

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

TO: Chief & Council

RE: Community Governance Development

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Community Update:

Our Ancestors originated in our territory with the intent to create a sustainable future for the people of Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation. We were given this duty to maintain the integrity of the land with footprints of cultural honor combined with a respect for our Nation's future.

As time passed throughout the years, we strived to generate social reciprocity for our land usage in practicing the spiritual intent in our languages within our traditional territories. While encouraging the growth of cultural social life by re-imagining how our historical leaders utilized our ways of living on the land. Many leaders before us began the structural foundation to what we encounter today in our community governance structures.

It is with great honor that we now have the ability to craft a constitution to bring our community forward and build a peaceful future for our Nation. We can achieve this if conducted with genuine precision to the details of how our natural laws are practiced in our everyday lives.

However, this requires community collaboration to maintain legitimacy in this document moving forward, we must adhere to the principles of our Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Governance model which, our ancestors envisioned for us as Nakota people of the land.

Please see enclosed,

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ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION POLITICAL & LEGAL LANDSCAPE

Legal Culture: *ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION CUSTOMARY LAWS*
[hunting/fishing/trapping/harvesting]

Local Governance Operations: 1. Chief & Council Quorum Resolutions. 2. Organizational Managerial designations.
3. *Elders customary laws [Requires development/consultation]*. 4. Employment Policy. 6. Financial Policy. 7. Health Policy.

Band Legal Structure: Band governance > federal power & Obligations > Reserved land rights.

- **TREATY 6:** Nation to nation agreement, [Alexis sovereignty and Crown Sovereignty]
- **INDIAN ACT:** Treaty Regulation on-reserve. Band Governance: Duty to Consult/Honor of the Crown maintenance in local governance.
- **FEDERAL LAW:** On-Reserve Constitutionality **PROVINCIAL LAW:** On-Reserve Constitutionality

❖ Alexis Constitutional Inclusions

Living Tree of the Alexis Nation
[requires an official designation relative to our Nationhood]

1. Constitutional Pre-amble [ANSN BAND DECLARATION]
2. General Assembly [Design to include Alexis Nakota Sioux Language Primary with English secondary]
3. Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms [require community consultation]
4. United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples [requires community consultation]
5. Elders Council [Design- community collaboration]
6. Youth Council [Design-community collaboration]
7. Membership Codes [ANSN BAND POLICY]

8. Election Regulations [*ANSN BAND POLICY*].
 - *Section “D” Elders Advisory requires development*
9. Health Regulations [*ANSN BAND POLICY*]
10. Social Services and Child Welfare [Design]
11. Education [*ANSN BAND POLICY*]
12. Financial powers, accountability and fiscal Regulation [*ANSN BAND POLICY*]
13. Land title, usage and management [Design]
14. Environment: Recycle Renewable Resources [Design]
15. Water Usage/Regulation [Design]
16. Public Works/Roads & Infrastructure [Design]
17. Language & Culture Community Administration [Design]
18. Administration of Justice [Design]. Economic Development [Design]
19. Employment [*ANSN BAND POLICY*]

Indigenous Constitutions regulate relationships between the local government and the state through technical declarations of generating local constitutional authority. We need to examine the roles in decision making, along with the benefits and legal risks associated with the constitutional design framework. The following five nations below were chosen for analysis, as a means to demonstrate the various legal landscapes of constitutional recognition.

1. **SCENARIO 1.** Treaty Federalist Model: Historical Treaty/Alberta Jurisdiction]
2. **SCENARIO 2.** Treaty Federalist Model: Quebec -Constitution.
3. **SCENARIO 3.** Treaty Federalist Model: *North West Territories*-Constitution
4. **SCENARIO 4.** Treaty Federalist Model: Ontario-Constitution
5. **SCENARIO 5.** Treaty Federalist Model: *British Columbia* -Constitution

As a means to adhere to the second phase of this governance project, community consultation is required. However, given that we are operating under the health guidelines of COVID-19 please be aware of future limitations.

