



**BUSINESS PERMIT LAW
BEECHER BAY FIRST NATION**

**A Law for the Purpose of Establishing Procedures for
Recording, Regulating and Permitting Businesses on Beecher Bay Lands**

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WHEREAS the Beecher Bay First Nation has an inherent right to self-government which emanates from our people, culture and land and which is recognized and affirmed by section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*;

AND the Beecher Bay First Nation has taken over control and management of Beecher Bay Reserve lands and resources pursuant to the *Framework Agreement on First Nation Land Management* and has enacted the *Beecher Bay Land Code* effective the 1st day of August, 2003;

AND under the *Beecher Bay Land Code*, Beecher Bay Council is authorized to pass various laws relating to lands including laws under section 6 for “regulation, control, authorization and prohibition of the occupation and development of land”, and “creation, regulation and prohibition of interests and licenses within Beecher Bay Lands”;

AND Council wishes to implement rules, procedures and fees for recording and registering Business Permits on Beecher Bay Lands;

NOW THEREFORE this *Beecher Bay Business Permit Law, 2016* is hereby enacted at a duly convened meeting as a Law of the Beecher Bay First Nation.

PART 1. NAME

1.1 This Law may be cited as the *Beecher Bay Business Permit Law, 2016*.

PART 2. PURPOSE

2.1 The purpose of this Law is to record and regulate businesses on Beecher Bay Lands.

PART 3. WHERE THIS LAW APPLIES

3.1 The provisions of this Law apply to the whole area of the Reserve and Beecher Bay Lands as defined in the *Beecher Bay Land Code*.

PART 4. DEFINITIONS

4.1 For the purposes of this Law, terms have the same definitions as in the *Land Code*;

4.2 For the purposes of this Law, the following definitions apply:

"Adult Movie Theatre" means a motion picture theatre where adult or restricted designated motion pictures, as defined by the *Motion Picture Act* and *Regulations*, are shown;

"Band Manager" means any person who is appointed and employed by Council in the capacity of the Band Manager of Beecher Bay;

"Beecher Bay" means the Beecher Bay First Nation;

"Business" means carrying on, or the entity that carries on, a commercial or industrial undertaking of any kind or nature, or the provision of professional, personal or other services for the purpose of gain or profit and includes the activities set out in section 5.3;

"Business Permit" means a Permit to carry on Business within or on Beecher Bay Lands issued under Part 8 of this Law;

"Daycare" means a day care or child care service or facility, not including a school, where a person, in exchange for payment of some form, offers or provides care for at least three children who are not related to the care giver by blood or marriage;

"Law Enforcement Officer" means any person or persons appointed by Council, from time to time, to administer and enforce the provisions of Beecher Bay Laws enacted by Council, and includes any delegate, the RCMP and any peace officer;

"Inspector" means the person from time to time duly appointed by Council to act as Inspector, or his designate, and includes the Lands Manager and any Peace Officer or Law Enforcement Officer;

"Non-resident Business" means a Business, which is carried on in or on Beecher Bay Lands than a Resident Business, by a Person who does not have a Premises on Beecher Bay Lands;

"Operator" means the owner or proprietor of a Business;

"Person" includes an individual, a partnership, a corporation, a trust, an unincorporated association or other entity or agency or political subdivision thereof, and their heirs, executors, administrators and other legal representatives; and

"Premises" means a store, office, shop, building, home, warehouse, factory, structure, enclosure, temporary or permanent fruit or vegetable stand, yard or other definite area occupied or capable of being occupied by a Person for the

purpose of a Business and includes any area situated within any of the foregoing where a separate class or type of Business is carried on, by a separate operator.

PART 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 5.1 The headings of parts and sections in this Law have been inserted as a matter of convenience and for reference only and in no way define or limit or any of its provisions.
- 5.2 In the event that all or any part of any section or sections of this Law are found by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such sections shall be severable, and the remaining portions or sections shall remain in full force and effect.
- 5.3 For the purpose of this Law, any Person who:
- (a) advertises or indicates by any means as being open for Business of any kind,
 - (b) deals in, or buys, sells, barter, rents, or displays any commodity or service or offers by advertisement or otherwise, on behalf of himself or others; to buy, sell, barter or rent any commodity or service,
 - (c) engages in soliciting or promotion of any commodity or service,
 - (d) renders or offers to render professional, personal, contractual, or other service to any person for the purpose of gain or profit,
 - (e) lets for rent more than two residential suites or units in any one complex, or
 - (f) engages in repairing, restoration or servicing of automobiles, appliances or other commodities not owned or registered in the name of that person or firm,

within or on Beecher Bay Lands shall be deemed to be carrying on a Business.

