



ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION CHIEF & COUNCIL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

4TH QUARTER BAND MEETING
DATE: MARCH 18, 2022

ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION
LEADERSHIP REPORT
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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Message from Alexis Chief and Council

Abawashded Metaudebi,

This report is presented to the Alexis members during the 4th Quarter Band Meeting on Friday, March 18, 2022 of the 2021-2022 fiscal and operating year. The report accounts for our office and activities. During this last quarter, we spent some time visiting with the Elders and members on community issues and our tribal laws. As we work through the drafting of our Constitution, these meetings are valuable and we appreciate the feedback we have received thus far. Our goal is to have a Constitution for our People written in our language. This work will continue for years to come and we will make every effort to keep our members informed and part of the process. Here are some highlights for this reporting period:

- **Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Agricultural Benefits Claim (2017):** On December 10, 2021, our claim was filed with the Specific Claims Tribunal of Canada. (See page 12 for more details.)
- **Pasa Tibi Center (2020-2022):** In December of 2021, we completed the final phase of our planning for the new Elders lodge and our proposal is now under review with Alberta Health. The project will contain 18 'continuing care' suites that will be operated as part of Alberta Health Services continuing care program. Twelve will operate as either Designated Supportive Living or Long-Term Care; the remaining six are to be programmed as a recovery program. If approved, construction is likely to begin in 2022.
- **Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Constitution (2019):** Our Constitution, when completed, will be the highest law of our Nation. On September 2020, a draft outline was shared with the Elders. It included all pieces of law. We continued working on the amendments to our Customary Election Regulations and developing a Peace Officer Bylaw. These laws are vital pieces to our Constitution and will bring positive change to the Nation. (For more information see page 13 & 14)
- **Amendments to the Customary Election Regulations (1997):** On February 10, 2022, we reviewed the amendments with members and opened it for feedback. The meeting went well and we will continue meeting and updating until the document is ready for final membership approval. (For more information see pages 13 & 14)



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- **Peace Officer & By-law (2021):** On January 20, 2022, we reviewed a new law designed to employ a Peace Officer to deal with criminal activity and enforcing our laws. Moving forward, the Council put funding in place to hire a Peace Officer in the new fiscal year. (For more information see page 15)
- **Alexis Healing Gatherings (2022):** We held our First Elders Healing Gathering on January 19, 2022 and will continue gathering monthly to debrief and address the issues we have in our community. The first two sessions focused on addictions. As a Nation we carry a lot of trauma from the past, not only residential schools but also colonial warfare in our territory. The social problems that we accumulated over the years will take years to heal, and we must continue working and striving for a cleaner, healthier and safer community. At the last session, we invited one of our young members, (Joyce Potts), to present her idea to the Elders. She proposed a new way of connecting Elders with Youth. We invite all the Elders to continue participating and coming together to build a healthier community.
- **Alexis Business Partnerships (2022):** We have three new partnerships: First Nation Capital Investment Partnership (FNCIP), Nesika Services and Alberta Newsprint Company. These partnerships are in the development phase and will provide economic benefits for the Nation. (For more information see Pages 21 & 22)
- **United Nations Youth Assembly (2022):** We will be sending a delegate of Alexis Youth to the 27th Session of the Youth Assembly, August 12-14, 2022 at the Convene Center in New York City. The Assembly will cultivate a global network of young leaders and changemakers through exchange, education, action and impact. We will have both Alexis Youth Council and Chief Aranazhi School Youth participate in this assembly. For more information contact Brandis Roan-Alexis, ANSN Youth Council at brandis@ansn.ca or 587-598-5001.

Ishnish for your continued prayers and support. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us anytime.

Alexis Chief and Council



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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation COVID19 UPDATES



TOTAL CASES REPORTED (March 2020 – March 2022)

First case reported on October 24, 2020

- 2 active cases reported in Alexis #133 Reserve.
- Total on Reserve recovered cases: 308
- Self reported Antigen on Reserve: 62
- Active Antigen Self-Reported: 2
- COVID -19 Vaccinations (2 doses): 650
- Total deaths due to COVID-19: 5 (1 on-reserve, 4 off-reserve).
- Total swabs completed (March 9, 2022): 2,774

EASING OF PUBLIC HEALTH RESTRICTIONS IN ALBERTA:

On February 26th, 2022 the Government of Alberta announced that their 3-step plan to ease COVID19 measures would move to Step 2 on March 1st. At this time:

- Any remaining school requirements will be removed
- Youth screening activities for entertainment and sports activities will be removed
- Capacity limits on all large venue and entertainment venues will be lifted
- Indoor and outdoor social gathering limits will be lifted
- Provincial mask mandate will be lifted except in high-risk settings, including on public transit, at AHS-operated and contracted facilities and all continuing care settings
- Mandatory isolation for COVID-19 core symptoms or positive test result remains in place

TESTING IN ALEXIS is available by appointment. Call 780-967-1090.

We will continue to stay updated.

ANSN OPERATIONS

All ANSN departments are fully operational and open to the public.

COMMUNITY CARE

Elders have been engaged and will be providing traditional medicine for members as needed. If you need assistance in arranging traditional supports. Contact the Elders Liaisons:

Dale: 780-966-7586

Paul: 780-257-9064

ANSN EMERGENCY CONTACTS:

The leaders are always available and members can access them anytime. However, if you are experiencing an emergency, you can also contact:

- Dorian Alexis, Chiefs Office: (780) 937-9426
- Duane Kootenay, ERT Lead: (587) 784-1355
- Dale Alexis, Elders Liaison: (780) 966-7586
- Edmonton Office, Charlene Stroeder: (780) 908-0412
- Whitecourt Office, Rosemary Aginas: (780) 268-4600

COVID-19 INFORMATION

For more information on the status of COVID19 in Alberta, please visit: www.alberta.ca/coronavirus-info-for-albertans

- Please note: If you cannot gain access to your Covid-19 vaccine card you can go to any registry to have it printed at no cost. For more information contact the Health Centre at 780-967-1090.



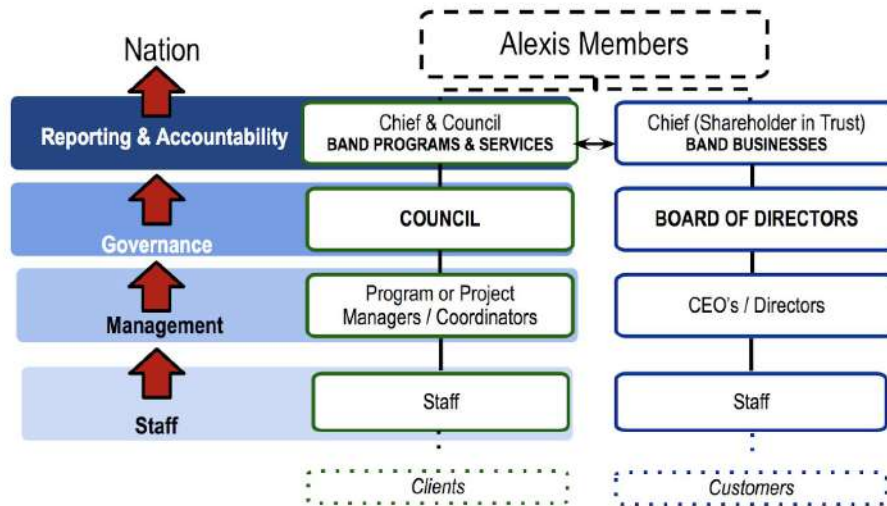
**Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
Community Prayer / Vision & ANSN Protocol Chart**

OTABI WAGICARABI WAGOHNABI
(Community Prayer / Vision Statement)

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Our Vision

We, the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, will protect and promote our cultural and spiritual values. We will strive to live in harmony and respect the Creator and all creation. We will commit to our Isga beliefs and utilize every resource that the Creator has bestowed upon us to empower our people, spiritually, emotionally, physically and mentally.





