**Summary of the Proposed Amendments to the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code***

\*Please note this list is a summary of any significant amendment to the Land Code. It does not contain all proposed amendments. Minor sentence structure changes, or numbering changes have not always been included. All proposed amendments can be found in the ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code.

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| **Section No. For Reference** | **Page No.** | **Current Land Code** | **Proposed Change** | **Rationale** |
| Throughout the whole document | All | St. Mary’s Indian Band | ʔaq̓am | To reflect the Organisational Name Change to ʔaq̓am from the St. Mary’s Indian Band. |
| Title | 1 | *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code* | *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code* | To reflect the Organisational Name Change to ʔaq̓am and acknowledge that the document is an Amended version of the original *Land Code*. |
| WHEREAS Section (G) | 5 | AND WHEREAS the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code* is hereby enacted as a Law of the St. Mary’s Indian Band; | The members of ʔaq̓am voted in favour of the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code* at a ratification vote held on April 14-16, 2014 and the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code* came into effect on July 1, 2014; | Greater clarification on the process that was involved to enact the *Land Code*. |
| WHEREAS Section (H) | 5 | N/A | The members of ʔaq̓am voted in favour of amendments to the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code* at a meeting of members Vote held on [date] in accordance with sections 48.1 and 13.1 and 13.9 of the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code*, and those amendments are fully integrated into this *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code*. | To explain the how the ʔaq*̓am Amended Land Code* came into being its process for approval by Membership. |
| Definitions | 6 | “St. Mary’s Indian Band” means the St. Mary’s Indian Band within the meaning of the *Indian Act* for whose use and benefit in common the St. Mary’s Indian Lands has been set apart by Canada. | “ʔaq̓am” means ʔaq̓am, formerly known as the St. Mary’s Indian Band, which is a Band within the meaning of section 2(1) of the *Indian Act* for whose use and benefit in common ʔaq̓am lands have been set apart by Canada. | To define the name “ʔaq̓am” as it is used in the *Land Code*. |
| Definitions | 6 | “St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands” means the Lands described in section 5.1. | “ʔaq̓am Lands” means those lands described in section 5.1. | To reflect the Organisational Name Change to ʔaq̓am from the St. Mary’s Indian Band. |
| Definitions | 6 | “St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Office” means the office established by Council to assist in the management and administration of St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands. | “ʔaq̓am Lands Department” means the office established by Council to assist in the management and administration of ʔaq̓am Lands. | To more accurately reflect the Organisational language and structure. |
| Definitions | 6 | “Lands Manager” means the person appointed by Chief and Council to manage the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Office. | “Director of Lands and Natural Resources” means the person appointed by Chief and Council to manage the ʔaq̓am Lands Department. | Amended to coincide with the position title that exists in the Lands Department. |
| Definitions | 7 | “St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register” means the Register of the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands maintained by the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Office. | “First Nations Land Registry Regulations” means the *First Nations Land Registry Regulations* SOR/2007-231, made on October 25, 2007 by Her Excellency the Governor General in Council, on the recommendation of the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development, pursuant to subsection 25(3) of the Act. | To conserve resources, ʔaq̓am decided to use the existing First Nations Land Register as opposed to creating our own “St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register”. Therefore all references to the Registry are changed to reflect the First Nations Land Register which is the system being used to register any interest, licence or Law on ʔaq̓am Lands. |
| Definitions | 7 | “Land Code” means this *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code.* | “Land Code” means this *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code.* | If approved by Membership, reference to the Land Code will mean the amended version. |
| Definitions | 7 | N/A | “land instrument” means a written document that purports to transfer an interest or licence in or to ʔaq̓am Lands. | Amended to include the definition which was not included in the existing Land Code. |
| Definitions | 8 | N/A | “*St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code*” means the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code* that came into effect on July 1, 2014 and that is amended by and has become this *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code.* | Reference to the original document to explain the hierarchy and subsequent Amended document. |
