

# S.A.Y. LANDS OFFICE

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ANNUAL REPORT  
2020-21 FISCAL YEAR

**SQ'EWQÉYL - ÁTHELETS - YEQWYEQWÍ:WS**





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# INTRODUCTION

## About Us

2020-21 marked the seventh year that S.A.Y. Lands Office has been operational. The S.A.Y. Lands Office manages lands on behalf of Sq'ewqéyl, Áthelets, and Yeqwyeqwí:ws First Nations. Having a Land Code not only returns the management of land back to the First Nations from the Federal Government, it grants the authority to the communities to govern through Land Laws. In this document, we will summarize the S.A.Y. Lands achievements in through this fiscal year.

## S.A.Y. Chiefs

Sq'ewqéyl: Chief Mark Point

Áthelets: Chief Angie Bailey

Yeqwyeqwí:ws: Chief Terry Horne

## Committee Members

### Sq'ewqéyl:

Brianna Nakagawa  
Joanne Jefferson  
Willy Hall  
Charlotte Point  
Gay Kelly  
Shayla Hall

### Áthelets:

Chief Angie Bailey  
Leona Sam

### Yeqwyeqwí:ws:

Elaine Malloway  
Jenz Malloway



## S.A.Y. Lands Office Staff

Governance Director: Stacy McNeil

Lands Executive Assistant: Crystal George

Lands Clerk: Alicia George-Bailey

Village Maintenance: Gord Hall

Community Planner: Pearl Penner

Lands Administrative Assistant: Nivana

Edwards-Point

## S.A.Y Summer Students:

Administration – Jennifer Archie &  
Freedom Guterrez

Maintenance Assistants – Andrew  
Jefferson, Simon Williams, Anthony Joe,  
Isaiah Malloway



## Chief Statements

### Áthelets:

This year for Áthelets has been good although dealing with the Covid-19 Pandemic there is not much to note. We are as a band as excited as the rest of the bands for the opening of the SAY Community Centre on Sq'ewqéyl First Nation. Other highlights for this year are the houses that have come up and are for rent and have been rented out to members. Another noted issue is that in the last year we have had an issue with local business's dumping harmful waste. We had a SAY Staff bring up the issue and it is getting dealt with. As a result, the Environmental Protection Law has been in effect to protect our sacred lands. The 2020-2021 year has been challenging with the ongoing pandemic, but Áthelets is still thriving and growing.

-Chief Angie Bailey

### Sq'ewqéyl:

The 2020-2021 year for Sq'ewqéyl First Nation has been a time of new challenges to overcome. As a community we got tested throughout this Covid-19 pandemic, not being able to gather was difficult but we were resilient. Over the last year we have seen the construction and construction of our beautiful SAY Community Centre "The'í: tselíya". As all of the SAY Communities Sq'ewqéyl is very excited for the doors to open. Other notes for this year are the housing in the northern subdivision and the park. We have had a few houses start construction and other houses that are already up have been approved for renos to clean members houses up. Other community initiatives that have happened is the cleanup of the cemetery, the cleanup of the Fish Hatchery as we hired a new on sight Fish Hatchery Staff. Overall, a steady year for Sq'ewqéyl can't wait to see what 2021-2022 has to offer

-Chief Mark Point

### Yeqwyeqwí:ws:

In the 2020-2021 Yeqwyeqwí:ws alike other communities we adapted to what happened in the past year. With the ongoing Covid-19 Pandemic there was some adjustments to be made with meetings, gatherings, and other in person events. Aside from the pandemic some highlights for the community in the last fiscal is the finalization of new housing, the new playground, and the revision of the Comprehensive Community Plan. Not many other things to note alike Sq'ewqéyl and Áthelets, Yeqwyeqwí:ws is excited for the new SAY Lands Centre right at the border of Sq'ewqéyl and Yeqwyeqwí:ws. Otherwise, the community and I am excited to see what 2021-2022 brings forth.