- 5.4 For the purpose of this Law, where a Business is carried on in or from more than one home, structure or parcel of land in Beecher Bay Lands, the Business carried on in or from each Premises shall be deemed to be a separate Business.

PART 6. PROHIBITIONS

- 6.1 Except as set out in this Law and subject to Part 7 (*exemptions*), no Person shall, within or on Beecher Bay Lands, carry on Business unless the Person holds a valid and subsisting Business Permit for the carrying on of the Business issued by Beecher Bay.
- 6.2 No Person shall carry on Business at a Premises other than at the Premises specified for that Business in a valid and subsisting Business Permit.
- 6.3 Unless otherwise authorized under a Law, no Person shall in any manner, carry on Business or solicit for charity, or any other purpose, on any road or highway that is wholly or partially within Beecher Bay lands.
- 6.4 The following Businesses are prohibited on Beecher Bay Lands:

- (a) Adult Movie Theatres;
- (b) The propagation, compounding or production of cannabis or any controlled substance as defined in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, RSC 1996, c.19; and
- (c) The sale of cannabis or any controlled substance as defined in the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act*, RSC 1996, c.19, except by a licensed pharmacist.

PART 7. EXEMPTIONS

7.1 Despite subsections 5.3 and 6.1 no Business Permit is required for any of the following:

- (a) the Business of renting apartment suites or units where not more than two (2) suites or units are made available for rent,
- (b) the door-to-door sale of newspapers,
- (c) public schools,
- (d) the teaching of music, handicrafts or art as a home occupation where such teaching involves not more than one class of five (5) students at one time,
- (e) garage sales or yard sales held by Beecher Bay Members or occupants of Beecher Bay Lands where there are fewer than four (4) days per year of sales,
- (f) sales of baked goods cooked in the home of a Member or occupant of Beecher Bay Lands,
- (g) small scale, non-commercial, periodic fund-raising events by Beecher Bay Members or organizations or occupants of Beecher Bay Lands,
- (h) creation and sale of carvings, crafts, and other art work and crafts by Members,
- (i) small-scale home-based activities by Beecher Bay Members or occupants of Beecher Bay Lands including Avon, Herbalife, Tupperware, locally made crafts, etc., or
- (j) small-scale home-based services such as hair cutting where there is no more than one chair or station.

PART 8. APPLICATIONS AND BUSINESS PERMITS

Applications

8.1 Every Person applying for a Business Permit for the first time to carry on a new or existing Business shall make an initial application to the Beecher Bay Lands Office.

Non-Resident Business Permit

8.2 A Business Permit is required for Non-resident Businesses, including any Person carrying on Business for any purpose within or on Beecher Bay Lands that is not being carried out from or within a Premises.

Applications

8.3 Each initial application shall be in the form specified by Council or the Lands Manager and shall include, at a minimum:

- (a) The name, address, phone number, incorporation number, nature and location of the Business;
- (b) the name, address, and phone number of the operator or owner of the Business;

- (c) the address and the legal description of the Premises, if any, from which the Business operates;
- (d) the federal or provincial incorporation number and their WCB registration number;
- (e) an acknowledgement that the Business Permit does not provide authorizations for land use or other matters and that other permits or authorizations may be required; and
- (f) A signed release and waiver releasing and indemnifying Beecher Bay against any claims in relation to the Business or Premises for which the Business Permit is being sought.

8.4 The application form shall be signed by the Person who is the owner of the Business, or by their duly authorized agent.

Start Date and Term of Business Permits

8.5 Unless otherwise stated on the Business Permit, annual Business Permits shall be granted to commence on the 1st day of January and terminate on the 31st day of December in each year.

8.6 Except as provided for below, no Business Permit shall be granted for a period spanning more than one permitting period as herein set out.

