

# NOTICE OF PROPOSED *SEABIRD ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 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 *Environmental Protection 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.

## **Purpose**

The purpose of this Law is to promote fair, effective and efficient enforcement of laws on Seabird Island Lands.

## **Background**

Seabird Island has the authority to regulate land uses and activities under our Land Code. Council is authorized to pass various laws relating to the protection, management, and regulation of our lands, including environmental protection and the use and storage of hazardous materials and substances. The standards established by these laws must be at least equivalent in their effect to any standards established and punishments imposed by provincial laws.

For the protection of our Reserve Lands, Council is preparing to put in place an Environmental Protection Law.

## **Key Points Include:**

- Applies to all residents and leaseholders, not only Members.
- Prohibits the discharge of waste and contaminants unless in compliance with the law and a permit.
- Prohibits the discharge of waste from recreational vehicles and boats.
- Does not allow land to become unsightly.

### *Vision Statement*

*To preserve, protect, and maximize a sustainable land base which will create wealth, well-being, and increase our lands and resources for our community and future generations.*

- Requires all people to make efforts to avoid the spread of invasive weeds.
- Provides provisions for the determination of contaminated sites.
- Provides general principles of liability for remediation to the person responsible.
- Grants authority to the Lands Office to make orders for cleaning up contamination, in addition to cost recovery actions.
- Provides for tickets and fines and major penalties up to \$1 million for serious contamination.

### 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](mailto:lands@seabirdisland.ca) or call (604) 796-2177.

### This Notice Dated: August 11, 2022



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