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Alexis Constitutional Project 2019/2020

<i>Constitutional Mapping</i>	<i>Alexis Governance Landscape</i>	<i>Alexis Governance Principles</i>	<i>Alexis Official Language</i>
<p>Alexis Survey Components</p> <p>Qualitative Elements</p>	<p>Constitutionality Elements: Land Based Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexis Traditional • Non-Traditional • Hunter • Trapper • Harvester • Language Usage 	<p>Alexis Summer Survey 2019</p> <p>Summer Analysis:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Shared Cultures [Catholic/Traditional] 2. Limited Group/Family Clan Association. 3. Youth Empowerment 4. Community Safety Awareness 5. Treaty Rights 	<p>Language terms gathered</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Agicizhabi - Law 2. Kicizhabi - Law 3. Kicizesa - Lawyer 4. Dukin da'a 'yadeshin - how will it go 5. Xamne wicashda nimi agicizhabi - constitution
<p>Alexis People</p>	<p>Population: Total Population according to Statistics Canada 2066.</p> <p>On reserve: 1171</p> <p>Off reserve: 823</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexis Indian Reserve 133 • Alexis Whitecourt Indian Reserve • 232 • Alexis Elk River Indian Reserve • 233 • Alexis Cardinal River Indian Reserve 234 	<p>Foundations of Alexis Nationhood:</p> <p>Land Stewardship elements. Key Components to Constitutional Spatial Design.</p> <p>Alexis Nationhood Diversity & Self-Identification</p>	<p>Alexis Traditional Territory. Land Usage</p> <p>Governance Structures:</p> <p>Alexis Social Normative Orders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexis customs 3. Alexis Natural Laws 4. Range of Seasonal usage

		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Nakota 2. Cree 3. Isga 4. Nakota Sioux 5. People of this land 	
Alexis Traditional Territory	<p>Land Survey:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data set Regulations • Mappings • Land Surveying <p>How is Alexis mapping our traditional territory/traplines</p>	<p>Who are the Cultural gathers?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hunters • Fishers • Trappers • Seasonal Land Harvest • Clans/Society <p>What are there roles?</p> <p>What are the Language Conceptions in each paradigm?</p>	<p>Official Designations:</p> <p>Requires community collaboration</p>
Alexis Non-Traditional Territory/ Off-Reserve		<p>Treaty Rights Regulation to each department?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Urban Development • Sub Office • Whitecourt • Edmonton 	Language & Design
<p>Laws & Jurisdiction</p> <p>What is Alexis Jurisdiction?</p>	<p>Alexis Laws & Regulations:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexis Sovereignty 2. Treaty Six. <p>Federal Laws applicable on-reserve</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Provincial Laws applicable on-reserve 3. International Law applicable on-reserve 	<p>Treaty Rights & Regulations to each department?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Alexis contains oral historical knowledge pertaining to the signing of our treaty. 	<p>Treaty Rights /language</p> <p>How do we structure this knowledge?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Institutional implementation? • Design Implementation?
Band Institutions	<p>Governance Structure/Buildings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Band Office • Alexis School [Design in practice] • Alexis Health Center • Alexis Day Care • Alexis Head Start 	<p>Language Concepts and Terminology in institutional design?</p>	<p>Institutionalized:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Language & Heritage <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Language mandate 2. Language Oath 3. Language teachings 4. Language Director

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alexis Water Treatment Plant • Alexis Economic Entities/Subsidiaries 		
Band Resources	<p>Components of Alexis Capacity.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Human Resources • Financial Management Capacity • Performance Evaluation • Accountability and Reporting • Diversity in Revenue Sources 	<p>Are Alexis Principles reflected in Management capacity?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program Management • Staff • Project implementation • Project Research Co-ordination [How is our traditional knowledge being utilized]. 	<p>Managerial Capacity</p> <p>How are the managers and staff working towards our Ancestral Vision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land Stewardship. • Kinship/Family

As Treaty People of the land, it is imperative that our interpretations in land usage is reflective to meet Alexis treaty interests. Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation is not immune to provincial and federal constitutional restrictions. Many of which can impede community growth in Nationhood maintenance. Our nation requires understanding of the administrative legal environment in Constitutional Development, which is essential in determining any type of organizational change.

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