SQ'EWÁ:LXW FIRST NATION
SKAWAHLOOK

Summary of Information

Removal of Trespassers 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 Removal of Trespassers 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.

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 Chief and Council deem it necessary for the benefit, comfort, and safety of people, lands, buildings, and resources on Sq'ewá:lxw Lands to provide for the removal of trespassers and those frequenting the reserve for prohibited purposes.

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

This law applies to a person who is not a band member or lawful resident of Sq'ewá:lxw Lands, or who has not been authorized by Council to be present or undertaking an activity.

A Sq'ewá:lxw Enforcement Officer may order any person to leave Sq'ewá:lxw lands who:

- Conducts hunting, fishing, or trapping or removes any plants or other natural resources;
- Is selling goods or soliciting in any way;
- Is loitering; or
- Conducts activities contrary to the Criminal Code.

The law provides for the guests of a member or resident to fish on Sq'ewá:lxw lands.

The law provides for a penalty of not more than $1,000 or three months in jail.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Removal of Trespassers Law*.

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

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

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