



SQ'EWÁ:LXW FIRST NATION

SKAWAHLOOK

Summary of Information

Outdoor Fires Law, 2018

Sq'ewá:lxw has an inherent right to self-government and stewardship of our lands which is enabled by the *Sq'ewá:lxw Land Code*. In the process of implementing and exercising our 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.

Upon the advice of the Land Advisory Committee, Sq'ewá:lxw Chief and Council, has enacted the *Sq'ewá:lxw Outdoor Fires Law 2018*. The law was put forward for consideration at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on February 28th, 2018 and passed by Council on April 25th, 2018.

The purpose of the law is to promote safety and to protect Sq'ewá:lxw lands, members, occupants, buildings, and resources from potentially hazardous results of improper outdoor fire and burning practices.

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

The *Outdoor Fires Law* prohibits the lighting, fueling, or use of fire on Sq'ewá:lxw lands except under certain conditions and circumstances. No person shall have any fire on Sq'ewá:lxw lands when prohibited to do so under a burning ban or in high winds.

Sq'ewá:lxw members or residents can have campfires (any fire smaller than 0.5 metres high by 0.5 metres wide) without a permit.

Sq'ewá:lxw members or residents can have the following types of fires after providing Sq'ewá:lxw with notice by that person 48 hours in advance and delivered in normal business hours (a permit will be issued):

- Contained fires (open fire burning natural materials that is located at least ten metres from any building or surrounding brush, is contained within a surrounding structure such as a burn barrel or brick or stone walls, and is no larger than one metre by one metre in size); or
- A ceremonial fire.

All other fires, for private, industrial, or commercial use will require an application made in a format defined by Sq'ewá:lxw. If the application is accepted a permit will be issued. This is to ensure safety through adherence to Sq'ewá:lxw and Provincial law.

The law allows for enforcement under the *Sq'ewá:lxw Enforcement and Ticketing Law* and a maximum penalty of not more than \$1,000, and in the case of manufacture or sale a term of imprisonment not exceeding thirty (30) days.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Outdoor Fires Law 2018*.

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

Copies of the *Outdoor Fires Law* are available online or in hard copy at the administration office.

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