

2018-2019

SAY ANNUAL REPORT

A Year of Growth



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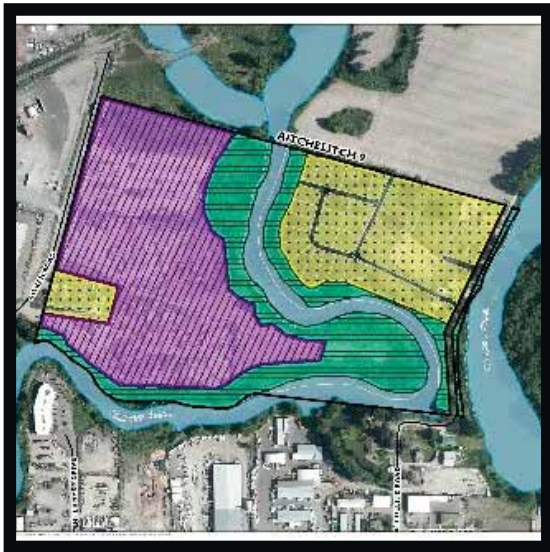


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INTRODUCTION

2018-2019 marked the fifth year that SAY Lands has been operational and the first year of Kwaw Kwaw Apilt becoming operational. The SAY Lands office manages lands on behalf of Skowkale, Aitchelitz, Yakwekwioose and Kwaw Kwaw Apilt First Nation. Having a Land Code not only returns the management of land back to the First Nations from the Government, it grants the authority to the communities to govern through Land Laws. In this document, you will note the SAY lands achievements in 2018-2019 fiscal year. In March 2019 Kwaw Kwaw Apilt First Nation decided to separate from the SAY Lands Office.



SAY LANDS OFFICE

SAY Chiefs

Skowkale: Chief Mark Point
Aitchelitz: Chief Angie Bailey
Yakweawkwoose: Chief Terry Horne
Kwaw Kwaw Apilt: Chief Betty Henry



Missing from photo: Chief Betty Henry

Committee Members

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

Aitchelitz:
Chief Angie Bailey
Leona Sam

Yakweawkwoose:
Elaine Malloway
Nicole LaRock

Kwaw Kwaw Apilt:
Randy Leon
Darwin Douglas

SAY Lands Office Staff

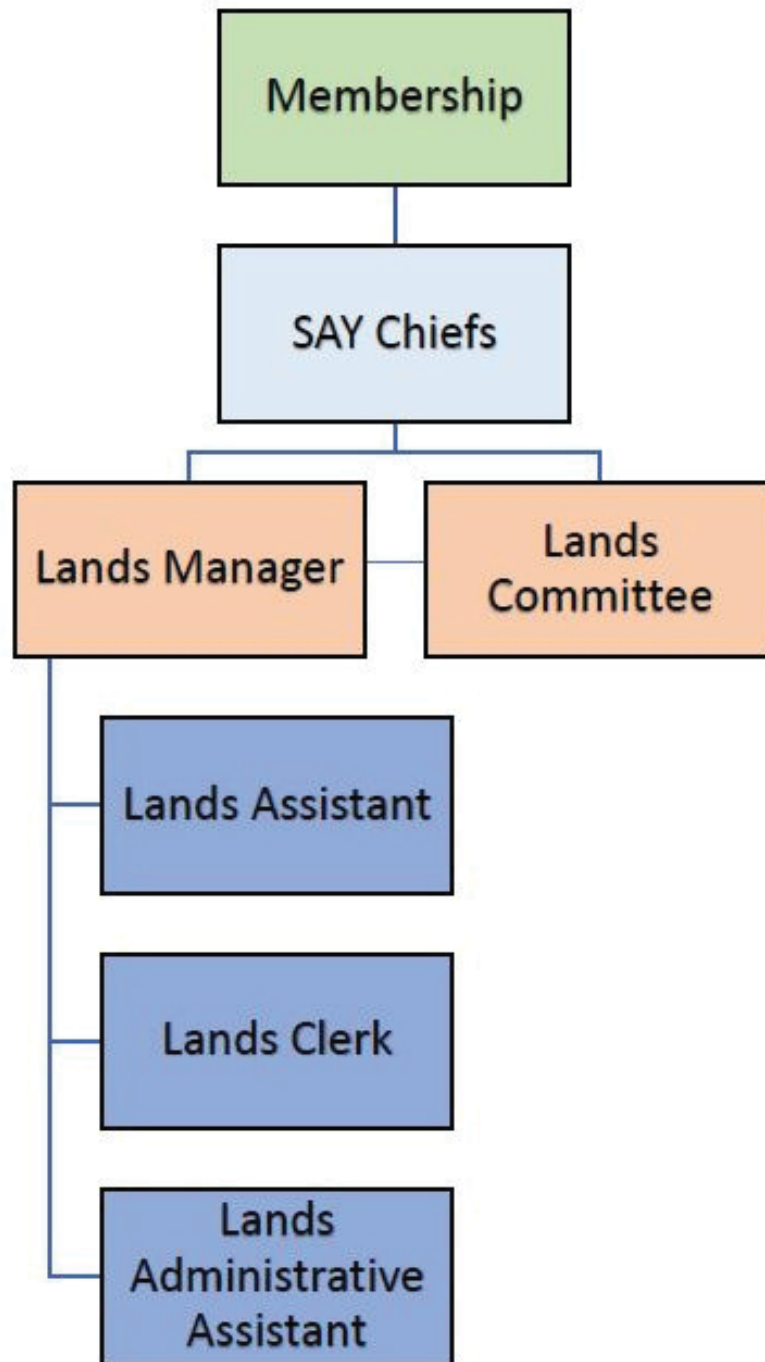
Lands Manager: Stacy McNeil
Lands Assistant: Brittany Hall
Lands Clerk: Alicia George-Bailey
Lands Administrative Assistant: Crystal George
Finance Officer: Lisa Hall
Finance Assistant: Yvonne Hall



