



SQ'EWÁ: LXW FIRST NATION

SKAWAHLOOK

Summary of Information

Enforcement and Ticketing Law, 2016

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*, Sq'ewá:lxw Chief and Council, upon the advice of the Lands Advisory Committee, has enacted the *Sq'ewá:lxw Enforcement and Ticketing Law, 2016*. The *Enforcement and Ticketing Law* was tabled at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on September 24th, 2016 and passed by Council on November 7th, 2016.

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. Law enforcement plays a vital role in assuring the success of the community in achieving that vision.

The purpose of the *Enforcement and Ticketing Law* is to promote fair, effective, and efficient enforcement of laws on Sq'ewá:lxw Lands.

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 *Enforcement and Ticketing Law* allows for:

- The designation of Enforcement Officers;
- The empowerment of Enforcement Officers to enter land and dwellings under prescribed conditions;
- The empowerment of Enforcement Officers to issue warnings and tickets;
- The establishment of a process to pay or dispute tickets;
- For dispute resolution, utilization of *Stó:lō Qwi:qwelstóm ye Smóyelhtel*;
- For alternate dispute resolution the use of a Justice of the Peace; and
- The assignment of un-paid fines to a collection agency.

For more information please refer to the *Sq'ewá:lxw Enforcement and Ticketing Law*.

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

Copies of the *Enforcement and Ticketing Law* are available on line or in hard copy at the administration office.