| Section 5.1 | 11 | The St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands that are subject to this Land Code have the same meaning as “first nation land” in the Act and more specifically means the Lands described in the Individual Agreement and any lands added in compliance with this Land Code. This includes:   1. Kootenay Indian Reserve No. 1 (07422); 2. Isidore’s Ranch No. 4 (07423); 3. Cassimayooks No. 5 (07242); 4. Bummer’s Flat No. 6 (07425); 5. Lands set apart by Canada in the future as lands reserved for the use and benefit of the St. Mary’s Indian Band, within the meaning of subsection 91(24) of the *Constitution Act,* 1867 and section 2(1) of the *Indian Act* | ʔaq̓am Lands that are subject to this Land Code have the same meaning as “first nation land” in the Act and more specifically means those Lands described in the Individual Agreement and any lands added in compliance with this Land Code including:   1. Kootenay Indian Reserve No. 1 (07422); 2. Isidore’s Ranch No. 4 (07423); 3. Cassimayooks No. 5 (07242); 4. Bummer’s Flat No. 6 (07425); 5. St. Mary’s Indian Reserve No. 1 (10028) 6. Lands set apart by Canada in the future as lands reserved for the use and benefit of ʔaq̓am, within the meaning of subsection 91(24) of the *Constitution Act,* 1867 and section 2(1) of the *Indian Act* | This new description includes the two parcels of land where the Church, the school, Daycare, store and administration are located. |
| Section 7.5 | 14 | Council shall explain the reasons for rejecting a draft law at a Community Land Code Meeting | Where Council has rejected the draft law, Council must ensure that the Resolution regarding the rejection:   1. Sets out the reason for the rejection; 2. Is clearly documented in the Council meeting minutes; and 3. Is available to Members by request. | Typically a Draft Law will not have been presented to Community by this stage in the process. Therefore it did not make sense to host a meeting to explain the rejection of the Law. The proposed amendment ensures the rejection is still part of the public record. |
| Section 7.7 | 14 | The notice of the Community Land Code Meeting shall include:   1. A summary of the draft law; 2. Notification that a full copy of the draft law may be obtained by Members at the St. Mary’s Indian Band administration building; 3. An invitation for Members to provide written comments to Council on the draft law; and 4. The return date by which Members shall provide written comments to Council, which date shall be at least twenty (20) days from the date of the Community Land Code Meeting | The notice of the Community Land Code Meeting shall include:   1. The date, time and location of the Community Land Code Meeting; 2. A summary of the draft law; 3. Notification that a full copy of the draft law may be obtained by Members at the ʔaq̓am administration building or at the Community Land Code Meeting; 4. An invitation for Members to provide written comments to Council on the draft law; and 5. The return date by which Members shall provide written comments to Council, which date shall be at least twenty (20) days from the date of the Community Land Code Meeting | The proposed amendment sets out that the Notice must also include the date, time and location of the Community Land Code meeting. |
| Section 8.1 in Current Land Code |  | Council may initiate the development of a regulation by Resolution. | \*Deleted | Typically a municipality or Council would delegate the authority to staff, for example the Director of Lands and Natural Resources, to develop and enforce Regulations. Because we want to maintain that authority with Council and Community, it was decided to remove the regulation-making provisions. It is envisioned that Council will only create Laws and Policies under Land Code. |
| Section 8.2 in Current Land Code |  | Council may, at any time and in any manner Council considers advisable, consult with Members regarding a proposed regulation. | \*Deleted |
| Section 8.3 in Current Land Code |  | A regulation is enacted on the date that it is approved and adopted by Resolution. | \*Deleted |
| Section 8.2 (b) | 17 | deposit an original copy of the law or regulation in the register of laws referred to in section 9.3 | Submit an original copy of the law in the First Nations Land Register for registration | Additional requirement to register all Laws in the First Nations Land Register |
| Section 10.1 | 17 | The Council, Lands Manager and Lands Committee may hold Community Land Code Meetings to consult with Members on matters relating to St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands. | The Council, Director of Lands and Natural Resources and Lands Committee may each call and hold a Community Land Code Meeting to consult with Members on matters relating to ʔaq̓am lands. | Clarifies that each party entity (Council, the Director of Lands and Natural Resources, or the Lands Committee) individually has the authority to call a Community Land Code Meeting. |