The Lands Office consists of a Lands Manager, Lands Assistant, Lands Clerk and Lands Administrative Assistant. We are currently located with Sto:lo Nation in building 10 on the 3rd floor. Office Operations (on behalf of the communities):

- Lands registrations
- Provide land title information;
- Assist in the development of the laws, policies, procedures;
- Environmental management;
- Individual Land Holdings and Estate Transfers;
- Leasing - new, monitoring & compliance, permitting, allotments and land transfers;
- Facilitate law enforcement
- Housing Management
- Grounds Maintenance
- Project Management
- Proposal Writing
- Reporting
- Minute Taking
- Governance Support (BCR's, Letters, Meeting bookings)
- Event Planning

SAY LANDS OFFICE ORGANIZATION CHART



LAWS

Laws on SAY Lands

Since Skowkale, Aitchelitz and Yakweakwioose members passed our Land Code in 2014 and Kwaw Kwaw Apilt passed Land Code in 2018, 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 Skowakle, Aitchelitz and Yakweakwioose 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.

What is Land Code?

- It is the basic land law of the FN and replaces the Indian Act sections pertaining to land management.
- The 4 First Nations now have full jurisdiction and control of land management on their Reserves.
- Skowkale, Aitchelitz, Yakweakwioose and Kwaw Kwaw Apilt can now create and enforce our own land laws similar to a municipality.
- The Indian Act sections that pertain to lands no longer applies, approximately 1/3 of the Indian Act.
- AANDC (the Fed Gov't) no longer has any involvement with land management for the 4 FNs.

Kwaw Kwaw Apilt Laws

- Spousal Property Law (applies to Members only)
- Subdivision, Development and Servicing Law
- Cannabis Law - *emergency*
- Financial Administration Law
- Tax Administration Agreement
- Property Assessment Law
- Property Taxation Law

Current Laws

Aitchelitz

- Spousal Real Property Law (applies to Members only)
- Subdivision and Development 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
- Environmental Protection Law
- Vacant and Dangerous Buildings Law
- Property Assessment Law
- Property Taxation Law

Skowkale

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

Yakweakwioose

- Spousal Real Property Law (applies to Members only)
- Subdivision and Development 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
- Environmental Protection Law
- Vacant and Dangerous Buildings Law

