



S.A.Y. Lands Office

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Dear Skowkale First Nation Residents & Members,

In 1999, the First Nations Land Management Act provided First Nations with the ability to establish a land management regime by adopting a Land Code that would be applicable to all land in a Reserve of the First Nation. This essentially provided control to First Nations over their own lands, which had previously been controlled by Federal Government. On May 1, 2014, Skowkale, Aitchelitz and Yakweawkwoose (S.A.Y.) saw their Land Codes come into effect and a shared office to administer their codes opened (S.A.Y. Lands Office).

The S.A.Y. Lands Office manages the lands on behalf of Skowkale, Aitchelitz and Yakweawkwoose First Nations. To provide guidance, a Lands Committee comprised of members from each of the communities meets regularly to draft laws, policies and provides direction for long-term planning and activities on the lands.

Over the last several months, the Lands Committee has worked together with the Lands Office to draft the Skowkale First Nation COVID Community Protection Law. The purpose of this Law is to provide for the protection of Reserve Lands, the environment, the health and safety of Members, and their families by imposing measures to reduce the risk of the spread of the COVID-19 virus on the Reserve Lands of Skowkale First Nation. The draft law is attached here for your review and is also available on our website at www.saylandsoffice.ca.

Questions, concerns, comments and/or feedback are welcome over the next 30-day period until June 30, 2021. Following the 30-day notice period, the Law will be presented to the leadership council for final approval. Once and if approved, the law will become applicable on all Yakweawkwoose First Nation Lands to all residents and members.

The S.A.Y. Lands Office can be reached Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the above physical address or by using the below contact information:

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Stacy', followed by a long horizontal flourish.

The SAY Lands Office and the SAY Lands Committee