| Section 10.2 | 18 | If a Community Land Code Meeting is called under Section 11.1, notice shall be given to Members by any method that the Council, Lands Manager or Lands Committee may consider appropriate in the circumstances. | If a Community Land Code Meeting is called under Section 11.1, the entity calling the meeting shall give notice to Members by any method that the entity calling the meeting may consider appropriate in the circumstances. | Clarifies that the entity calling the meeting shall determine the appropriate method for giving notice to membership, though still subject to the further provisions in Section 10 of the *Land Code*. |
| Section 10.3 | 18 | If a Community Land Code Meeting is required to be held under this Land Code, written notice of the meeting shall be provided to Eligible Voters at least ten (10) business days before the date of the meeting by:  (a) a notice delivered or mailed to Eligible Voters at their last known address; or  (b) publication of a notice in the St. Mary’s Indian Band newsletter delivered or mailed to Eligible Voters at their last known address; and  (c) posting of a notice in a public area of the St. Mary’s Indian Band administration offices. | If a Community Land Code Meeting is required to be held under this Land Code, written notice of the meeting shall be provided to Eligible Voters at least ten (10) business days before the date of the meeting by:  (a) either:   1. delivering or mailing the written notice to all Eligible Voters at their last known address; or 2. publicizing the written notice in an ʔaq̓am newsletter that is delivered or mailed to all Eligible Voters at their last known address; and   (b) posting of a notice in a public area of the ʔaq̓am administration offices. | Both versions have the same meaning but the amended version more clearly states that the requirement is to complete one of a(i) or a(ii) in addition to b. |
| Section 11.1 | 18 | Approval at a Meeting of Members shall be obtained for:   1. subject to section 16, any land use plan or amendment to a land use plan; 2. a law enacted under section 38; 3. an amendment to this Land Code; and 4. any law or class of law that Council, by Resolution, declares to be subject to this section. | Approval at a Meeting of Members shall be obtained for:   1. subject to section 16, any land use plan or substantive amendment to a land use plan; 2. a law enacted under section 38; 3. a substantive amendment to this Land Code; and 4. any law or class of law that Council, by Resolution, declares to be subject to this section. | Under the current version of the Land Code every amendment to the Land Code requires approval at a Meeting of Members. For example, if we wanted to go through and change a spelling or grammatical error, or a numbering issue, we would require a vote. Under the proposed amendment to Subsection (c) only substantive amendments require approval at Meeting of Members. A “non-substantive amendment” is an amendment that does nothing more than:  (a) correct typographical or other editorial errors that were not caught during the initial drafting process;  (b) clarify the meaning of a Ktunaxa term; or  (c) bring the *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code* into compliance with changes in the laws of Canada or the Province; |
| Section 12.3 | 19 | A matter shall be considered to be approved at a Meeting of Members if:   1. at least 10% of Eligible Voters cast a ballot either in person at the meeting or by mail-in ballot; and 2. the Majority of Eligible Voters who cast a ballot vote in favour of the matter. | A matter shall be considered to be approved at a Meeting of Members if:  (a) at least 10% of Eligible Voters cast a ballot either in person at the meeting or by mail-in ballot or phone-in ballot; and  (b) the Majority of Eligible Voters who cast a ballot vote in favour of the matter. | Amendment to provide the option for placing phone-in ballots under (a) |
| Section 12.5 | 20 | Written notice of a Meeting of Members shall be given to Eligible Voters at least ten (10) business days before the meeting by:   1. a notice delivered or mailed to Eligible Voters at their last known address; or 2. publication of a notice in the St. Mary’s Indian Band newsletter delivered or mailed to Eligible Voters at their last known address; and 3. posting of a notice in a public area of the St. Mary’s Indian Band administration offices. | A written notice of a Meeting of Members shall be given to Eligible Voters at least ten (10) business days before the meeting by:   1. either:    1. a written notice delivered or mailed to Eligible Voters at their last known address, or    2. the publication of a written notice in the ʔaq̓am newsletter, where that newsletter is delivered or mailed to Eligible Voters at their last known address; and 2. the posting of a written notice in a public area of the ʔaq̓am administration offices. | Both versions have the same meaning but the amended version more clearly states that the requirement is to complete one of a(i) or a(ii) in addition to b. |
| Section 16.4 | 24 | A person who negotiates a land exchange on behalf of the St. Mary’s Indian Band shall be designated by Resolution. | A person who negotiates a land exchange agreement on behalf of ʔaq̓am shall be designated by Council by Resolution. | Clarification that an Agreement is involved and that the designation comes from Council by way of a Resolution. |