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Leadership Protocol Chart

Alexis Elders (60+)

Hûgakebi Tony Alexis

Togahacakebi
Lonnie Letendre

Togahacakebi
Erwin Letendre

Togahacakebi
Hank Alexis

Togahacakebi
Corrine Alexis

Togahacakebi
Darwin Alexis

Togahacakebi
Dwayne Alexis

Togahacakebi
Willard Alexis



“Our governance structure is based on our traditional and customary practices. The Elders remain our close advisors and play an important role in our community governance. The Elders remind us of who we are as a People and maintain our values, principles and laws. They continue to be our mentors and have always been there to support us. We are truly thankful for their contributions, prayers and support.” Chief Tony Alexis & Members of Council



**Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
CHIEF AND COUNCIL COMMITTEES (2018-2022 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES)**

COMMITTEES	STRATEGIC PRIORITIES	LEADERS TASKED
1. Governance & Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enforcement • Constitution (Elders Senate) • Laws & bylaws • Elections • Policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hùgakebi Tony Alexis - Togahacakebi Darwin Alexis (1) - Togahacakebi Willard Alexis (4) - Togahacakebi Erwin Letendre (5)
2. Communication & Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial • Membership • Departmental • Elders & Youth • Culture 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hùgakebi Tony Alexis - Togahacakebi Hank Alexis (2) - Togahacakebi Lonnie Letendre (6) - Togahacakebi Corrine Potts (7)
3. Economic Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resource • Inventory • Diversify • Own Source Revenue • Resources Consultation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hùgakebi Tony Alexis - Togahacakebi Hank Alexis (2) - Togahacakebi Dwayne Alexis (3) - Togahacakebi Erwin Letendre (5)
4. Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New Church • Traditional Healing Centre • Trailers • Housing • Lands • Elders Lodge 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Hùgakebi Tony Alexis - Togahacakebi Dwayne Alexis (3) - Togahacakebi Lonnie Letendre (6) - Togahacakebi Corrine Potts (7)



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Chief and Council

ANNUAL CALENDAR

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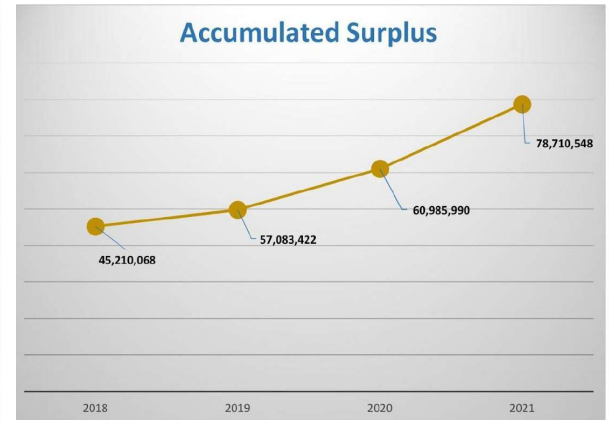
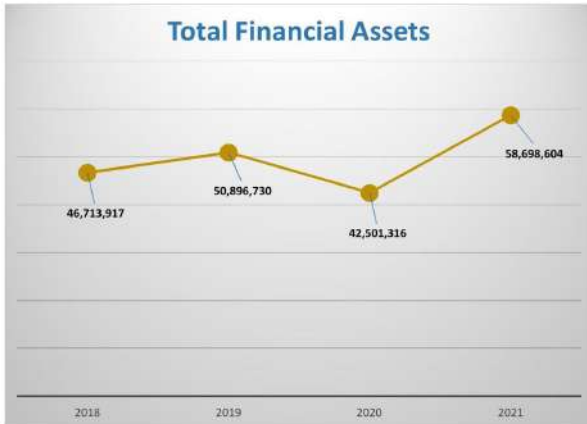
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*THIS SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGES.	
	Busy – Council Committee Meeting
	Busy – Finance / Interagency
	Busy – Budget Readings
	Busy – Public Relations Day
	Busy – Elders
	Busy – Regular Council Meeting
	Busy – Band Meeting
	Busy – Special Meeting
	Busy – AGM - YTC / Treaty Six / AFN
	Drop In – Sub-Office
	Open – Meetings
	Alexis NAAW Week
	Community Events
	Treaty Day
	Closed – Statutory Holiday

Notice: This schedule is subject to change without notice. The Chief & Council's detailed meeting schedule is posted and available at the Band's Administration Office. To book a meeting with the Chief please email dorianalexis@ansn.ca Last updated: February 23, 2022



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation CHIEF AND COUNCIL - FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

Financial Overview



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ROSS
PASNAK LLP
CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

krpgroup.com



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Treaty - Agricultural Benefits Claim Update



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Tribunal des revendications particulières Canada

Specific Claims Tribunal Canada
www.sct-trp.ca

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Date Modified: 2016-02-26 Important Notices

Claim: **SCT-6001-21**
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
v.
Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada

Province/Territory: Alberta Intervenor(s):
Claim Filed Date: December 30, 2021
Status: Ongoing

Claim Documents

NOTE: Only the Declaration of Claim and the Response to the Declaration of Claim, including any amendments, are posted on this web page. These documents are provided by external sources and have been inserted, as received, in the language and format of the record. Reasons for Decisions and Reasons on Applications are posted on the "SCT Decisions" web page. Requests for a copy of any other document may be sent by email to: claims.rendications@sct-trp.ca.

Document Title	Document Filing Date
Declaration of Claim	December 30, 2021 (overdue)

Next Scheduled Event(s)

Notice Of	Notice Location	Notice Date/Time	End Date	Justice
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Our claim has been filed with the Specific Claims Tribunal of Canada.

<https://www.sct-trp.ca/apption/cms/UploadedDocuments/20216001/001-SCT-6001-21-Doc1.pdf>

IV. Grounds (R.41(d))

7. This specific claim is filed on the grounds set out in section 14(1)(a) and (c) of the SCTA:

- (a) a failure to fulfil a legal obligation of the Crown to provide lands or other assets under a treaty or another agreement between the First Nation and the Crown;
- (c) a breach of a legal obligation arising from the Crown's...administration of reserve lands, Indian moneys or other assets of the First Nation;

8. Specifically, the Crown failed to fulfill its Treaty promise to provide Alexis with agricultural benefits and assistance.



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Governance & Accountability Update - Odaagina Nimi & the Elders Senate

UPDATE ODAAGINA NIMI (ALEXIS CONSTITUTION)) & ALEXIS ELDERS SENATE

On May 14, 2019, we gathered in ceremony and began working on developing a Constitution for our Nation. We began by inviting everyone to provide feedback through a survey. We then went out to the land to visit and spend time with our Elders, who shared knowledge about our culture, values, language, traditions, and sacred laws. With COVID restrictions, we also implemented an online meeting system to engage with the Elders and members to ensure their safety. Elders are our Knowledge Keepers and we rely heavily on their respected advice to guide our survival since the beginning of our time. Our Elders remind us of their responsibilities in our community and it is our intent to have these responsibilities transcribed for future generations to follow. This process is ongoing and we will continue working with the Elders until it is completed.

At the Council table, we've had many discussions and agreed it was necessary to modernize our regulations and begin restructuring our laws. All of our laws will connect with our Constitution. We envision this similar to our Eagle Staff which represents the People. In September of 2020, we presented a proposed Constitutional Outline. We will continue meeting with our Elders to write our laws respectfully and incorporate our culture.

Our current AFN Customary Election Regulations (1997) has an empty "Schedule D - Senate of Elders." In fact, former Chief Roderick Alexis spent time developing a draft elders senate schedule. Unfortunately, it was never implemented. Since the passing of our Election Regulations (1997), leadership has practiced our customary laws in calling Elders to meet with leadership for advice. A special acknowledgement to Elder Styliva Aginas who took the time to meet with the leadership (2020), to discuss the status of the Elders Senate. It was always our intention to have the Elders create this law for themselves. On the cultural side, our Elders are here and guide us, but legally, there are no structures or laws written. As we develop the articles of our Constitution, it only makes sense to locate the Elders Senate under our Constitution. Developing our Constitution is helping us strengthen our Governance Structures and we will continue working on this for the benefit of our People and Nation.