-Chief Terry Horne



## Governance Directors Statement

This past year has been trying for all of us. But with our documented resiliency, we were able to quickly adapt and continue to provide services. While working almost entirely remotely to ensure the safety of our staff and community, we were able to carry on business virtually and electronically. New laws and regulations were drafted. We brought on a SAY Community Planner. We said a sad good-bye to a long-term employee, but wish her the best in her new journey. We have watched our SAY Health and Administration building break ground and shape up, with our move in planned for September 2021 – all of our land's services will be relocated to this beautiful new facility that is accessible to all. Projects continued, with some bumps due to the pandemic, but overall, we continued to see our communities grow and see nothing but a continued bright future ahead. Thank you to everyone for your patience in this last year. Stay safe!

-Stacy McNeil



# LAWS ON SAY LANDS

Since Sq'ewqéyl, Áthelets and Yeqwyeqwí:ws members passed our Land Code in 2014, we have been working with the Lands Advisory Committee, Council, and the community to develop new laws. The idea is to replace the old Indian Act sections with land laws that work better for Sq'ewqéyl, Áthelets and Yeqwyeqwí:ws members, developers and for the citizens who live on our lands.

Under the SAY Land Codes, Council is authorized to pass various laws under section 3 and laws relating to enforcement under various sections including 11.6 of the Code.

**All laws created and enforced by SAY First Nations apply to all residents living on the Lands—both members and non-members (i.e., those living in the leased developments). The SAY Laws supersede any bylaws that may have been established by the Homeowners Associations.**

## Law's Established or Amended in 2020-21

- *Covid-19 Protection Law*
  - The purpose of this law is to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the Members, the land, and environment while the ongoing covid-19 pandemic is happening. It is in place to ensure that the spread of Covid-19 is reduced.
- *Cannabis Law*
  - The purpose of this law is ensuring the safety and wellbeing of community members while regulating the key aspects of Cannabis cultivation, propagation, and use and sale.
- *Environmental Protection Law - amendments*
  - Applies to all residents and leaseholders, not only Members. Prohibits the discharge of waste and contaminants unless in compliance with the law and with a permit. Prohibits the discharge of waste from recreational vehicles and boats. Does not allow land to become unsightly. Provides provision for the determination of contaminated sites. Provides general principles of liability for remediation to the responsible. Grants authority to the Lands Office to make orders for cleaning up contamination, in addition to cost recovery

## Existing Law's

### Sq'ewqéyl

- Spousal Real Property Law (applies to Members only)
- Subdivision, Development and Servicing Law
- CP Law (applies to Members only)
- Enforcement and Ticketing Law
- Dog Licensing and Animal Management Law
- Property Transfer Tax Law
- Property Assessment Law
- Property Taxation Law
- Business Permit Law
- Community Quality Law
- Zoning Law
- Vacant and Dangerous Buildings Law
- Community Protection Law - draft

### Áthelets

- Spousal Real Property Law (applies to Members only)
- Subdivision, Development, and Servicing Law
- CP Law (applies to Members only)
- Enforcement and Ticketing Law
- Dog Licensing and Animal Management Law
- Business Permit Law
- Community Quality Law
- Zoning Law
- Vacant and Dangerous Buildings Law
- Community Protection Law
- Property Assessment Law
- Property Taxation Law

### Yeqwyeqwí:ws

- Spousal Real Property Law (applies to Members only)
- Subdivision, Development and Servicing Law
- CP Law (applies to Members only)
- Enforcement and Ticketing Law
- Dog Licensing and Animal Management Law+
- Business Permit Law
- Community Quality Law
- Zoning Law
- Vacant and Dangerous Buildings Law
- Community Protection Law - draft
- Notice Property Transfer Tax