| Section 26.2 | 29 | Without limiting the generality of section 27.1, the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Office shall:  1. administer St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands in accordance with this Land Code and any other applicable law or regulation; 2. develop forms of written instruments for use in registering or recording interests or licences in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register if it is deemed necessary and advisable by the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Office; 3. process applications for the registration or recording of written instruments and documents in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register in relation to interests or licences in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands; 4. provide electronic copies of applications for the registration and recording of written instruments and documents in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register in relation to interests or licences in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands to the First Nation Land Register; 5. arrange for the execution of written instruments and documents on behalf of St. Mary’s Indian Band; 6. maintain and protect records in relation to St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands; and 7. perform such other duties and functions consistent with this Land Code as Council may direct. | Without limiting the generality of section 27.1, the ʔaq̓am Lands Department shall:  1. administer ʔaq̓am Lands in accordance with this Land Code and any other applicable law, or policy of ʔaq̓am; 2. develop forms for use in the registering or recording of land instruments in the First Nation Land Register; 3. process applications for the registration or recording of land instruments in the First Nation Land Register; 4. arrange for ʔaq̓am’s execution of land instruments that relate to Community Lands; 5. maintain and protect records in relation to ʔaq̓am Lands in the Lands Department files; and 6. perform such other duties and functions consistent with this Land Code as Council may direct. | Clarification of the scope of responsibility of the Lands Department, including the processing for registration of land instruments. |
| Section 29 |  | The St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Office shall maintain the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register in substantially the same form and with the same content as the First Nation Land Register. | \*Deleted | This has been deleted as ʔaq̓am decided to use the First Nations Land Register instead of incurring the cost four our own “St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register”. |
| Section 29.2 | 33 | The St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Office shall ensure that an original copy of the following instruments received is registered or recorded in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register and the First Nation Land Register:   1. an interest or licence in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands granted by St. Mary’s Indian Band; 2. an interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands transferred or assigned by St. Mary’s Indian Band; and 3. this Land Code and any amendment to this Land Code. | The ʔaq̓am Lands Department shall ensure that an original copy of the following land instruments are registered or recorded in the First Nations Land Register, in accordance with the *First Nations Land Registry Regulations*:   1. except residential tenancy agreements, any interest or licence in ʔaq̓am Lands that ʔaq̓am is a party to; 2. an interest or licence in Community Lands granted by ʔaq̓am; 3. the transfer or assignment of an interest or licence in Community Lands that Council consents to; 4. this Land Code and any amendment to this Land Code; and 5. any law or regulation made pursuant to this Land Code. | Changes the requirement of the Lands Department to register land instruments in the “St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register” to the “First Nation Land Register”, as well as clarifies which types of land instruments require registration. |
| Section 29 in current Land Code |  | Notwithstanding section 30.1, nothing in this Land Code precludes Council from enacting a law providing for the maintenance of the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register in such other land registry system or facility as may meet the requirements of the St. Mary’s Indian Band. | \*Deleted | This clause was no longer required as we are not creating the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register but are instead using the First Nations Land Registry which is maintained and staffed by the Government of Canada. |
| Section 33.1 | 36 | Council may enact laws providing for an interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands that entitles a Member holding that interest to:   1. permanent possession of the land; 2. benefit from the resources in and of the land; 3. grant subsidiary interests, licences and permits in the land; 4. transfer, devise or otherwise dispose of the land to another Member; and 5. any other rights, consistent with this Land Code, that are attached to Certificates of Possession under the *Indian Act*. | Council may enact laws providing for Council to grant a Member an allotment in ʔaq̓am Lands that entitles that Member to:   1. permanent possession of the land; 2. benefit from the resources in and of the land; 3. grant subsidiary interests, licences and permits in the land; 4. transfer, devise or otherwise dispose of the land to another Member; and 5. any other rights, consistent with this Land Code, that are attached to Certificates of Possession under the *Indian Act*. | Clarifies in the first paragraph that the type of interest Council may grant that provides the Member with the listed entitlements is an allotment. |
