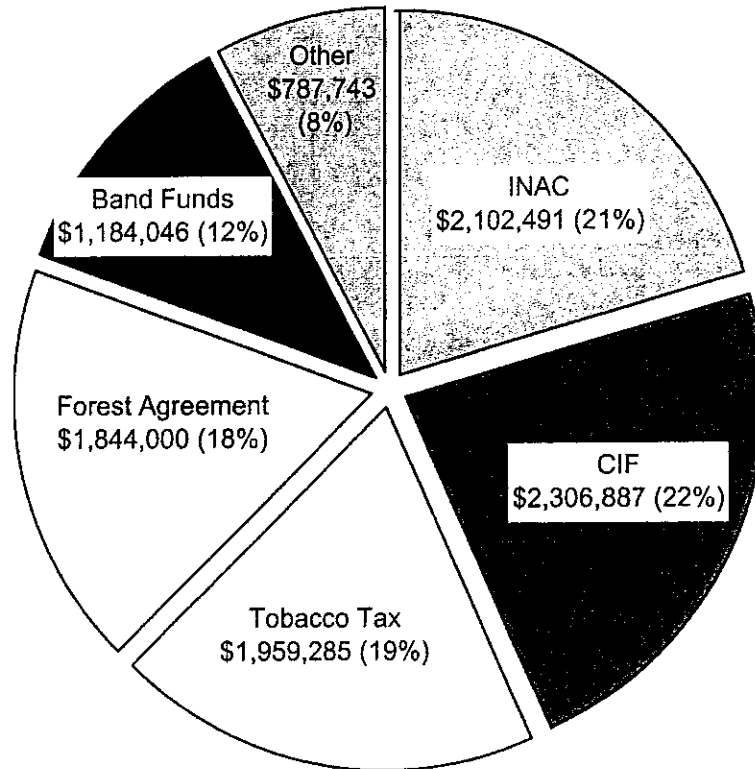




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Revenue - \$10,184,452



12% Band Funds comes from the Ottawa Trust Fund, rents, leases
18 % Forest Agreement comes from the Province of BC
19% Tobacco Tax comes from the Province of BC
22% CIF Community Improvement Fee comes from the Province of BC

21% INAC Indian & Northern Affairs comes from the federal government for various programs – Membership, O & M Band Support
8% Other comes from a bank loan for the Koksilah Farm Nursery - \$700,000.00 and the \$87,743.00 comes from various funding agencies for the Environment Department



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Message from:

Ernie Elliott
General Manager

I was appointed to the position of General Manager in March 2006; as some of you may recall, I was the Band Manager previously some 25 years ago. We have grown immensely since then, a fact I'm proud of as it shows Cowichan Tribes strength and determination.

The first month I concentrated on familiarizing myself with the status of each department and handling regular work duties. There are several major projects currently in progress, including the Khowutzun Gaming Centre, Koksilah Nursery, and the Mould remediation housing project. Phase 2 has wound down which unfortunately caused the layoff of a number of our people. We hope to gain more funds in the next fiscal year when Indian Affairs makes "new" capital funds available, although we are looking for alternate ways and sources of funding. For now, a skeleton

crew remains to provide maintenance only.

I need to express appreciation for the staff and programs in place; everyone was and still is continuing to provide the best services to our people with the resources available. I am also thankful for the managers' support and commend them for their leadership.

In short, it is both a pleasure and a challenge to be working in this position, and I look forward to a healthy year working with the Cowichan Tribes Chief and Council, staff, and membership. As always, the staff of Cowichan Tribes DON'T work for me, they work WITH me for the membership.

