

**BY-LAW NO. 19 \_\_. \_\_**  
**of the Fort Nelson Indian Band**  
**A BY-LAW FOR THE PREVENTION OF**  
**DISORDERLY CONDUCT AND NUISANCES**

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Fort Nelson Indian Band desires to make a by-law governing the prevention of disorderly conduct and nuisances, with respect to any matter arising out of or ancillary to the exercise of powers under section 81, and for the imposition of a penalty for a violation thereof;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Fort Nelson Indian Band is empowered to make such by-law pursuant to paragraphs 81 (1)(d), (q) and (r) of the Indian Act;

**AND WHEREAS** it is considered to be expedient and necessary for the benefit, comfort and safety of the inhabitants of the Fort Nelson Indian Band to provide for the prevention of disorderly conduct and nuisances on the reserve;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Fort Nelson Indian Band hereby makes the following by-law:

**Short Title**

1. This by-law may be cited as the “Fort Nelson Indian Band Reserve Disorderly Conduct and Nuisances By-law”.

**Interpretation**

2. In this by-law,

“*Band*” means the Fort Nelson Indian Band;

“*Council*” means the Council of the Fort Nelson Indian Band;

“*Disorderly conduct*” means any act or behaviour, including:

- (a) fighting;
- (b) making or causing unreasonable noise;
- (c) using abusive language;
- (d) using offensive or indecent gestures or displays;
- (e) being drunk;
- (f) loitering;

- (g) exposing, firing or discharging any gun, pistol or other firearm, or using or threatening to use any other article as a weapon, except in defense of life or property; or
- (h) interfering in any manner with the orderly conduct of commercial, administrative, educational, recreational, health care, religious or ceremonial activities on the Reserve,

that disrupts public order on the reserve, scandalizes the community, or causes public inconvenience, annoyance or alarm;

“*Nuisance*” means any act, activity or condition, including

- (a) the abandonment of cars, household appliances or furniture, or parts of cars, household appliances or furniture;
- (b) the storage of abandoned cars, household appliances or furniture, or parts of cars, household appliances or furniture;
- (c) the dumping or storage of tires, garbage or other refuse;
- (d) the burning of tires, grass, garbage, or other refuse;
- (e) the discharge of any substance into the air or water;
- (f) noise;

that materially impairs, otherwise than by direct physical interference, the use and enjoyment of a person’s property, or that prejudicially affects a person’s health, comfort or convenience or the public health, safety or welfare of the reserve community, but does not include any act, activity or condition to the extent it is unavoidably necessary for carrying on any business or other means of livelihood authorized by the Council;

“*officer*” means any police officer, police constable or other person charged with the duty to preserve and maintain the public peace, and any other person appointed by the Council for the purpose of maintaining law and order on the reserve;

“*Person*” includes a corporation;

“*Reserve*” means the reserve of the Fort Nelson Indian Band and includes all the Band’s Reserves.

### **Disorderly Conduct**

**3.(1)** Every one who creates or causes a nuisance is guilty of an offense.

**(2)** An officer may order any person who is engaging in any disorderly conduct to stop such conduct immediately.

## **Nuisance**

- 4.(1) Every one who creates or causes a nuisance is guilty of an offense.
- (2) An officer may order any person who is causing or who threatens to cause a nuisance on the reserve to refrain from causing the nuisance or to abate the nuisance within such period as is reasonable in the circumstances.
- (3) In determining whether a period fixed by an officer under subsection (2) was reasonable in the circumstances, a court shall take into account
  - (a) the nature and extent of the nuisance;
  - (b) the methods available to abate the nuisance;
  - (c) the approximate time required to abate the nuisance; and
  - (d) the effect of the order on any business or means of livelihood of the person who is the subject of an order.

## **Enforcement**

- 5.(1) Where a person who has been ordered to stop engaging in disorderly conduct, or to refrain from causing a nuisance or to abate a nuisance within a specified period, fails or refuses to comply with the order, an officer may take such reasonable measures as are necessary to stop the disorderly conduct, or to prevent or to abate the nuisance.
- (2) A person who fails or refuses to comply with an order made under subsection 3(2) or subsection 4(2), or who resists or interferes with an officer acting under subsection 3(2) or subsection 5(1), commits an offense.

## **Penalty**

6. A person who commits an offense under this by-law is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty days, or to both.

**THIS BY-LAW IS HEREBY** made at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Fort Nelson Indian Band this 21st day of Sept., 1995.

Voting in favour of the by-law are the following members of the Council:

Glen Bodine  
(Member of the Council)

[Signature]  
(Member of the Council)

Jessie Wechesue  
(Member of the Council)

[Signature]  
(Member of the Council)

being the majority of those members of the Council of the Fort Nelson Indian Band aforesaid meeting of the Council.

The quorum of the Council is three (3) members. Number of members of the Council present at the meeting: 3.

I, Harvey Behn Chief Councillor of the Band, do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing by-law was mailed to the Minister of Indian and Northern Development at the Regional office in accordance with subsection 82(1) of the Indian Act, this 21st day of Sept., 1995.

[Signature]  
(Witness)

[Signature]  
acting (Chief Councillor)