'DRAFT' ANSN Constitution Outline

Alexis Treaty Rights
Alexis Membership
Alexis General Assembly
Alexis Tree [Cahuga]
Alexis Governance Structure
Alexis Administration of Justice
Alexis Elders Senate
Alexis Education
Alexis Heritage & Language
Alexis Health
Alexis Family Kinship Customs
Alexis Lands
Alexis Financial Administration &
Accountability
Alexis Economic Development
Alexis Natural Resource Development

This draft outline is subject to revisions.



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Governance & Accountability Update - Nation Laws

REVISED VERSION
(Updated March 18, 2022, after 1st print)

Miller Thompson, LLP and Chasidy Alexis, MA - Policy Analyst for the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, are assisting the Council with the amendments to current laws and drafting of new laws. The following is an update on the status of our band laws:

1. **Odaagina Nimi** (*Alexis Constitution Law renamed by Alexis Elders*)

- August 25, 2020: A draft "ANSN Constitution Law Outline" was presented to Council.
- February 18, 2021 & March 4, 2021- Executive Team Planning Meetings held (Discuss Elders' Meeting Schedule, and identified the need to purchase equipment and provide training, to continue having meetings with the Elders via radio and Zoom.)
- March 25, 2021 – Elders Virtual Meeting: Regional Education Agreements & Treaty Right to Education. (First virtual meeting via Zoom & radio with Elders.) Special Guest Speakers Shannon Alexis and Angela Morin.
- April 1, 2021 – Elders Virtual Meeting: Guests Speakers: Rachel Snow and Sharon Venne.
- April 22, 2021 – Elders Virtual Meeting: ODAGINA NIMI work book was distributed to ANSN Elders to review for feedback. 7 governance principles introduced.
- May 20, 2021 – Land Base Governance. Guest Speakers; Former Chiefs, Elder Roderick Alexis and Elder Francis Alexis. Discussion on Self Determination: individual-community-nation & community feedback.
- June 21, 2021 - Alexis Cultural Day Celebrations (Information will be posted and shared)
- August 4 & 5, 2021: Elders Meeting at Cardinal River Camp. (Discussion on Election Regulations & Treaty Research)
- Updates on Constitution Law posted online at www.ansn.ca

2. **Alexis Customary Election Regulations Law**

- December 3, 2021 - Not listed on agenda but copies of proposed amendments provided to members at Band Meeting and posted online www.ansn.ca
- January 6, 2022 - Copies of Proposed Amendments delivered to band homes.
- February 10, 2022 - Council Review of Proposed Amendments with Band Members.
- March 18, 2022 - Council Update

3. **Alexis Education Law (No updates)**

4. **Alexis Child Welfare Law (No updates)**

5. **Alexis Band Employment Policy (No updates)**

6. **Alexis Peace Officer ByLaw *New**

- January 20, 2022 : Membership Review of Proposed Peace Officer By Law
- March 18, 2022 - Council Update





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Governance & Accountability Update

JUSTICE UPDATES BY COUNCILLOR DARWIN ALEXIS

Peace Officer By Law

The Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation received employer status from SOLGEN (Solicitor General of Canada) to employ Peace Officers on the reserve lands, # 133, 232, 233, & 234. Peace Officers will provide community based services, protection, and safety within jurisdictional and traditional boundaries of our community. Part of this process requires the Council to approve a Peace Officer By Law prior to the hiring of the Peace Officer. Council met with the membership on January 19, 2022 to review the proposed bylaw. Overall the meeting was positive and Council will call a Special Meeting to vote on this new law, in the new fiscal year (TBA).

To date we have a Curfew Bylaw (2008), Trespass Bylaw (2008) and Residency Bylaw (2015). **The Peace Officer Bylaw is being added to enforce our laws, and manage calls from the Alexis #133 & #232 Residents. This is an important part of enforcement and we need members to support it.**

CTA (Community Tripartite Agreement):

Last spring a decision was made to transfer our policing resources from Mayerthorpe Detachment to Parkland Detachment (Spruce Grove). As of right now, we are still receiving services from Mayerthorpe. Members please contact Mayerthorpe Detachment for assistance and complaints at 780-786-2800 or 780-786-2291.

CCG (Community Consultation Group)

On November 1, 2021 we posted an invitation to Alexis Members to volunteer on the Community Consultation Group (CCG). The CCG is entrusted with the responsibility of helping police officers understand Alexis culture and traditions. As of March 4, 2022, the following members have been approved to sit on the CCG:

1. Jessica Alexis
2. Joyce Alexis
3. Stephanie Alexis
4. Sally Jones
5. Jacqueline Letendre
5. Raymond Potts

2021 Alexis Justice Survey

For those who would like to fill out a form, please go to www.ansn.ca or click on the following link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfmsYwDWTx26zpf4o2l-Paufaf0wbMRuXkeZiF7mkeKT7Clq/viewform?usp=sf_link

DEADLINE HAS BEEN EXTENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.
OUR GOAL IS TO INTERVIEW 50% OF BAND HOMES.



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Members, please download our ANSN APP and register to receive instant updates! Important notices and documents are also available for viewing on this plug-in



ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION
COMMUNICATIONS

**ANSN Communications provides updates using ANSN Website, ANSN APP, ANSN Social Media platforms.
Email: communications@ansn.ca**

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

SCHEDULING FOR CHIEF & COUNCIL



MEETING WITH THE CHIEF

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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Department Senior Personnel Update

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PROGRAMS & SERVICES	CONTACT	TITLE	CELL #	REPORTS TO:
Administration – Operations & Management	Willis Kootenay	Director	587-599-1060	Alexis Chief and Council
Administration – Aurora Fund	Candace Potts	Fund Administrator	587-938-1397	Willis Kootenay, Director
Administration – Chief & Council	Courtney Alexis	Executive Secretary	780-977-8606	Willis Kootenay, Director
Administration – Chief's Office	Dorian Alexis	Chief of Staff	780-937-9246	Chief Tony Alexis
Administration – Communications	Brandis Roan-Alexis	Executive Assistant / Communications Lead	587-598-5001	Chief Tony Alexis
Administration - Communications	Darren Kootenay	Communications Officer	780-289-4702	Chief Tony Alexis
Administration – Finance	Willis Kootenay	Acting Finance Supervisor	587-599-1060	Chief and Council
Administration – Membership	Jamie Cardinal	IRA / Membership Clerk	780-967-2225	Willis Kootenay, Director
Administration – HR	Patricia Alexis	HR Manager	780-938-7395	Willis Kootenay, Director
Administration – Policy	Chasidy Alexis	Sr. Socio-Legal Analyst	613-869-3004	Alexis Chief and Council
Administration – Special Projects	Rayleigh Conley	Proposal Writer / Project Manager	587-582-0559	Alexis Chief and Council
ASETS / ISETS	Veronica Potts	Manager	780-700-1090	Lavern Arcand, Director - YTC
Capital Projects	Willis Kootenay	Director of Operations	587-599-1060	Alexis Chief and Council
Child & Family Services	Martha Letendre	Band Designate	587-783-6908	Alexis Chief and Council
Daycare	Shelley Nelson	Director	780-983-2205	Willis Kootenay, Director
Economic Development	Reg Potts	EDO	780-297-1855	Willis Kootenay, Director
Education	Toni Letendre	Director	780-994-1607	Alexis Board of Education
Elementary & Chief Aranazhi School	Melissa Day	Acting School Principal	780-967-5919	Alexis Board of Education
Environment & Climate	Dr. Hughie Jones	Project Manager	780-238-8582	Willis Kootenay, Director
Health	Tracy Potts	Director	587-983-6723	Willis Kootenay, Director
Heritage – Archives, History & Repatriation	Liz Letendre	Director	780-984-4387	Willis Kootenay, Director
Heritage – Language	Eugene Alexis	Director	780-863-5759	Willis Kootenay, Director
Housing	Janet Adams Potts	Manager	780-983-0323	Willis Kootenay, Director
Justice	Darwin Alexis	Supervisor	780-217-3844	Alexis Chief and Council
Lands Consultation	Duane Kootenay	Manager	587-784-1355	Willis Kootenay, Director
Public Works & Infrastructure	Duane Kootenay	Interim Manager	587-784-1355	Willis Kootenay, Director
Recreation	Felix Kootenay	Coordinator	780-967-1090	Willis Kootenay, Director
Social Development	Lorraine Mustus	Director	780-717-9856	Willis Kootenay, Director
Alexis (YTC) Distribution Center	Charlene Stroeder	Off-Reserve Liaison	780-908-0412	Alexis Chief and Council
Alexis-Whitecourt Sub-Office	Rosemary Aginas	Office Manager	780-268-4600	Alexis Chief and Council



