



SQ'EWÁ:LXW FIRST NATION

SKAWAHLOOK

Summary of Information

Land Use and Zoning Law 2017

Given the inherent right of Sq'ewá:lxw to self-government and stewardship of our lands, and as enabled by the *Skawahlook First Nation Land Code*, the Sq'ewá:lxw Land Advisory Committee recommended to Chief and Council the enactment of the *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Use and Zonation Law*. The Law was tabled at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on March 21st, 2017 and enacted at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on May 23rd, 2017.

The purpose of the *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Use and Zoning Law* is to promote environmentally responsible, healthy, safe, and well planned use of Sq'ewá:lxw lands. The Law will apply to the whole area of the reserves (Skawahlook IR# 1 and Ruby Creek IR# 2), including Nation Land and land held under Certificate of Possession, and to members and non-members.

The *Land Use and Zoning Law* enables the *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Use Plan*. Land use planning allows economic, cultural, and social development while ensuring community sustainability. Land use planning is a Nation building exercise. It is an exercise of Indigenous rights and an act of governance. The land use plan expresses the vision of the people as a spatial arrangement of permitted and prohibited land uses.

The land use plan describes prohibited land use and activities across Sq'ewá:lxw lands. It also defines zones within which compatible land uses are grouped. For each zone type, guidance is provided with regard to management objectives, permitted uses, and policies.

The *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Use Plan* provides for the following zone types:

- Environmental Protection Zone;
- Cultural and Traditional Zone;
- Community Recreation Zone;
- Residential Mixed Use Zone;
- Community Centre Zone; and
- Commercial Zone.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Use and Zoning Law*. Any questions can be directed to the Lands Manager at the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation administration office. Copies of the Law are available on line or in hard copy at the administration office.

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