# RESULTS FROM 2020-21

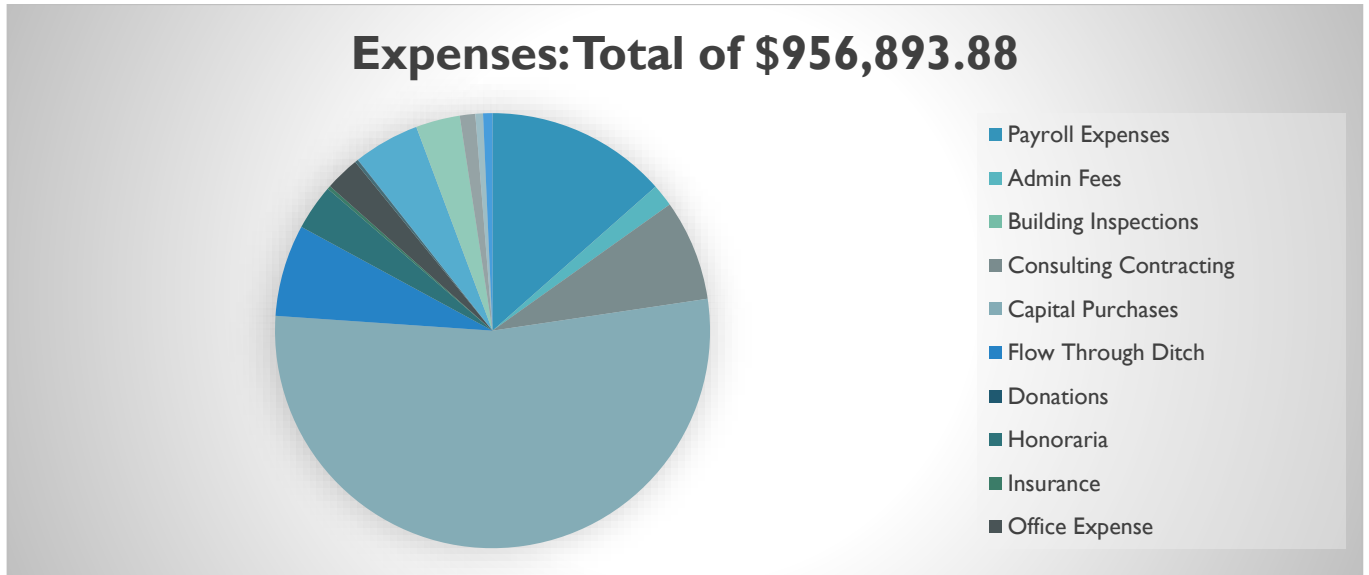
- SAY Lands Committee
- SAY Chiefs
- 11 Leases
- 65 Dog Licenses
- 102 Incidents Security Responded to
- 148 Registrations
- 45 Assignments
- 16 Discharge of Mortgage
- 38 Mortgages
- 7 Laws
- 1 Release
- 6 Transfers
- 3 Court Orders
- 5 Covenants
- 9 BCR Allotments
- 1 Easement
- 1 Discharge
- 6 A to A leases completed
- SAY Lands Committee saw one member term renewed and 3 new members
- Quarterly Newsletters
- Elysian Village completed 69-unit developments, resulting in \$630,043.83 in Developmental cost charges, \$100,000 in community improvement fees
- Property Transfer Tax resulted in \$161,797.45 in revenues
- 5 Burning Permits were issued
- Demolition Permits: 3
- Building Permits: 17
- Business Permit: 1
- Lane Closure Permit: 1
- 2 New Laws drafted, passed and registered (Environmental Protection Law and Zoning Law)
- continued Mentorship relationship with City of Chilliwack
- 2 Development Variance Permits were approved
- Sq'ewqéyl began construction to develop a residential subdivision for members
- Áthelets completed construction of 6 new homes using the permitting process
- Vacant and dangerous building law
- Land Use Plan completed
- Environmental Protection law
- Community Protection law (Áthelets)



