



SQ'EWÁ: LXW FIRST NATION

SKAWAHLOOK

Summary of Information

Environmental Management Law, 2017

Given the inherent right of Sq'ewá:lxw to self-government and stewardship of our lands, and as enabled by the *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Code*, and upon the advice of the Lands Advisory Committee, Sq'ewá:lxw Chief and Council, has enacted the *Sq'ewá:lxw Environmental Management Law 2017*. The Law was tabled at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on November 29, 2017 and passed by **Council on November 29, 2017**.

In the process of implementing jurisdiction over our land, Sq'ewá:lxw is enacting land management laws and creating policies with which we will fashion the community as envisioned by the people. Sq'ewá:lxw regards environmental sustainability as the foundation of a safe, healthy, and thriving community.

The purpose of the *Sq'ewá:lxw Environmental Management Law* is to ensure that the people's vision of a safe, prosperous, and sustainable community is obtained while caring for our land and water.

The Law is applicable to the whole area of the Reserves (Skawahlook IR# 1 and Ruby Creek IR# 2), to all Band Land, to all land held under Certificate of Possession, and to members and non-members.

The *Environmental Management Law* allows for:

- The preparation of an *Environmental Management Plan*;
- The preparation of an *Emergency Management Plan*;
- The prohibition of improper disposal of wastes, industrial wastes, and litter;
- The development and implementation of *Sq'ewá:lxw Environmental Operating Procedures*;
- Control of the movement, importation, and exportation of soils;
- The prohibition of the discharge of contaminants;
- Control of the handling, storage, and transportation of fuel and environmental contaminants;
- The remediation of contaminated sites;
- The issuing of Environmental Permits for the handling, treatment, transportation, storage and introduction of contaminants into the environment;
- The issuing of Environmental Orders and Remediation Orders; and
- Enforcement of the Law.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Environmental Management Law*.

Any questions can be directed to the Lands Manager at the Sq'ewá:lxw First Nation administration office.

Copies of the *Environmental Management Law* are available on line or in hard copy at the administration office.

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