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Band Corporations (Profit Entities) Update

Name of Organization	Business Description	Trustee for Alexis Members	Board of Directors	Chairman / President	CEO / Manager
1. Alexis Service Center Inc (Ishnish Gas Bar LLP)	Leasing Agreement & Limited Liability Partnership for Gas & Confectionary Store	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief and Council	N/A	Steve Youn, Director
2. Alexis Group of Companies Inc.	Management and Trust Company (Inactive)	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief and Council	N/A	N/A
3. Alexis Economic Development Trustee Corporation	Business Trust – I.B.A. through Teck Coals (Lean on RV Park)	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief Tony Alexis	Reg Potts EDO
4. Eagle River Casino & RV Park	Gaming	Chief Tony Alexis	Howard Mustus Don Kootenay	Howard Mustus, Chairman	Eris Moncur, CEO
5. Backwoods Energy Services Inc	Environmental, Civil & Forestry, Matting & Security	Chief Tony Alexis Claudette Pastien Sol Rollinger	Reginald Cardinal Brittany Earl Erick M. Hamdan Don Kootenay Tom Redi Harvey Sheydwasser	John MacNutt, Chairman	Mike Heck, CEO
6. Alexis Nakoda Development Ltd.	(Inactive)	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief and Council	N/A	Reg Potts, EDO (Advisor)
7. Alexis Firefighting Services Ltd	Firefighting	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief and Council	N/A	Christopher Alexis Volunteer Manager
8. Nakota Crossing Petro Gas Station	Truck Stop	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief and Council	Reg Potts COO	PR Petroleum



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Band Corporations (Non-profit Entities) Update

Name of Organization	Organization Description	Trustee for Alexis Members	Board of Directors	Chairman / President	CEO / Manager
1. Yellowhead Tribal Council	Administration, Education & Health	Chief Tony Alexis	YTC Chiefs	YTC Chiefs	Lavern Arcand, Director
2. NAIDF	Building Operations	Chief Tony Alexis	NAIDF Board Representative Councillor Erwin Letendre	Laverne Arcand	Mervin Kootenay, Property Manager
3. YTDF	ASETS	Chief Tony Alexis	YTC Chiefs	Laverne Arcand	Yvette Alexis, Coordinator
4. Alexis Board of Education	Education Services	Chief Tony Alexis	Isabelle Kootenay, B.E Joyce Alexis, D.M. Shannon Alexis, B.A. Dr. Hughie Jones , Ph.D.	Councillor Darwin Alexis Chairman	Toni Letendre, Director
5. Alexis Housing Authority	Housing	Chief Tony Alexis	Chief and Council	Councillor Corrine Potts	Janet Adams Potts, Interim-Manager
6. Northern I'sga Foundation	Charitable proceeds from Eagle River Casino.	Alexis Chief & Council	Gayle Aginas Tracey Aginas Sally Jones Kenny Kootenay Rodney Mustus	Rodney Mustus (Chairman/President)	Serena Alexis Executive Director

REVISED VERSION
(Updated March 18, 2022, after print)



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Economic Development Updates

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Band Member Endorsement Agreements

The following Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Band Members have Endorsement Agreements with the Nation and operate their businesses within our Traditional Territory.

Year	Member	Company
2015	Jonathan Letendre	3-D Line Locating (2011) Ltd.
2019	Orlando Alexis	Cokel Land and Environment
2019	Armin Alexis	Opabin Consulting Ltd.
2021	Torbin Letendre	Oha Construction Ltd.
2021	Anton Alexis	Iron Steel Solutions Ltd.
2021	Sam Aginas JR	OGC Solutions Inc.



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Economic Development Updates - Business Partnerships

First Nation Capital Investment Partnership (FNCIP)

On February 2, 2022, we met with the Elders and members to share information on new business partnerships. The FNCIP partnership involves our neighbors Alexander First Nation, Enoch Cree Nation and Paul First Nation. This is a historic collaboration between our neighbor Nations to invest and acquire assets collectively. With shared values at the centre, the FNCIP team will work with government and industry in Alberta's Industrial Heartland to invest in their respective communities for future generations.

"This partnership is the way of the future for First Nation communities. We are reclaiming community care and collective sovereignty, which will bring our communities back to the shared wealth we once had thousands of years ago. Entrepreneurship and collaboration is part of who we are. With qualified professionals on our team, our industry partners, and our intergenerational knowledge, we are stronger together." - Chief Tony Alexis, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

Our alliance is an entrepreneurial partnership between Alexander First Nation, Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, Enoch Cree Nation, and Paul First Nation built on shared values. First Nation Capital Investment Partnership works together to pursue ownership in major infrastructure assets and projects. It is our vision that First Nation Capital Investment Partnership will serve to create intergenerational wealth in our communities – ensuring a vibrant, healthy future for our Peoples.

For more information on FNCIP visit

<https://www.axxcelus.ca/news-2/first-nation-capital-investment-partnership-is-open-for-business>





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Economic Development Updates - Business Partnerships



Nesika

On January 24, 2022, we formally announced our partnership with Nesika Services. Nesika Services is a grass roots, Community led Not-for-Profit acting on behalf of any unrepresented impacted Indigenous groups in a negotiation with Canada to maximize economic opportunity in the ownership of the Trans Mountain pipeline.

Our community, *Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation*, is one of 14 Indigenous communities along the pipeline's route in Alberta and B.C. that has already signed on. There are 129 (Canada) identified impacted Indigenous communities to retain an economic interest in the Trans Mountain Pipeline.

What is Nesika ? We are not-for-profit organization that's been formed by Indigenous communities impacted by the Trans Mountain Pipeline. Nesika is not seeking to buy the pipeline. We are wanting to facilitate and support communities in negotiating and structuring the best transaction possible. Our sole purpose is to support the communities to negotiate a transaction which sees Indigenous communities have an ownership stake in the Trans Mountain pipeline project that values Environment, Governance and economic benefits equally. We are not-for-profit: Nesika will not seek or receive any profit from a transaction. We do not have a predetermined pipeline operating partner or financial backing from banks. For more information visit nesikaservices.ca/

Services

ANC - Alberta Newsprint Company

We are working on a project with Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC). ANC is a leading manufacturer of premium newsprint in North America. They are located in Whitecourt, Alberta.

Alberta Newsprint Company (ANC) is an unincorporated joint venture owned equally by Whitecourt Newsprint Company Limited Partnership (*whose general partner is a Stern Partners company*) and West Fraser Mills Ltd. Ronald N. Stern was instrumental in the development and start-up of ANC, a \$400 million greenfield project completed in 1990. The ANC mill is among the lowest cost and highest quality newsprint and high bright paper manufacturers in North America.

Associated with its newsprint operations, ANC Power has recently commissioned a stand-alone, gas-fired reciprocating engine power plant capable of providing approximately 65MW of electrical power for use by the newsprint mill or for export to the Alberta power grid. The power plant will operate as a 'peaker' plant, being taken on-line or off as warranted by fluctuations in market power prices.

In 2013, ANC Transloading Inc. located at the ANC mill site, commenced operations with two transload facilities that provide rail access for inbound and outbound materials in West Central Alberta. The new Marsh Head transload facility, which is now under development, complements the current ANC Transloading operations adjacent to the mill in Whitecourt.

For more information visit albertanewsprint.com/sternpartners.com/index.php/investments/manufacturing/ or



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Backwoods Energy Services Update



UPDATE BY CEO: MIKE HECK, MBA, ICD



Mike Heck, MBA, ICD

President & CEO | [in](#)

Mike Heck brings over 35 years of experience to Backwoods with expertise in construction, pipelines, utilities, upstream and downstream oil and gas as well as manufacturing and logistics.

