# BY-LAW OF THE ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION A BY-LAW FOR FIRE PREVENTION AND FIRE RESCUE SERVICES FOR THE EAGLE RIVER CASINO AND TRAVEL PLAZA

WHEREAS the Council of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation desires to make a By-law governing certain offices and powers of enforcement related to Fire Prevention and Fire Rescue Services for the Eagle River Casino and Travel Plaza;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation is empowered to make such By-law pursuant to its inherent right to self government paragraphs 81 (1), (c), (q) & (r) of the <u>Indian Act</u> (appendix);

AND WHEREAS Alexis Land Management Corp. ("Alexis LM"), a wholly owned subsidiary of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, is a Lessee of Designated Lands for the purpose of developing a hotel, truck stop, convenience store and casino project (hereinafter the "Project");

AND WHEREAS Alexis LM has chosen the Town of Whitecourt (the "Town") as the Service Provider for Fire Rescue Services for the Project and proposes to enter into a Master Services Agreement with the Town (the "Services Agreement");

**AND WHEREAS** it is a condition of receiving Fire Rescue Services from the Town that the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Chief and Council have enacted this By-law;

**AND WHEREAS** nothing in this By-law shall be construed to alter, diminish, derogate or abrogate the Treaty and Aboriginal Rights of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation hereby enacts the following By-law:

# **SHORT TITLE**

1. This By-law may be cited as "The Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Project Fire Services By-law".

### INTERPRETAATION

- 2. In this by-law:
  - "Council" means the Chief and Council of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation.
  - "Fire Chief" means the highest ranking Fire Officer of the Town and his or her authorized representatives.

- "Fire Officer" means a member of the Emergency Response Department of the Town.
- "Fire Rescue Services" means fire suppression services and fire investigation and inspection services.
- "Incident" means a fire, explosion, a situation where a fire or explosion is imminent or any other situation presenting a danger or possible danger to people or property on the project lands to which a Fire Officer has responded.
- "Incident Commander" means the officer of the Town in charge of directing all other officers or firefighters at the scene of an incident.
- "Police Officer" means any police officer, police constable or other person charged with the duty to preserve and maintain the public peace.
- "By-law Enforcement Officer" means a By-law enforcement officer or any other person appointed by the Council for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this by-law and in maintaining law and order;
- "Project" means an entertainment, hotel, recreation and casino project known as the Eagle River Casino and Travel Plaza, including all buildings, lands and facilities within the project lands.
- "Project Lands" means that 58 acre parcel of the Alexis Reserve No. 232 that was designated on October 4, 2001 by the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation and has been subleased by Alexis LM to the Project Proponent which is described as "Project Land" and "Project Development Area" on the map appended to this By-law, and entitled "Eagle River Casino and Travel Plaza", and related facilities necessary to the Project and located on adjacent lands (such as the pump house and water retention pond).
- "Town" means the municipal corporation of the Town of Whitecourt.

#### **OFFENCES**

- 3. The Fire Chief, Fire Officers and Officers are delegated by Council the power to enforce the following offences to providing Fire Rescue Services in relation to a fire or suspected fire which originates on the Project Lands or threatens people or property on the project lands:
  - 3.1 No person shall in any way impact or hinder a Fire Officer or any other person who is assisting in extinguishing any fire or mitigating a medical emergency or performing any other duties provided for in this By-law, and no person shall move any fire hose or drive a vehicle over any fire hose at any fire without permission of an Incident Commander;

- 3.2 No person shall place or cause to be placed, any matter or thing, so as to obstruct or interfere with the operation or use of any fire hydrant, emergency response water inlet or outlet connections on buildings, fire alarm control panels, manual alarm stations, or any fire detection device or equipment;
- 3.3 No person shall use a fire hydrant for the purpose of obtaining or discharging water from such hydrant without first receiving permission from the Fire Chief except:
  - a) a Fire Officer;
  - b) a person acting under the direction of a Fire Officer; or
  - c) a member of the Alexis Fire Department for emergency fire suppression purposes.
- 3.4 No person shall obstruct or otherwise interfere with access roads or streets or other approaches to any fire hydrants, cisterns or bodies of water designated for firefighting purposes;
- 3.5 Any person who in any way obstructs, prevents or refuses to admit a fire Inspector or Investigator in, to or upon any land, premises, yards, or buildings, for the purpose of inspection or investigating on the same, or who incites or abets such shall be considered in breach of this By-law;
- 3.6 No person shall park a vehicle for any period of time whatsoever at the following locations, namely:
  - a) where the vehicle may in any way interfere with the use of a doorway intended as a fire or emergency exit from any building abutting the highway; or
  - b) upon any highway or portion thereof providing emergency vehicle access to any property (excepting emergency vehicles) where the highway is marked by a traffic control device as an emergency vehicle access;
- 3.7 No person shall willfully or maliciously destroy or injure any property at a fire or any emergency units belonging to the Town or Alexis Fire Department;
- 3.8 No person shall falsely represent themselves to be a Fire Officer;
- 3.9 No person shall wear, use or have in their possession or under their control any official badge, identification card, insignia, button, cap, helmet or uniform of the Town's Emergency Response Department unless such person is a regular or retired member of the said Emergency Response Department, and

