nation proposes to enact the We Wai Kai Nation Property Assessment Law and the We Wai Kai Taxation Law (hereafter referred to as the “Proposed Laws”).

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED LAWS: The Proposed Laws are a property taxation law and a property assessment law, both made under the authority of section 5(1)(a)(i) of the FSMA. The property assessment law provides for the assessment and valuation of interests in land on the reserve lands of We Wai Kai 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.

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED LAWS may be obtained from the We Wai Kai Nation Administration Offices during office hours (8:00 am – 4:00 pm Monday to Friday) located at either:

We Wai Kai Administration Offices
690 Headstart Crescent
Quinsam Reserve
Campbell River, BC

or We Wai Kai Administration Offices
#1 Weway Road
Cape Mudge Village
Quadra Island, BC

THE COUNCIL OF WE WAI KAI NATION INVITES WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS regarding the Proposed Laws. Written representations may be made to the Council only within sixty (60) days after December 16th, 2011 being February 14th 2012. Persons wishing to make a written representation must deliver the representation addressed to the Council:

We Wai Kai Nation
690 Headstart Crescent
Campbell River, BC
V9H 1P9
Fax: (250) 914-1891 extension 111

Representations must be received at this location on or before 4:00 pm February 14th 2012 in order to be considered by Council. Before making the Proposed Laws, 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 Council please contact Ms Lise Steele, Director of Lands and Natural Resources, at 690 Headstart Crescent, Campbell River, BC, V9H 1P9, by telephone at (250) 914-1890 x111 or by email at lise@wewaikai.com.

Dated: December 5th 2011