Annual Renewals

8.7 Once a Person has received a Business Permit that Person may apply to renew their Business Permit each year by submitting an application to renew in the prescribed form and by paying the annual fee on or before January 2nd of that year.

Fees

8.8 Each application or renewal for a Business Permit shall be accompanied by the prescribed fee.

8.9 The fee for each Business Permit shall be reduced by ten dollars (\$10.00) if payment is received by Beecher Bay or postmarked on or before the 15th day of December of the year preceding the commencement of the Permit period, but if the 15th day of December falls on other than a normal working day, the next working day shall be the final day of discount.

8.10 A Person ceasing to carry on Business before June 30 shall be entitled to a refund of one half the annual fee but no other refunds shall apply.

8.11 Council may waive fees in specific circumstances or approve a policy in relation to waiver of fees.

Requirement to Post or Carry

8.12 Any Person to whom a Business Permit is issued, shall post such Permit and keep it posted in a conspicuous place on the Premises for which it is issued.

8.13 Any Person who receives a Business Permit for a Non-resident Business shall carry the Permit on their person at all times while carrying on Business within or on Beecher Bay Lands.

Granting Permits

8.14 The Lands Manager may grant a Business Permit where she is satisfied that the applicant therefore has complied with all applicable laws and requirements.

Pre-Conditions

8.15 No Business Permit shall be granted for Businesses requiring other authorizations until the applicant has demonstrated that the applicable preconditions have been met including the following:

- (a) for any Premises, confirmation from the Beecher Bay Lands Office that the proposed use of the land or Premises complies with Beecher Bay land use and zoning laws and all other Beecher Bay laws;
- (b) for any Premises, proof of compliance with all applicable fire safety regulations;
- (c) for an automobile dealership, proof of licensing under the provincial *Motor Dealers Act*;
- (d) for a Daycare, proof of licensing under the provincial *Child Care Licensing Regulation*;
- (e) for the construction or alteration of a restaurant or Food Premises as defined in the provincial *Food Premises Regulation* or its successor, proof of approval by a Health Official under the provincial *Health Act*;
- (f) for the preparation, distribution, and selling of foods (e.g. restaurants, grocery stores, hot dog stands, etc.) other than pre-packaged or pre-bottled foodstuffs, proof of a Food Service Permit under provincial *Food Premises Regulation*;
- (g) for the sale or distribution of liquor, proof of licensing under the provincial *Liquor Control and Licensing Act*; and
- (h) for gaming facilities, proof of licensing under a Law, or a First Nation law or applicable federal or provincial law.

Access for Inspection and Enforcement

8.16 Every Business Permit shall be deemed to grant access by the Lands Manager or Inspector to the Business or Premises for inspections and enforcement in relation to this Law.

Council may Refuse

8.17 Despite anything in this Law:

- (a) Council may, following upon receipt of a recommendation from the Lands Manager accompanied by a briefing note or background material, refuse in any particular case to grant the request of an applicant for a Permit, but the granting or renewal of a Business Permit shall not be unreasonably refused;
- (b) Council may revoke a Business Permit for reasonable cause after giving notice to the Permittee and after giving the Permittee an opportunity to be heard;

- (c) The notice and opportunity referred to in subsection (b) is not required in respect of a Permittee who by reasonable efforts cannot be found; and
- (d) Any Person who has applied for but failed to be granted a Permit may appeal to Council and on such appeal the provisions of subsection (a) shall apply.

Business Purchases and Transfers of Permits

8.18 Any Person who purchases a Business or the controlling interest in a Business of any other Person permitted under this Law and who desires to continue this Business shall make application to the Lands Manager for a transfer of the Permit within sixty (60) days of the purchase.

- (a) A Business Permit not transferred in accordance with the provisions of this Law is invalid; and
- (b) A Business Permit may be transferred upon the approval of the Lands Manager.

8.19 No Person to whom a Business Permit has been granted under the provisions of this Law shall change the location of the Premises in which they carry on Business without first applying to the Lands Manager in writing to have the Permit transferred to the new Premises.

8.20 A Business Permit may be transferred by a Person who makes application in the form established by the Lands Manager and who subsequently receives approval in writing from the Lands Manager.

8.21 Any Person who applies for an annual Business Permit after the commencement of the Permit period shall pay the prescribed fee.