[Learn More About Mike Heck, MBA, ICD +](#)



Mark Fox

Chief Operating Officer | [in](#)

Mark has an extensive career in the industrial sector, both in projects and maintenance.

[Learn More About Mark Fox +](#)

Leadership Update

- The new leadership team is in place, with Mark Fox as COO replacing Ryan McQuilter, Mike Heck replacing Paul Poscente, and Ross Morrison leading sales and relationships. The new board has been in place for 3 meetings.
- The business had a record year, \$186 million in sales, and has close to 700 employees currently within the company, all divisions are fully loaded with work, in most cases until the end of the year. Pipeline activity is the bulk of the activity that is taking place. Backwoods is nearing breaking the \$200 million in revenue per year, which makes it one of the largest First Nations-owned businesses in Alberta. A new strategic plan is being developed which will show how the company will continue to grow and also diversify from projects only into a sustainable full scale general construction company.
- A new process for ensuring Alexis Members have access to jobs and opportunities is being put in place. The Backwoods Human Resources team will be on site soon to present the new communication methods and support for Alexis Members. Two new positions are open in junior leadership roles within the office. Call Trina at 780-267-1647 if you are interested.

Forestry And Access

- Most clearing on Keyera Kaps is completed for the year.
- Work on Trans Mountain as well as TC Energy Compression is taking place.
- Recent work at Chevron in partnership with Sturgeon First Nation.
- Matting is building 250 matts per day and has been at full production all year.
- Backwoods is laying mats from the Sumas Border in BC all of the way to Manitoba. o 2022 will be another busy year for the matting division.
- It is a successful year of reclamation at Teck Cheviot mine.



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Backwoods Energy Services Update



(Continued)

Civil Division:

- Both large civil projects, Keyera and Cascade, are wound down until summer.
- Large projects won in reclamation with CNRL removing wellheads, cleaning up leases and removing facilities. This is a new venture for Backwoods.
- Backwoods partnering with large general contractors as a sub, entering the commercial and light industrial civil business ie: Chandos Construction, Bird Construction and PME Construction.
- Mechanical work continuing with integrity digs on TC Energy, Trans Mountain and Pembina Pipelines.
- The spill at Whitecourt Reserve will be cleaned up by Backwoods, with work expected to start in late 2022.
- More equipment being purchased to self perform activities, versus rental equipment.

Environmental Services

- Have become among the largest Indigenous service providers within the \$1 billion Alberta Site Rehabilitation Program.
- Within the Alberta Site Rehabilitation Program we are working for: CNRL, Vermilion, Cenovus, Orintiv, Long Run Exploration, Obsidian, Bonavista, Perpetual Energy, Cardinal Energy, Harvest Energy, Taqa North, Vesta Energy, Clearview Resources, GL Petroleum, Razor Energy, CLEO Energy, Karve Energy, Rolling Hills Energy, Sprocket Energy, Silverleaf Resources, New Star Energy, DCP Oil Corp, Sabre Energy, Pine Cliff Energy, Torxen Energy, Journey Energy, TransGlobe Energy and Athabasca Oil Corp.
- Also assisting Alexis in the cleanup of the abandoned wells on Alexis Reserve #133.





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Update

UPDATED BY ERIS MONCUR, CEO (2021 Q4)

On reopening on June 10th after a 6 month closure the Casino initially performed better than budget until the province announce the imposition of the vaccine mandate on September 20th. The vaccine passport resulted in a significant drop in visits to the Casino, and depressed revenues across the board.

The vaccine passport was implemented in anticipation of the Delta variant, which was quickly followed by the Omicron variant, which became the dominant strain in November. The province deployed 2 field hospitals as daily Covid 19 infection rates rose across Canada to 300% of previous levels, exceeding 30,000 cases each day. Record numbers of infections were recorded nationally beginning December 19th, 2021, as the Omicron variant of the Covid 19 virus spread through the population in at an unprecedented rate.

For the period, Slots and Food & Beverage saw significant shortfalls versus budget, largely in response to even tighter restrictions placed on guests by the province. The Travel Plaza saw revenues that exceeded budget on rising fuel sales.

Catering activities were vital in driving gaming numbers in Q4. Christmas parties helped to create additional visits in December that brought incremental, yet much-needed, revenue increases for slots and tables.

Due to the very low number of visits during this period, the property relied on cash on hand to fund net cash outflows resulting from operations for Q4 2021. All non-essential spending was curtailed, including marketing activities.



**EAGLE RIVER CASINO
& Travel Plaza**



EFFECTIVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2021

In compliance with the Government of Alberta's new vaccine permissions, the following measures will be in place until further notice.



All guests will be required to show one of the following with Photo ID:

PROOF OF VACCINATION

- QR CODE FOR FULL VACCINATION (TWO DOSES) (ALBERTA RESIDENTS)
- FIRST NATION VACCINE RECORD
- CANADIAN ARMED FORCES VACCINE RECORD
- OTHER PROVINCIAL VACCINE RECORDS

QR CODE LINK: <https://azvidrecords.alberta.ca/form>

PROOF OF PRIVATELY PAID NEGATIVE PCR OR RAPID TEST WITHIN 72 HOURS OF SERVICE

- TESTS FROM AHS OR ALBERTA PRECISION LABORATORIES NOT ALLOWED

DOCUMENTATION OF A MEDICAL EXEMPTION

Businesses are required to maintain compliance. We will always act in the best interest of our guests and colleagues.

RESTRICTIONS EXEMPTION PROGRAM





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Update

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Throughout this 2-year disruption, the ability to obtain grants has allowed the property to make some very significant and unexpected advances. These programs are being phased out, but Q4 revenues were augmented by a very proficient grant application program.

A Look Ahead

The vaccine passport was lifted on February 9th, 2022, and the Casino immediately saw a rebound in activity that was as dramatic as the decline observed when the vaccine mandates were announced in September 2021. After showing significant weakness in January and the first half of February, the Casino is seeing unexpected strength as slot and table play recently achieved levels of play that had not been seen since 2016.

As early signs indicate that a reasonable recovery is on the horizon, the property will look to re-engage the marketing activities that were interrupted by the pandemic. The property plans to unveil a luxury automobile as the major promotional giveaway for 2022. Additionally, activities that guests enjoy, such as the birthday parties, will resume in several weeks.

While 2022 is expected to be challenged because of the depth of the pandemic effects, it is reasonable to expect that with targeted reductions in expenses and aggressive marketing efforts, much of the ground that was lost in the first 6 weeks of 2022 can be reclaimed.





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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Nakota Crossing Petro Canada

Open 24 hours
Phone: (780) 967-0841



UPDATED BY: REG POTTS, COO NAKOTA CROSSING LTD.

COMMUNITY UPDATE:

The Nakota Crossing Petro Canada is governed by the Nakota Crossing Ltd. Board of Directors who meet on a quarterly. In April of 2019 the Board appointed a Chief Operating Officer (COO) to spearhead the sourcing of financing and development of the construction to completion. Since the completion of the project the COO was tasked with the responsibilities to oversee the overall operations of the business (i.e. banking agreements; addressing legal matters; meeting with store management; reviewing financial reports; making recommendations to the Board of Directors; etc) on behalf of the Nation. The role and responsibilities of the COO falls under extra duties of the Nations Economic Development Officer.

The Petro Canada has now been in full operation for 19 months (Opened to the public: July 29, 2020). The chart below depicts its current operational structure.

