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Assessment and Taxation of Nisga'a Lands

2015 will be the first year that Nisga'a Land is assessed and taxed. Nisga'a Lisims Government is working together with BC Assessment to assess and tax properties. Here is some information that you will need to know.

Assessment:

The value of property is assessed by BC Assessment. The value of each property, and the buildings on that property, is calculated. Every property is assessed, whether or not taxes need to be paid. Assessment notices are sent out in early January.

If you need to, you can to appeal the assessed value. Information about how to appeal is available on the Property Assessment Notice. The deadline for appealing an assessment is February 2, 2015.

- For questions about your assessment notice, please contact **BC Assessment** at 1.866.825.8322 or look at the website www.bcassessment.ca

Taxation:

The Nisga'a Nation is responsible for taxation of Nisga'a Lands. Tax notices will be sent in May or early June. Taxes must be paid by July 2, 2015 to avoid penalty. Further information will be provided in May to answer any questions you have about your tax notice.

Grants:

There will be grants available to reduce the amount of tax that needs to be paid.

Home Owner Grant

A Home Owner Grant is available for your principal residence, which is usually the house you live in. You and your spouse together can only apply for one principal residence. To get the grant you must apply, using the application that is part of your tax notice. The home owner grant reduces, but does not eliminate, the amount of tax that you pay. The amount of the home owner grant will vary depending on your circumstances. Generally, seniors and persons with disabilities receive a higher grant.

Additional Grant:

You are eligible for a one-time additional grant if you sign up for automatic payment of your property taxes from your bank account. Automatic payments will occur 4 times a year, in September, December, March and June. This one-time grant is generally \$200, but is \$75.00 for seniors or persons with disabilities who are already receiving the higher home owner grant. The application form will be sent with the Property Tax Notice. The deadline for signing up is June 15, 2015.

Nisga'a Lisims Government cannot provide specific advice about property taxation. For answers to general questions, or if you need help understanding the process, however, please contact:

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Property Taxation is new for many residents of Nisga'a Lands. Please don't hesitate to seek help if you don't understand.