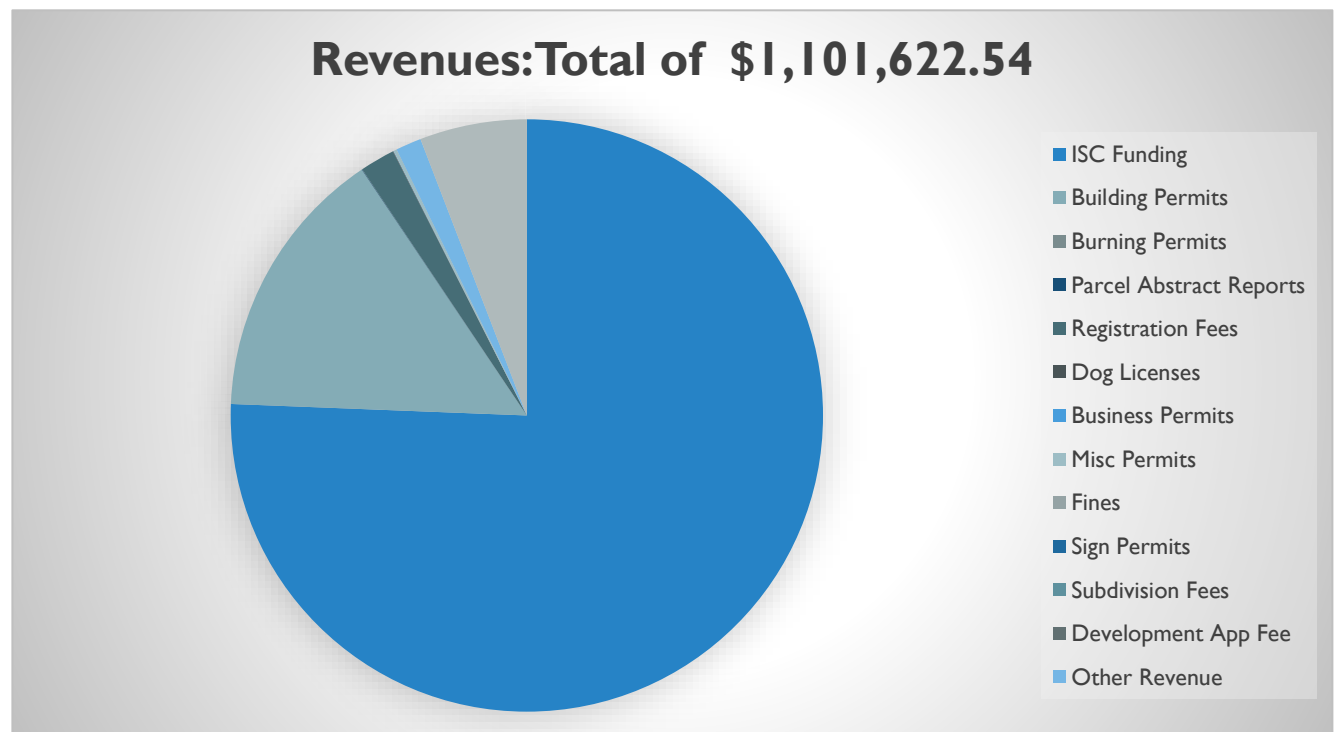


# FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

## Expenditures



## Revenues



# PLANS FOR 2020-21

## Strengths

- Community strength
- Adaptation
- Growth

## Opportunities

- Health and Recreation Opportunities at the SAY Health Centre
- Housing across the three bands

## The'ítseliya – S.A.Y. Health & Community Center

In 2018, Sq'ewqéyl began the design work for a health center. As the SAY communities were also planning to build a joint administration building, this began at the same time. The building will be located on Sq'ewqéyl IR#10 near where it borders Yeqwyeqwí:ws. A joint committee was struck for the design phase and they meet monthly to do so. So far from this picture here there is dry wall in a good portion of the building. The building has the gymnasium, fitness room, kitchen, different offices that are leased out to First Nations Health Authority and SAY Lands Staff. Some examples of services that will be offered here is Wellness workers from Qwi:qwelstóm, Chiropractor, Physiotherapy, and Mental Health supports, and much more to come. We are hoping to open the doors to the communities in September 2021.



## Security & Enforcement

First Nation Community Watch Enforcement Inc. can be contacted to report any violations of the SAY Communities Laws. It is their role to investigate, notify and provide warnings to violators and to report to the SAY Lands Office. For Security concerns in the community Allegiance I is the company that monitors, observes and reports concerns.

## The Northern Subdivision in Sq'ewqéyl

The Northern Subdivision in Sq'ewqéyl First Nation has been getting developed and houses coming up throughout the year. Houses continue to be built and the growth will continue across Sq'ewqéyl as more members are getting approved to build.