| Section 33.2 | 36 | For greater certainty, no interest under section 34.1 may be granted to or held by a person who is not a Member. | For greater certainty, no allotment granted by Council may be granted to or held by a person who is not a member. | Again, clarifies that the type of interest Council may grant is an allotment. |
| Section 33.3 | 36 | Members may transfer or assign their interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands to the St. Mary’s Indian Band or a Member without the consent of Council or approval of Members. | A Member may transfer or assign an allotment that is granted by Council:   1. to ʔaq̓am, with the consent of Council; or 2. to a Member without the consent of Council or approval of Members. | Clarifies that if the transfer is to the Band, Council consent is required but not for transfers between Members. |
| Section 34.9 | 37 | In the event of default in the terms of a mortgage or charge of a leasehold interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands, the leasehold interest is not subject to possession by the mortgagee or chargee, foreclosure, power of sale or any other form of execution or seizure, unless:   1. the mortgage or charge was registered in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register; and 2. reasonable notice of the foreclosure was provided to Council. | In the event of default in the terms of a mortgage or charge of a leasehold interest in ʔaq̓am Lands, the leasehold interest is not subject to possession by the mortgagee or chargee, foreclosure, power of sale or any other form of execution or seizure, unless:   1. the mortgage or charge was registered in the First Nation Land Register; 2. reasonable notice of the foreclosure was provided to Council; and 3. Council has been provided a reasonable opportunity to redeem with respect to that leasehold interest. | Addition of subsection (c) ensures that the Band has had a reasonable opportunity to remedy the default. |
| Section 35.1 | 38 | Subject to a law of the St. Mary’s Indian Band, stating otherwise, the following persons may reside on St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands:   1. a Member; 2. a Member who has been allocated a residential lot by Council; 3. a Spouse and child of a Member referred to in subsection (b); 4. a Member with a registered interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands; 5. a lessee or permittee, in accordance with the provisions of the instrument granting the lease or permit. | Subject to a law of the ʔaq̓am, stating otherwise, the following persons may reside on ʔaq̓am Lands:   1. a Member; 2. a Member who has been granted an allotment by Council; 3. a Spouse and child of a Member referred to in subsection (b); 4. a Member with a registered land instrument that grants an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands; 5. a lessee or permittee, in accordance with the provisions of the land instrument granting the lease or permit. | Minor change to subsection (b) to change the term “residential lot” to “allotment”. |
| Section 36.1 | 40 | A Member who receives an interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands by testamentary disposition, succession or through a declaration of mental incompetence is entitled to have that interest registered in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register provided that the written instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person duly appointed under the *Indian Act* as the personal representative of the estate of the deceased or the mentally incompetent Member. | A person who receives an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands from a Member by testamentary disposition is entitled to have that interest registered in the First Nation Land Register provided that:  (a) where the deceased Member was ordinarily resident on ʔaq̓am Lands and the will is either approved in whole by the Minister, or the part of the will addressing the interest is approved by the Minister, under section 45 of the *Indian Act*, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by either:   1. the executor who is approved by the Minister, or 2. if no executor is named in the will, the administrator who is appointed by the Minister; or   (b) where the deceased Member was not ordinarily resident on ʔaq̓am Lands and:   1. the will is approved by a court, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person that is named in the court order as the executor or administrator of the deceased Member’s estate; or 2. the Minister assumes jurisdiction under sections 4(3) and 43 of the *Indian Act*, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person who is appointed by the Minister to be the administrator of the deceased Member’s estate; | In the proposed amendments, this section further clarifies who has the authority to make application for the registration of an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands on behalf of a member that has received the interest through testamentary disposition, intestate succession, or from a member who has been declared mentally incompetent. Section 36.1 clarifies this process for testamentary disposition. |