- has direct and specific authority to wear or have in their possession or under their control such items;
- 3.10 No person shall use, or have in their possession or under their control, any key for an emergency response vehicle belonging to the Town, or key for any fire alarm on the Project Lands unless directly and specifically authorized so to do by the Fire Chief;
- 3.11 No person shall use, or have in their possession or under their control, any key for any emergency response vehicle belonging to the Alexis Fire Department, unless specifically authorized to do so by the Chief of the Alexis Fire Department;
- 3.12 No person, unless authorized by the Fire Chief for practice purposes, shall, by use of a fire alarm, telephone, or any other method normally used, make or cause to be made any false alarm;
- 3.13 No person shall falsely state that they have the sanction of the Town's Emergency Response Department in soliciting any person or company on any matter; and
- 3.14 Any person who refuses to provide or furnish any information required under this By-law, when requested by a Fire Officer or Officer, or who encourages such, shall be considered in breach of this By-law.

#### POWERS OF INCIDENT COMMANDER

- 4. The Incident Commander shall have the following powers and authorities:
  - 4.1 The Incident Commander is empowered to enter premises or property where the Incident occurred and to cause any Fire Officers, apparatus or equipment of the City to enter as he or she deems necessary in order to combat, control, or to deal with the Incident;
  - 4.2 The Incident Commander shall also have the power, if he or she shall deem it necessary, for the protection of any building or other property to enter or pass through, or to cause Fire Officers to enter or pass through, any building or premise adjacent or near the scene of the Incident, or to convey through or to use to operate through, in, or from such adjacent or nearby building or premise any emergency units or equipment which he or she shall deem necessary;
  - 4.3 The Incident Commander may in his or her discretion prescribe the limits in the vicinity of the Incident within which, until he or she removes or changes such limits, no person or vehicle shall be permitted to come, unless such person is a Fire Officer, or Officer or is admitted by order of the Fire Chief,

- and any person who shall without permission enter upon any portion of such limits herein specified during the time the same shall be so closed;
- 4.4 Incident Commander in charge of an incident shall have the power to commandeer and authorize payment for the possession or use of any equipment necessary for the purpose of mitigating an Incident;
- 4.5 If there is any property damaged by fire on the Project Lands, it shall immediately be reported to the Fire Chief and particulars of the fire, which are satisfactory to the Fire Chief.

# 5. **SEVERABILITY**

5.1 Should a court determine that a provision of this By-law is invalid for any reason, the provision shall be severed from the By-law and the validity of the rest of the By-law shall not be affected.

## 6. **PENALTY**

6.1 Every person who violates any of the provisions of this By-law, or who suffers or permits any act or thing to be done in contravention or in violation of any of the provisions of this By-law, or who neglects to do or refrains from doing anything required to be done by any of the provisions of this By-law, or who does not act or omits any act or thing thus violating any of the provisions of this By-law, shall be deemed to be guilty of an infraction of this By-law and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding one thousand (\$1000.00), or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding thirty (30) days or to both fine and imprisonment. Where the offence is a continuing one, each day that the offence continues, shall be a separate offence.

**THIS BY-LAW IS HEREBY** made at a duly convened meeting of the Chief and Council of the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation this 11th day of June, 2007.

Voting in favor of the By-law are the following members of Chief and Council:

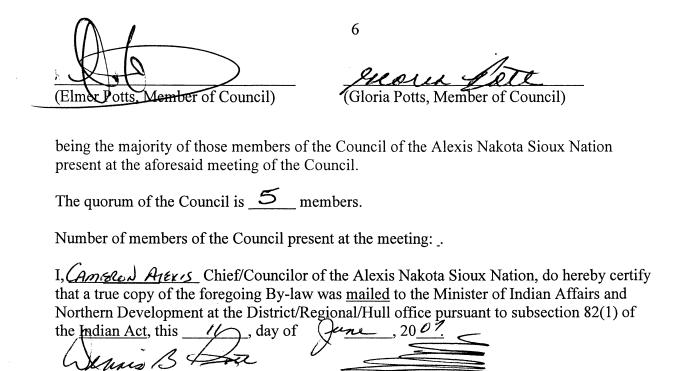
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(Darwin Alexis, Member of Council)

(Henry R. Alexis, Member of Council)

(Clayton B. Alexis, Member of Council)

(Bruce Potts, Member of Council)



(Chief/Councilor)

(Witness)