Seasonal or Temporary Permit

8.22 A seasonal Business Permit may be issued to a Person who intends to carry on Business on a temporary or seasonal basis.

No Liability for Beecher Bay

8.23 Neither the granting or refusal of a Business Permit:

- (a) Is evidence that a Business, Premises or any associated approvals are valid or legal; or
- (b) Creates any liability on behalf of Beecher Bay

PART 9. OFFENCES, PENALTIES AND ENFORCEMENT

Penalties

9.1 A person who contravenes this Law or an order made by a Court pursuant to this Law is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000 for each offence.

9.2 A fine payable under paragraph 9.1 shall be remitted to the Beecher Bay First Nation by the Court, after reasonable Court costs have been deducted.

Offences

- 9.3 It is an offence to:
- (a) provide any false or misleading information in order to obtain a Business Permit;
 - (b) apply for a Business Permit for a Business which requires other permits or licenses as a pre-condition under section 8.15 without first applying for and receiving the requisite permits or licenses;
 - (c) obstruct, interfere with, or deny access to an Inspector, Law Enforcement Officer, or other individual who is designated to enforce this Law;
 - (d) carry on Business without a valid and subsisting Business Permit;
 - (e) carry on Business, perform a service, or display, offer for sale, or sell or distribute to a person actually or apparently under the age of sixteen years anything that may be harmful or dangerous to the health or safety of a person actually or apparently under the age of sixteen years;
 - (f) carry on a Business that is prohibited under this Law; or
 - (g) carry on a Business at a different Premises than the Premises specified in the Business Permit.

Suspensions

- 9.4 In addition to any other remedies or penalties under this Law, the Band Manager or the Lands Manager may suspend any Business Permit in writing for all or part of the year or for a period of up to three years, if its holder:
- (a) is convicted of an indictable offence;
 - (b) is convicted of an offence under any Law or federal or provincial law relating to the Business for which they are permitted or with respect to the Premises named in the Business Permit;
 - (c) has ceased to meet the lawful requirements to carry on the Business for which they are permitted or relating to the Premises named in the Business Permit;
 - (d) has failed to renew their Business Permit within Sixty (60) days of the expiry date;
 - (e) has, in the opinion of the Band Manager or the Lands Manager, acting reasonably:
 - (i) engaged in such gross misconduct relating to the Business or to the Premises named in the Business Permit as to warrant the suspension of the Permit; or
 - (ii) conducted Business, performed a service, or displayed, offered for sale, or sold or distributed to a person actually or apparently under the age of sixteen years anything that may be harmful or dangerous to the health or safety of a person actually or apparently under the age of sixteen years.

- 9.5 Any Person whose Business Permit has been suspended in accordance with this Law may appeal to Council and upon such appeal the Council may confirm or may set aside such suspension on such terms as it sees fit.

Enforcement and Cease and Desist Orders

- 9.6 In addition to any other applicable penalties under this Law, any violation or offence committed under this Law shall make the Business Permit invalid.

- 9.7 In addition to any other applicable fine, penalty or remedy, Council, the Lands

Manager, or a Law Enforcement Officer may:

- (a) issue a Cease and Desist Order to order any Person who requires a Business Permit under this Law but who has not received a Business Permit to cease carrying out Business and any related activity or use until such time as that Person applies for and receives a Business Permit; and
- (b) in addition to (a) where a Business is being carried out without a Business Permit, order that a Premises, or a portion of a Premises, be closed, shut down, sealed off, or otherwise made unavailable for Business use until such time as there is a Business Permit in place for that Premises.

9.8 An order imposed under subsection 9.7:

- (a) may be registered in Court and enforced as a court order; and
- (b) continues in force until the condition that led to it is remedied or until the activity that is the subject of the order receives a Business Permit under this Law.

PART 10. COMING INTO FORCE

Date Law Comes into Force

10.1 This Law shall come into force and effect on the date it is passed by Council Resolution.

BE IT KNOWN that this Law entitled the *Beecher Bay Business Permit Law, 2016* is hereby enacted by a quorum of Council at a duly convened Council of the Beecher Bay First Nation held on _____, 2016.

(BCR# _____)

Chief Russell Chipps

Gordon Charles

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A Quorum consists of 2 Council