Payroll

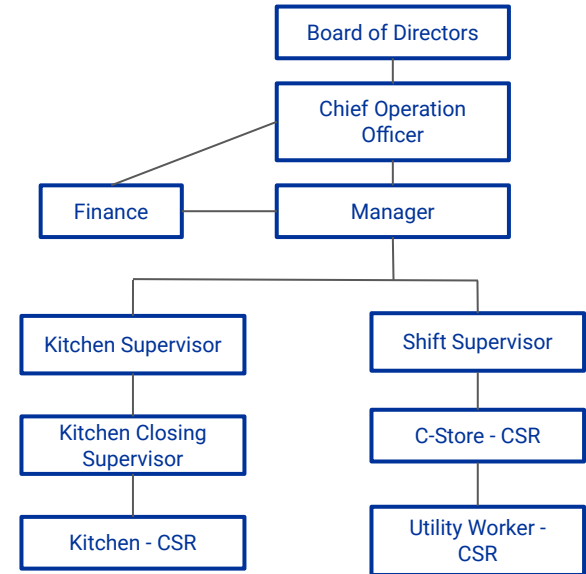
Period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 \$493,627.17

Number of employees as of February 7, 2022 = 30 (Nation Employee's - 18 / Non-Nation Employee's 12)

C-STORE FULL TIME - 13 C-STORE PART TIME - 5 FOOD SERVICE FULL TIME - 8 FOOD SERVICE PART TIME - 4

Employee Ratio:

As we continue to move forward, the key task to be completed will be to effectively reduce operational costs will introducing new product and maintaining existing staffing levels





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Nakota Crossing Petro Canada

Open 24 hours
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UPDATED BY: REG POTTS, COO NAKOTA CROSSING LTD.

COMMUNITY UPDATE:

Find us on Google by searching Google My Business Nakota Crossing Petro Canada. See link below:
<https://www.google.com/search?q=Google+my+business+nakota+crossing+petro+canada&oq=Google+my+business+nakota+crossing+petro+canada&aqs=chrome..69i57j69i64.23379j0j15&sourceid=chrome&ie=U> TF-8

We now have a Facebook Page where you will find our Promotions and Updates, so if you have a Facebook you can simply search Nakota Crossing Petro Canada. See link below:
<https://www.facebook.com/Nakota-Crossing-Petro-Canada-101740452413316/>

FUEL PRICING: Because we are in competition with the Gunn Esso and surrounding area gas stations, our fuel prices remain at a level to with we are making a profit of 4 cents per litre on retail fuel sales at this time. Ideally we would want to be making at least 10 cents a litre but our strategy is to not lose our customers base and increase our customer loyalty while remaining profitable.

We will be installing a pay window and roll shutters in the coming weeks. We believe that this measure will mitigate security risks and increase staff safety.

As we continue to move forward, the focus will be to effectively reduce operational costs will introducing new product and maintaining existing staffing levels.

On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and Chief & Council. We thank you for your continued support of our Nation owned business.

Overview of Core Expenses	
Monthly Loan Payment - \$49,000.00	Average Payroll Per Month - \$41,135.60
<i>Total monthly overhead of loan and payroll = \$ 90,135.60</i>	
<i>Payroll for the Period of January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021 = \$493,627.17</i>	
Annual Fixed Costs of bth Payroll & Loan Repayment: \$ 1,081,627.20	



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UPDATED BY: REG POTTS, COO NAKOTA CROSSING LTD.

NAKOTA CROSSING PETRO CANADA		
NET PROFIT AND LOSS		
OCTOBER	2021	\$50,097.90
NOVEMBER	2021	\$43,547.80
DECEMBER	2021	\$28,881.28
JANUARY	2022	(\$93,512.30)
FEBRUARY	2022	\$50,152.35
TOTAL PROFIT		\$85,167.03
Note: January loss is due to payment of previous month's invoices & Inventory Costs		



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Education Board Update

UPDATED BY: TONI LETENDRE, MA, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

**Please refer to Alexis Education Department Report for more information on Alexis School and Education Services.*

Visitors:

The education department is currently implementing the exemption program as introduced to the province. Anyone who enters the building must provide QR code or proof of vaccination. If they are not vaccinated, they must provide proof of a negative test within 72 hours and do a rapid antigen test before leaving the front office.

Covid update - Both Chief Aranazhi and Alexis Primary School are currently maintaining all current Covid protocols. Masking mandates remain in place for all staff, students and visitors. We have switched to on-site testing for students and staff who present with symptoms. When a student tests positive, we contact the parent/guardian for pick up, send home rapid antigen test kits for the household and ask parents/guardians to test their other children daily and to follow isolation protocols. The board will reassess current Covid protocols by March 25, 2022 to determine whether the school will follow suit with the province.

Attendance - Current attendance levels are at an all time low, to help combat this issue we will be sending an employee, Sonya Alexis, into the community to visit households, helping to bridge the gap between the home and the school. Research has shown that regular attendance in school may be the greatest factor influencing a students academic success. Monthly attendance numbers are attached below.

Driver's program - Education partnered with YouthHub to help deliver our first ever driver's program with the school. We have scheduled an orientation with students and parents/guardians on March 1 & 2, 2022 to go over expectations of the program and schedule. The program will commence on March 2nd, 2022 and will run on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays until June. Priority is given to Alexis school students and if there is any availability then we will expand to Alexis youth living on reserve and off reserve. See poster attached.

Open gym nights - Programming started on February 23 and will continue Monday to Thursday from 6:00pm - 9:00pm. Access has been provided to Felix Kootenay for use of the gym and fitness room in Chief Aranazhi School on the days indicated above.



Alexis Students on Pink Shirt Day
February 23, 2022. Gicibasdam - Look
after one another
Wahnobami - Be respectful! We can
all lift each other up
Pink Shirt Day is Anti Bullying Day in
Canada.
Ishnish Martina Aginas for the
awesome design!



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Education Board Update

UPDATE BY: TONI LETENDRE, MA, EDUCATION DIRECTOR

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Literacy - Suspension of face-to-face instruction in schools during the COVID-19 pandemic led to concerns regarding student learning and achievement. In order to combat the likely regression of student skills, particularly in the area of literacy, immediate action was required. After many meetings it was determined that a four-week summer program, focusing primarily on Literacy, would provide students with the greatest opportunity to regain skills lost throughout the 2020-2021 school year. With that in mind, we chose the Fountas & Pinnell Leveled Literacy Intervention program as our method of instruction. Fountas & Pinnell is a powerful, short-term intervention program that provides daily, intensive, small-group instruction, to students who are not achieving grade-level expectations in reading. Overall, summer reading programs have been shown to improve student-reading skills, mitigate summer learning loss, improve their comprehension, and further develop their memory skills. During the last three days of the summer program, a sample group (40%) of the programs best attenders were assessed using the The Fountas & Pinnell Benchmark Assessment Systems, which provide teachers with precise tools and texts to observe and quantify specific reading behaviors, and to determine students' instructional and independent reading levels. Through this testing, it was determined that 81% of students had moved up one or more reading levels after completing the summer program. These results exceeded all of our expectations, and provided justification for additional summer programs. We are currently in the process of planning a modified three week program for the summer of 2022, which will run from July 11-29, 2022.

We are currently operating a Literacy Support Program within the school, Krista Dallmann is the Literacy Coordinator and Margaret Petawaysin offers literacy support. Various programs and resources are utilized within the program, including Jolly Phonics, Phonemic Awareness Heggerty, Fry's Words, HandWriting Without Tears and Fountas & Pinnell LLI. The Literacy Support Program began in October 2021 with reading assessments, based on these assessments, students were grouped by needs and grade level. Currently 35 students are being seen in this program. Additionally, whole class intervention is being offered in Grades K-1, this includes helping to develop a strong foundation in literacy through phonics, phonemic awareness, fluency and vocabulary. Re-assessment of reading levels took place in February and schedules were altered to reflect new student levels. Through this reassessment we saw growth for 92% of students that regularly attended with most having gone up 1 to 5 reading levels. For the three students who attended but did not show growth we are reassessing the strategies used and determining how best we can meet these students' needs.