| Section 36.2 | 40 | A Member who purchases an interest in St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands under subsection 50(2) of the *Indian Act* is entitled to have that interest registered in the St. Mary’s Indian Band Lands Register provided that:  (a) the written instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person duly authorized under the *Indian Act* to transfer the interest; and  (b) Council has, by Resolution, consented to the written instrument transferring the interest to the purchasing Member. | A person who receives an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands from a Member by intestate succession is entitled to have that interest registered in the First Nation Land Register provided that:  (a) where the deceased Member was ordinarily resident on ʔaq̓am Lands, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person who is appointed by the Minister under section 43 of the *Indian Act* to be the administrator of that Member’s estate; or  (b) where the deceased Member was not ordinarily resident on reserve and:   1. a court has made an order regarding the deceased Member’s estate, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person who is named in the court order as the administrator of estate; or 2. the Minister assumes jurisdiction under sections 4(3) and 43 of the *Indian Act*, the person who is appointed by the Minister to be the administrator of estate; | In the proposed amendments, this section further clarifies who has the authority to make application for the registration of an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands on behalf of a member that has received the interest through testamentary disposition, intestate succession, or from a member who has been declared mentally incompetent. Section 36.2 clarifies this process for intestate succession. |
| Section 36.3 | 40 | Council may, by Resolution, authorize the Lands Manager to act as a delegate of Council under section 37.2. | A person who receives an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands from a Member who has been declared by a court or health authority to be mentally incompetent is entitled to have that interest registered in the First Nation Land Register provided that:  (a) where the Member who is declared mentally incompetent is ordinarily resident on ʔaq̓am Lands, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by either:   1. the Minister, or 2. a person who is appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 51(2)(a) of the *Indian Act* to administer the estates of mentally incompetent Members; or   (b) where the Member who is declared mentally incompetent is not ordinarily resident on ʔaq̓am Lands, the land instrument transferring the interest is duly executed by the person who is named in that person’s power of attorney or in an order from the court to be that Member’s committee. | In the proposed amendments, this section further clarifies who has the authority to make application for the registration of an interest in ʔaq̓am Lands on behalf of a member that has received the interest through testamentary disposition, intestate succession, or from a member who has been declared mentally incompetent. Section 36.3 clarifies this process when there has been a declaration of mental incompetence. |
| Section 47.1 | 47 | Amendments to this Land Code shall be approved at a Meeting of Members. | All substantive amendments to this Land Code shall be approved at a Meeting of Members. | Maintains obligation to receive Member approval by way of a vote at a Meeting of Members for any substantive changes (may affect the interpretation of the Law or an individual’s rights) to the Land Code. |
| Section 47.2 | 47 | N/A | Non-substantive amendments to this Land Code may be approved by Council, by Resolution. | This amendment authorizes Council to make non-substantive changes (don’t affect the interpretation of the Law or an individual’s rights)by way of BCR. Some examples include changes to spelling errors, grammatical changes, and numbering. |
| Section 48.1 | 47 | This Land Code shall come into effect if:  (a) the Members approve this Land Code and the Individual Agreement with Canada through the community ratification process dated for reference December 5, 2013; and  (b) this Land Code has been certified by the Verifier in accordance with the  Framework Agreement. | This amended Land Code shall come into effect if the members of ʔaq̓am vote in favour of itat a Meeting of Members vote in accordance with sections 48.1 and 13.1 to 13.9 of the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code*. | Amended to reflect how the *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code* may come into force. |
| Section 48.2 | 48 | This Land Code shall come into effect on the first day of the month following certification of this Land Code by the Verifier. | This Land Code shall come into effect on the day following the date that the members of ʔaq̓am vote in favour of itat a Meeting of Members vote in accordance with sections 48.1 and 13.1 to 13.9 of the *St. Mary’s Indian Band Land Code*. | Amended to reflect how the *ʔaq̓am Amended Land Code* may come into force. |