



# SQ'EWÁ:LXW FIRST NATION

## SKAWAHLOOK

### Summary of Information

### Noise Control Law, 2018

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 Noise Control Law 2018*. The law was put forward for consideration at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and passed by Council on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. 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 the quiet enjoyment of the land by our people as an important element of a safe, healthy, and thriving community.

The purpose of the law is to prevent unreasonable noise that is likely to disturb the community.

The law is applicable to the whole area of the reserves (Skawahlook IR# 1 and Ruby Creek IR# 2), to all Sq'ewá:lxw land, to all land held under certificate of possession, and to members and non-members.

The *Noise Control Law* allows for the prohibition of any noise in or on a public or private place which disturbs or tends to disturb the quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of any person or persons.

The law specifically prohibits:

- The use of property to make such noise;
- The playing of instruments or electronic apparatus to make such noise between 11 pm and 8 am;
- Harboring any animal or pet that makes such noise for any period in excess of one hour;
- Constructing or demolishing any structure so as to make such noise between 8 pm and 8 am, or on Sundays or statutory holidays;
- Operating any outdoor public address system without a permit; and
- Operation of recreational vehicles that make such noise.

The Law provides for a penalty of not more than \$1,000.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Noise Control Law*.

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

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

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