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Infrastructure Update - Community Investment & Capital Projects



Highlights:

- Housing *(See Alexis Housing report for details)
- Pasa Tibi Center (Alexis Elders Independent / Assisted Living Center Project) (2020-2022)
- New Church (2020-2022)
- Healing Center (2020-2022)
- Mapping of Alexis Whitecourt #234 Trail - In process (2020-2022)
- 89.9 FM Wakamne Radio Station (2021-2022)
- Golf Course Feasibility (2021-2022)
- Development Project (Lake Isle)
- MOU - West Fraser (Lumber)
- Residential School Monument (Alexis Heritage & Language)
- Youth Arena & Recreation Center *Feasibility Study
- Detox Center *Feasibility Study
- Other projects: TBA



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Resources / Community Cultural, Traditional & Spiritual Support

We want to acknowledge our elders for helping the community during this time of the covid-19 pandemic. Our elders, tribal leaders and cultural / spiritual leaders are always there for their families and for the community for prayers and in times of need. Whether you need cultural, traditional or spiritual support, they're always available to help and give advice and guidance. Please follow traditional protocol when approaching them.

If you have any questions or require Community Cultural, Traditional & Spiritual Support you can contact any of the leaders for further inquiries:

Hugakebi Tony Alexis Call: 780-554-7199

Togahakebi Willard Alexis Call: 780-297-7073

Togahakebi Lonnie Letendre Call: 780-499-9473

Togahakebi Hank Alexis Call: 780-490-8464

Togahakebi Corrine Potts Call: 780-974-7198

Togahakebi Erwin Letendre Call: 780-975-4830

Togahakebi Darwin Alexis Call: 780-217-3844

Togahakebi Dwayne Alexis Call: 780-293-3591





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Resources / Emergency Services

Internal Resources:

Alexis Health **Call: 780-967-1090** (Tracy Potts or Nurse In Charge)
Alexis Mental Health Crisis Line **Call: 780-908-6915** (Brenda Reynolds)
Alexis NNADAP **Call: 780-967-2591** (Judy Alexis)
Alexis NNADAP Intake: (Judy Cardinal, Mabel Potts & Craig Kootenay)
Alexis Youth Hub (Mental Health) **Call: 780-266-8082** (Sherry Letendre)

Alexis Aurora Fund **Call: 780-967-2225** (Candy Potts)
Alexis Housing **Call: 780-728-7979** (Janet Adams Potts)
Alexis Public Works **Call: 587-784-1355** (Duane Kootenay)
Alexis Social Services **Call: 780-668-7742** (Lorraine Mustus)
Alexis Volunteer Fire Chief **Call: 587-588-7080** (Christopher Alexis)

COVID Supports:

Alexis ERT **Call: 587-784-1355** (Duane Kootenay)
Elders Liaison (ERT) (24 Hours) **Call: 780-966-7586** (Dale Alexis)
Elders Liaison (ERT) (24 Hours) **Call: 780-257-9064** (Paul Q. Kootenay)
Edmonton Area **Call: 780-908-0412** (Charlene Stroeder)
Whitecourt Area: **Call 780- 268-4600** (Rosemary Aginas)
Off-reserve - Contact Duane Kootenay for referral.

External Resources:

Aboriginal Counselling Services (24 Hours): **Call: 780-242-4357**
Alberta Health Link(24 Hours): **Call: 811**
Alberta Mental Health Crisis Line **Toll: 1-877-303-2642**
Alberta Referral Services (Basic needs, legal, etc): **Call: 211**
Child & Family Services (24 Hours): **Call: 1-800-387-5437**
Kids Help Phone (24 Hours): **Call 1-800-668-6868**
Hope for Wellness Help Line (24 Hours): **1-855-242-3310**
Hospital: Stony Plain **Call: 780-963-3600**
Hospital: Mayerthorpe Healthcare Center **Call: 780-786-2261**
Hospital: Barrhead Healthcare Centre **Call: 780-674-2221**
Poison Centre **Call: 1-800-352-1434**
The George Spady Centre (DETOX) **Call: 780-424-8335**
Address: 10015 105A Ave NW, Edmonton
24/7 Online Mental Health: visit: www.togetherall.com
Wellsprings Crisis Centre (Women's Shelter) **Call: 780-778 6209**
Address: 5116 51 Ave, Whitecourt, AB T7S 1A1

Lac St Anne Mission Food Bank **Call: 780-690-1884** (Father Les)

Crisis Line: contemplating suicide, feeling overwhelmed, or experiencing abuse, (24 Hours) call the **Distress Line**
Call: 780-482-4357 (HELP)



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Emergency Response Update

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM UPDATE

The Council concluded the State of Emergency Order (March 2020) and has authorized Duane Kootenay, Tracy Potts, Dale Alexis, Paul Q. Kootenay & Crystal Potts to continue operating under COVID Relief.

Activities carried forward BY ERT from last report:

- At this time the ERT is still planning for Covid-19 Pandemic and is now in the recovery phase.
- We currently have 7 members working ongoing with assisting in deliveries of PPE and food security.
- As of November 24, 2021 Here are the ongoing projects of the emergency response team: Childrens Covid-19 vaccinations ages 5-11 is not mandated yet to be determined.
- Booster shots available for on/off reserve members by appointment only.
- Proposal for 2nd harvest funding has been completed and submitted for \$100,000 November. 24. 2021
- \$275,000 was received for food security ICSF Q4.
- Homeless are being fed from Monday-Friday by Daycare staff. The food is currently being delivered to the members.
- Remaining funds will be allocated for food security.
- Local state of Emergency hasn't been lifted.
- Currently planning for 5th wave of Covid-19 is in progress.
- **The Province will see inflation of food in the next coming month due to the disaster in BC. We are urging members to make sure food is always stocked.**





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Emergency Response Update

EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM REPORT

By Crystal Potts

Training

Additional training will take place for the following areas in March 2022. Emergency response team will be taking a 2-day training, the objective of this course is to understand the Incident Command System organization appropriate to the complexity of the incident or event.

1. ICS 200 – Incident Command System

The Incident Command System (ICS) is a standardized approach to the command, control, and coordination of emergency response providing a common hierarchy within which responders from multiple agencies can be effective. This independent study course is designed to enable personnel to operate efficiently during an incident or event within the ICS.

February 2022 – COVID 19 GIFT CARD DISTRIBUTION

50 homes were delivered Covid – 19 Isolation Packages:

30 Off – Reserve 20 On – Reserve Packages included:

- \$250 gift card
- PPE
- Cleaning Supplies

When an individual is in isolation they will receive a gift card and PPE to assist with their isolation. Each must fill out forms and provide a positive antigen test to receive the gift card.

Funding Opportunities

ANSN also has the opportunity for Non – Structural Mitigation and Preparedness & Fire Smart Programs Proposal through ISC for funding streams for Emergency Management;

Structural Mitigation and Preparedness

- Flood Mapping
- Research or studies pertaining to disaster risk
- Drainage assessments
- Radio Systems for First Responders
- All Hazard risk assessments
- Developing and maintaining emergency management plans
- Exercising emergency management plans
- Emergency Management training courses
- Community forums/training
- Fire Smart training for the community



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Emergency Response Update

COVID RELIEF - FINANCIALS

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

Emergency funding - Covid19 2021-22

- INAC Funding for this fiscal year \$488,298.00
- Deferred revenue from 2020-21 \$269,990.00

Nation expenses

Salaries and Wages	\$35,942.00
Employer expenses	\$5,003.00
Casual Labour	\$10,525.00
Communications	\$10,136.00
Special Needs *	\$236,285.00
Total	\$297,891.00
Total Nation expenses	\$297,892.00

Total Nation funding remaining \$460,396.00 *(ERT to update on 2022-2023 budget.)

Overall funding sent to the nation ***\$758,288.00**

* Financial assistance to members due to Covid19



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation

ANSN Environmental Department - Update

UPDATE PROVIDED BY DR. HUGHIE JONES, DIRECTOR

**The following are highlights extracted from Director's report. Please refer to Department Update for further details.*

Mission Statement: Mobilize traditional and scientific knowledge to force change in nation-to-nation relations, policies, and public attitudes for the benefit of first nations environment, health, and culture.

