SEABIRD ISLAND BAND

ANNUAL EXPENDITURE LAW, 2026

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 Seabird Island Band duly enacts as follows:

1. This Law may be cited as the *Seabird Island Band Annual Expenditure Law, 2026.*

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 *Seabird Island Indian Band Assessment Bylaw*;

"Council" has the meaning given to that term in the Act;

"First Nation" means the Seabird Island Band, 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 *Seabird Island Indian Band Taxation Bylaw.*

3. The First Nation's annual budget for the budget year beginning April 1, 2026, and ending March 31, 2027, 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. This Law authorizes the expenditure of contingency amounts as necessary within any of the categories of expenditures set out in the Schedule.

9. 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.

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

11. 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.

12.(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.

13. 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 the Council on 18th day of November, 2026, at Seabird Island Band Office, in the Province of British Columbia.

A quorum of Council consists of five (5) members of Council.

_____	_____
Chief Margaret Pettis	Councillor Willow Walker
_____	_____
Councillor Rodney Peters	Councillor Arlene Andrew
_____	_____
Councillor Tyrone McNeil-Bobb	Councillor Marlana Peters
_____	_____
Councillor Marcia Peters	Councillor Tasheenah Peters
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Councillor Chaundine Fisher	

SCHEDULE

ANNUAL BUDGET

PART 1: REVENUES

1. Property tax revenues to be collected in budget year:	$1,698,657
TOTAL REVENUES	**$**1,698,657

PART 2: EXPENDITURES

1. General Government Expenditures	
a. Executive and Legislative	$ 489,938
b. General Administrative	$ 169,865
c. Other General Government	$ 105,000
2. Protection Services	
a. Policing	
b. Firefighting	$ 181,439
c. Regulatory Measures	$ 75,000
3. Transportation	
a. Roads and Streets	
b. Snow and Ice Removal	
4. Recreation and Cultural Services	
a. Recreation	$ 140,000
b. Culture (Elder's program)	
c. Heritage Protection	
d. Other Recreation and Culture	$ 102,304
5. Community Development	
a. Housing	
b. Planning and Zoning	$ 16,986
c. Community Planning	$ 97,564
d. Economic Development Program	
6. Grants	
a. Home owner grant equivalents	$ 1,415
7. Contingency	
a. Contingency Amount	$ 152,879
8. Transfers in Reserve Funds	
a. Seabird Capital Reserve Fund	$ 169,865
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	**$1,702,255**

PART 3: ACCUMULATED SURPLUS/DEFICIT

1. Accumulated Surplus – revenues carried forward from the previous budget year	$3,598
2. Accumulated Deficit – expenditures carried forward from the previous budget year	$ 0
BALANCE	**$ 0**

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 period:

a. District of Kent – Road Maintenance	$ 14,750 per Annum
b. District of Kent – Sewer Service	$ 1.42 per Cubic meter

Appendix

Reserve Fund Balances

1. Seabird Capital Reserve Fund

Beginning balance as of April 1, 2026		$ 1,316,302
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:	$ 169,865
b.	from _____ reserve fund as a transfer:	$ 0
c.	borrowed moneys repaid to fund:	$ 0
Interest earned in current year:		$ 26,326
Ending balance as of March 31, 2027:		$ 1,512,493