NEW LAWS IN 2018-2019

- Community Protection Law
- Zoning Law- Amendments
- Building Regulations
- Cannabis Law (under development)

Goals from 2018-2019

- Implementations of Land Code for Kwaw Kwaw Apilt, including the development and recommendation of laws and policies as per other SAY's other communities.
- Develop a MOU with the City of Chilliwack for a partnership in planning, land and resource protection, development, service delivery, emergency programs.
- Educate CP holders on their rights and responsibilities
- Provide administrative support to each of the 4 communities
- Provide additional supports clerically to lands operations
- Educate members on land code and related policies and laws in laymen's terms
- Educate members on waste management
- Community Protection Law
- Building, Fire Protection and waterworks/sewer regulations

Results from 2018-2019

- 306 Registrations
- 15 leases
- 37 assignment of subleases (sales)
- 37 mortgages
- Skowkale Property Transfer Tax brought in \$210,350.00
- 5 Burning Permits
- Mentorship relationship with City of Chilliwack
- Kwaw Kwaw Apilt Land Code implementation and law development
- Created Educational Pamphlets:
 - Spousal Real Property
 - Subdivision, Development and Servicing
 - CP Law
 - Enforcement and Ticketing
 - Dog Licensing
 - Business Permit
 - Community Quality
 - Building
- Scheduled SAY Chiefs meetings
- 6 members constructed new building under the permitting process set out in the subdivision, development and servicing law and at least 4 more members expected to start building in 2019-2020.
- 2 development variance permits approved
- Aitchelitz built 4 new homes
- Yakweakwioose built 6 new homes
- Facilitated 19 wills written for members.
- 56 dog licenses
- CP Policy drafted

PLANS FOR 2019-2020

SAY Lands Office and Committee

Goals

Office: Provide administration to Skowkale, Aitchelitz, Yakweakwioose and Kwaw Kwaw Apilt communities in land protection, management and planning programs

Committee: Continue to protect and plan community lands by exercising jurisdiction

Objectives

Office:

- Provide planning support to each of the three First Nations.
- Provide maintenance support to the lands operations.
- Develop a survey policy.
- Do strategic planning and long term planning.
- Review pre land code permits, leases and renewals to accommodate the land code and laws.
- Implement the waste management plan

Committee:

- Recommend to Council a Cannabis Law
- Recommend to Council a Residential Tenancy Law
- Recommend to Council a Waste Management Law

Results

- Cannabis Law (final draft)
- Residential Tenancy Law (draft)



SAY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER

In 2018, Skowkale 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 Skowkale IR#10 near where it borders Yakwekwioose. A joint committee was struck for the design phase and they meet monthly to do so. Preload is expected in the Summer of 2019 and construction on the building is tentatively set to start in January 2020.



EARTH DAY

The SAY Communities participated in Earth Day. On April 22nd there was a community clean up. Community members came together and picked up waste around the reserves. Earth day fell on Easter Monday this year, so following the Community clean up; the 3 SAY communities joined together for lunch and easter egg hunt.



2018 HONORING GRADUATES

The SAY Lands Office honoured the 2018 Graduates from the three communities. The graduates varied from High School, post-secondary and Master Degrees. The SAY Lands Office wanted to cover and give the Graduate recognition for all of their hard work in school and to continue striving in school.





SAY STRENGTHENING OUR FAMILIES PROJECT

In 2018/2019 there was funding opportunity through the Ministry of Children and Family Development to support prevention and family support services in First Nation Communities across BC. Our office applied for and received funding on behalf of the three communities to start a collaborative project named the S.A.Y Strengthening Families Project. Our S.A.Y Families – children, youth, young adults, parents and grandparents - are looking to leadership for protection from the influences of drugs, alcohol and the damages to families that come along with it. They are looking for a protection plan that includes community responses to issues that impact families in a negative manner that put them at risk. They also looking for pre-teen self-esteem workshops that will provide youth skills the need to prevent them from being at risk young parents. S.A.Y. Strengthening Families Project offered numerous events including Halq'eméylem - Language Classes, Drum Making, Weaving, Movie day and family day trips to the Camping, Great Wolf Lodge, Waterslide, Science World and Manning Park. Activities will continue this year.





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