Traditional Knowledge: Documenting and archiving, Storytelling & Community engagement and outreach

Western Science: Monitoring (greenhouse gases, water quality and climate), Data analytics (times-series, biogeochemical processes), Reporting & Community adaptation and mitigation planning

Monitoring

Greenhouse gas monitoring: Since April 2020, our team has measured how Waka Mne is breathing year-round using eddy-covariance instrumentation. Lake Evaporation, Lake Carbon Dioxide Emissions & Lake Methane Emissions

Community outreach

Our team is working to provide project details, updates, and findings over social media (i.e., twitter, Facebook, YouTube), including:







- Interviews
- Survey results
- Field monitoring activities
- Data analysis
- Upcoming events

REVISED VERSION
(Updated March 18, 2022, after print)

Upcoming events (planning ongoing... updates soon)

Our team is working with ANSN Heritage and Language Department and Chasidy Alexis to coordinate and plan events in the community:

1. Chief and Council update/engagement (December or January)
2. Community update/engagement meeting (January)
3. Youth workshop (February)
4. Life-Giver Gatherings (Monthly; March 19 & 20, 2022)
5. Water ceremony (March 19 & 20, 2022)
6. Elder Gatherings (Monthly: March 19 & 20, 20022)

Current team members	Title	Person	Start date
	Environmental Director	Dr. Hughie Jones	Apr 2019
	Projects Manager	Kateri Jones	Apr 2020
	Junior Research Scientist	Jenna Carter	Sep 2021
	Junior Research Scientist	Josiah Clow	Sep 2021
	Media Technician	Peter Clark	Oct 2021
	Event Coordinator	Monique Letendre	2022



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Events - Alexis Women's Day Celebration 2022

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATION - MARCH 8, 2022 @ COMMUNITY HALL

Councilwoman Corrine Potts hosted the 2nd Annual Women's Day in Alexis.

Every year, women's day is observed around the world to honour women and their social, economic, and cultural achievements.

Special thanks to Chief Tony Alexis for opening remarks and special thanks to the following wiyami for presenting this year:

- Opabin Aran Nazhi / Phyllis Mustus, Ish?awin
- Iyaxe Ish?awin Wagiyata Wiya / Daphne Alexis, Traditional Singer, Youth Advocate & Coordinator
- Wanidu / Winter Oslund, ANSN Sr Princess
- Wagiya Tezhan / Paulina Alexis, Actress - "Willy Jack" Reservation Dogs
- Sigdan Zin / Arlene Brenda Potts, Stoney Language Instructor, Alexis Heritage & Language
- Mini Aweya Wiya / Stephanie Alexis, First Lady & Treaty Researcher, Alexis Heritage & Language
- Sigdan To / Chloe Mustooch, Artist - Illustrator Indigenous Children's Story Books
- Wasigdan / Trish Roth, MS - Natural Health Practitioner – Grass Creek Wellness
- Micucu Taupa (from her parents) / Emily Potts, Reporting & Compliance Officer - Northern Isga Foundation
- 'Cornsilk Woman', Martha Letendre and Pahi Wiya (Sherry Leetendre)
- Wagiya Wiya Tihan Mani / Chasidy Alexis, MA, Socio-legal Policy Analyst for ANSN
- Wagiya Wiya . Jessica Alexis, Human Resource Officer - Northern Isga Foundation

Congratulations to Ish?awin Valerie Alexis for receiving the first ANSN International Women's Day / Community Recognition Award.

Special thanks to our Sponsors: Alexis Chief & Council, Alexis Health Services, and Eagle River Casino.

Special thanks to our helpers: Darren Kootenay (Audio & Zoom), Charlene Kootenay, Jenna Dohmann (MC), Lisa Kootenay, Bernice Alexis and our Drummers: Shane Potts, Jeremy Alexis, Jonah Letendre and Richard Paul.





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Youth Event Listings

Departments please email: communications@ansn.ca to list your events.
We post events on www.ansn.ca and www.facebook.com/AlexisNakota


ALEXIS HEALTH SERVICES
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM
CELEBRATION

NEW BEGINNINGS FOR BABIES BORN

2020-2022

WHEN: MARCH 24, 2022 | 10:30AM-3:00PM
WHERE: CAMP HEALTH HOPE HAPPINESS
SEBA BEACH, ALBERTA

RSVP BY: MARCH 17, 2022 To
Florence Kootenay at 789-967-1090 ext1815
and for further information on this event.



GYM NIGHTS

CHIEF ARANAZHI SCHOOL

MONDAY - THURSDAYS | 6-9 PM

- Basketball
- Floor Hockey
- Volleyball
- & Fitness Centre



DRIVER EDUCATION FEBRUARY - JUNE 2022

ANSN Education Department, in partnership with Social Development Program & Youth Hub are offering a **CLASS 7 & GDL training**, February - June 2022.

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION, CONTACT:

MELISSA POTTS: 587-340-6650
youthhub@sdp.ansn.ca
ELAINE LETENDRE: 587-783-4987
elaine.letendre@sdp.ansn.ca

ANSN STUDENTS
*14-17 YEARS OLD

YOUTH
*18-30 YEARS OLD

MUST LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY,
ATTEND ANSN SCHOOL,
OR CURRENTLY UNEMPLOYED,
OR A PREVIOUS ANSN SCHOOL GRADUATE

LOCATION:
CHIEF ARANAZHI SCHOOL

RAPID TESTING WILL BE CONDUCTED AT EVERY SESSION. MASKS ARE MANDATORY



Sponsored by Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Education Dept



ANSN YOUTH COUNCIL

LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH
COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 5 PM

Contact Brandis at 587-598-5001

ALEXIS HERITAGE & LANGUAGE PRESENTS
**"HEALING THROUGH MUSIC"
YOUTH GATHERING**



MARCH 26, 2022
ALEXIS NEW SCHOOL GYM
11AM- 6:30PM

COVID PROTOCOLS IN PLACE
FEEL FREE TO CALL TO REGISTER
ARLENE POTTS AT (587) 990-8972




ANSN YOUTH HUB

**SAFE SPACE
ACTIVITIES**
Tuesdays &
Thursdays 5- 8 pm
@ training centre
upstairs classroom

Contact Melissa Potts (p)587.340.6650
(e) misspotts92@gmail.com
(facebook page) ANSN Youth hub

Covid safety measures will be in effect



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Event Listings



HONOURING OUR YOUTH
TUESDAYS CO-ED (AGES 12-30)
COMMUNITY HALL • 6PM - 8PM

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FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT ALEXIS HEALTH CENTRE:
 DAPHNE ALEXIS AT 780-967-1090, DALEXIS2@ONEHEALTH.CA OR
 QUINTINE P. KOOTENAY AT 780-967-1090, Q.KOOTENAY68@GMAIL.COM

SAVE THE DATE

**NAKOTA STRONG
 NS MF
 MUSIC FESTIVAL**

JULY 1ST, 2022

**MAKOCE AWIYAM
 COMMUNITY
 CLEAN UP**

**STARTS MONDAY, MAY 2, 2022
 ENDS FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2022**

**PICK UP SUPPLIES
 (BAGS, GLOVES & MASKS)
 AT 9 AM AT THE HALL.**

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR REQUIRE ITEMS TO BE
 HAULED PLEASE CONTACT ANSN PUBLIC WORKS
 C/O DUANE KOOTENAY AT 587-784-1355**

**ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION
 POW WOW 2022**

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 2 - 4, 2022

Alexis Health Services presents:

**COMMUNITY
 HEALTH
 FAIR 2022**

APRIL 7-8, 2022
ALEXIS COMMUNITY HALL

**Day 1 - Alexis School
 Day 2 - Community**

- Kidney Foundation
- Youth Mental Health Hub
- MADD - RCMP
- Hep C Foundation
- Greater Edmonton Animal Rescue Society (GEARS)
- YTC Health
- Edmonton Addictions Services
- And More!

A convention of informative talks and free health booths. Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Photo booth and prizes to be won!

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
 ROSELLE @780-967-1090 or
 Rpotts1@onehealth.ca**

Yellowhead Tribal Community Corrections Society
 invites you to attend a

**Kind Heart Program
 Presentation**
 for
ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION

Date: March 22, 2022

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Alexis Community Hall

Come and learn about the services offered through the Kind Heart Program

Door prizes and refreshments will be provided

For more information, please contact Sandra Potts at 780-909-9745



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