

LNIB Enforcement Law

Why We Need Laws

Laws are rules made by the government that forbid certain actions and are enforced by the courts. Laws apply to everyone equally. If you break a law, you may have to pay a fine, pay for the damage you have done, or go to jail.

Imagine the chaos – and the danger – if there were no laws. The strongest people would be in control and people would live in fear. Drivers could choose which side of the street to drive on and no one could stop them. Imagine trying to buy and sell goods if no one had to keep promises. Or trying to hold onto your personal property or even to keep yourself safe if there were no laws against robbery or assault.

Even in a well-ordered society, people disagree, and conflicts arise. The law provides a way to resolve disputes peacefully. If two people claim the same piece of property, rather than fight they turn to the law. The courts can decide who the real owner is and how to protect the owner's rights.

Laws help to ensure a safe and peaceful society. The Canadian legal system respects individual rights and ensures that our society is orderly. It applies the same law to everybody. This includes the police, governments and public officials. All of them must carry out their duties according to the law.

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Given the inherent right of LNIB to self-government and stewardship of our lands, and as enabled by the *Land Code*, the Director of Lands recommended to Chief and Council the enactment of the *LNIB Enforcement Law*. The Law was tabled at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on **DATE** and enacted at a duly convened meeting of Chief and Council on **DATE**.

The purpose of the *Enforcement Law* is to enable the fair, effective, and efficient enforcement of all LNIB laws. Enacting an overarching *Enforcement Law* rather than enforcement provisions in each individual law makes sense at this time because of the robust suite of laws that LNIB is developing. This approach allows LNIB to avoid repetition, and possibly confusion, by repeating the same enforcement provisions in different laws. LNIB staff, members, residents and others interested in or affected by our laws must look only to one location for enforcement provisions.

The *Enforcement Law* enables Council to appoint a Justices of the Peace, sets out their authorities, and the circumstances under which they must refer matters to a Judge. The law designates Enforcement Officers and sets out their authorities.

The *Enforcement Law* establishes the requirements for tickets including their form and content, the serving of tickets, payment of fines or disputing tickets, and the process for hearings of disputes. The law lays out a process for instances when a person fails to appear at a hearing or fails to respond to a ticket, including time extensions in certain circumstances and collections.

Schedules to the law list all LNIB laws to which the *Enforcement Law* applies, and establishes the applicable fines and penalties for offences.

For more information please refer to the *Enforcement Zoning Law*. Any questions can be directed to the Director of Lands at the LNIB Lands Sector administration office. Copies of the Law are available online or in hard copy at the administration office.