

NOTICE OF PROPOSED *SEABIRD EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES LAW*

TAKE NOTICE THAT in accordance with Section 7.1 (a) and 8.4(a) of the *Seabird Land Code*, the First Draft of the proposed draft *Emergency Measures for Infectious Diseases Law* is available for written comments from Members.

Éy kws hákw'elestset te s'í:wes te siyólexwálh.

Xaxastexw te mekw'stam.

Éwe chexw qelqelit te mekw'stam lóy kw'es li hokwex yexw lamexw kwú:t.

S'ólh téméxw te íkw'élò xólhmet te mekw' stám ít kwelát.

It is good to remember the teachings of our ancestors.

Respect all things.

Don't waste, ruin, destroy everything, only take what you need.

This is our land we have to take care of everything that belongs to us.

Summary of Draft Law

- The purpose of this Law is to provide for the protection of the health and safety of Members, their families, residents, and the employees, representatives, contractors and agents of Seabird Island by imposing prohibitions and measures to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus and other contagious and infectious diseases on Seabird Island Lands.

Background

- There is an ongoing health emergency due to COVID-19, and there may be future public health emergencies requiring implementation measures and enforcement of orders of the Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and B.C. Provincial Health Officer. Seabird Island has the authority to pass the Seabird Island Emergency Measures for Contagious and Infectious Diseases Law, 2021, as set out in the Land Code.

Key Points Include:

- All Persons present on Seabird Island Lands must strictly comply with a current order or recommendation of the Provincial Health Officer or Chief Public Health Officer of Canada related to a contagious or infectious disease outbreak, including the following protective measures:
 - travel restrictions,

- self-isolation and/or quarantine,
 - staying home,
 - restricting gatherings or visitors,
 - social (physical) distancing, and
 - wearing face masks or other personal protective equipment when in public.
- Council or a Peace Officer, in consultation with appropriate health officials, may issue more stringent orders for protective measures on Seabird Island Lands.
 - Members may apply in writing to the Lands Office for a permit to vary an order of the Provincial Health Officer to stay home or restrict gatherings or visitors in urgent circumstances.
 - Council or a Peace Officer may order restrictions on hours of operation, and number of persons entering businesses or facilities on Seabird Island Lands and may in extreme situations order facilities closed for a period of time.
 - Persons may apply in writing to the Lands Office for a permit to vary an order closing or restricting access to a facility.
 - Restrictions on access to Seabird Island Lands are set out, which prohibit any Person from residing or accessing Seabird Island Lands unless listed in the Law (including Members and their families, residents, medical and emergency professionals, tradespeople etc).
 - All Persons entering Seabird Island Lands must strictly comply with current orders and recommendations of the Provincial Health Officer or Chief Public Health Officer of Canada and provide contact tracing information.
 - Persons may apply in writing to the Lands Office for a permit to access Seabird Island Lands for a reason not specified in the Law.
 - Parking and recreational use prohibitions and no parking signs may be posted to prevent the risk of the spread of contagious and infectious diseases.
 - Council may appoint a Seabird Island Official or Peace Officer to conduct inspections and enforce the restrictions under the Law, and to remove a Person who fails to comply with an order to leave Seabird Island Lands.
 - Fines and penalties can be issued to Persons who are not following the Law.
 - The First Nation, its Council, and any employees or contractors are not liable for any damages or losses in relation to the Law.
 - Council can pass further regulations or resolutions to implement the Law while the emergency lasts.

Copies

Copies of the proposed law are available from the Lands Department.

We Welcome Comments

We welcome any comments. Comments may be provided by mail, e-mail, or in person. The deadline for comments is September 30, 2022.

Questions

If you have any questions or concerns about this proposed draft law, please contact the Lands Department at: lands@seabirdisland.ca or call (604) 796-2177.

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