



ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION CHIEF & COUNCIL REPORT TO THE MEMBERSHIP

2nd QUARTER VIRTUAL BAND MEETING
DATE: SEPTEMBER 29, 2021

ALEXIS NAKOTA SIOUX NATION
LEADERSHIP REPORT
2nd Quarter Report – Dated: September 29, 2021
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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Message from Alexis Chief and Council

Abawashded Metodebi,

This report is presented to Alexis members during the 2nd Quarterly Band Meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 of the 2021-2022 fiscal and operating year. The report accounts for our office and activities.

We would like to acknowledge and thank our Elders and cultural helpers for their prayers, guidance and support during the pandemic. A special thanks to those providing traditional medicines to members when needed, your efforts are sincerely appreciated. We want to acknowledge our Health Staff for their hard work and commitment to providing services and commitment to the safety and health of our Nation during the last year and a half.

In this reporting period, we want to highlight the following information:

- The retirement of two band staff: duguwa Valerie Alexis and duguwa Louise Potts. These ladies have both served the Nation for over 30 years in their respective roles. In appreciation, the Council and Band Staff will be gathering in ceremony, to honour them. We love you both and look forward to celebrating your contributions.
- The departure of our Backwoods Chairman and & CEO, Mr. Paul Poscente. Paul started working as Backwoods' CEO in 2013 and has served the Nation for the past 8 years. Paul has guided us in building our business to make it one of the most successful companies in Western Canada. Paul's last day was September 24, 2021. We will honour his legacy in a reception and traditional ceremony. Information to be shared at a later date.
- The review of our Annual Audit: Mr. Rob Pictun, CPA & CA, of Kingston Ross Pasnak LLP will be presenting our 2020-2021 year end audit. *Copies are available at the band office or online (Canada's - First Nation Profiles website.)*
- The review of the Amendments to our Customary Election Regulations (1997). The Council has requested Aiyaz Alibhai of Miller Thompson LLB to provide an overview of these amendments. *Copies are available at the band office and will be delivered door to door on the Alexis Reserves #133 and #232. We hope you are pleased with the amendments and invite you to join the upcoming review meetings. We expect to call a Special Meeting to vote on the amendments at a later date.*
- Due to COVID cases in the community, our grand openings for Chief Aranazhi School and the Lands Consultation Office have been postponed. We will update the community when we can proceed with planning.

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

Ishnish, Alexis Chief and Council



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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation **COVID19 UPDATES**



TOTAL CASES REPORTED (March 2020 – September 2021)

- First case reported on October 24, 2020
- **27 cases reported in Alexis #133 Reserve. The Delta Variant is in the community (updated September 27, 2021).**
- Total on Reserve recovered cases: 191
- COVID -19 Vaccinations (2 doses): 538
- Total deaths due to COVID-19: 5 (1 on-reserve, 4 off-reserve).
- Total swabs completed: 2,524
- Tests completed September 18-24, 2021: 64

MANDATORY VACCINE POLICY:

On August 13, 2021, the Government of Canada announced its intent to implement mandatory vaccination policies across public sectors. Most organizations are implementing vaccination policies in accordance with the Provincial Human Rights and the Occupational Health & Safety Acts (OHSA). The OHSA takes reasonable caution to protect workers and the responsibility to assess the workplace for risks, including that of COVID-19 transmission.

While vaccine passports are rapidly emerging across the country, Alberta also launched a website to provide Alberta Health Care users with a copy of their vaccination record. People are now expected to show their vaccination records to travel and/or enter public and private buildings. Since the roll out of vaccines, the majority of our Band Businesses and Band Staff have voluntarily vaccinated. We will continue to stay updated.

ANSN OPERATIONS

All ANSN's 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

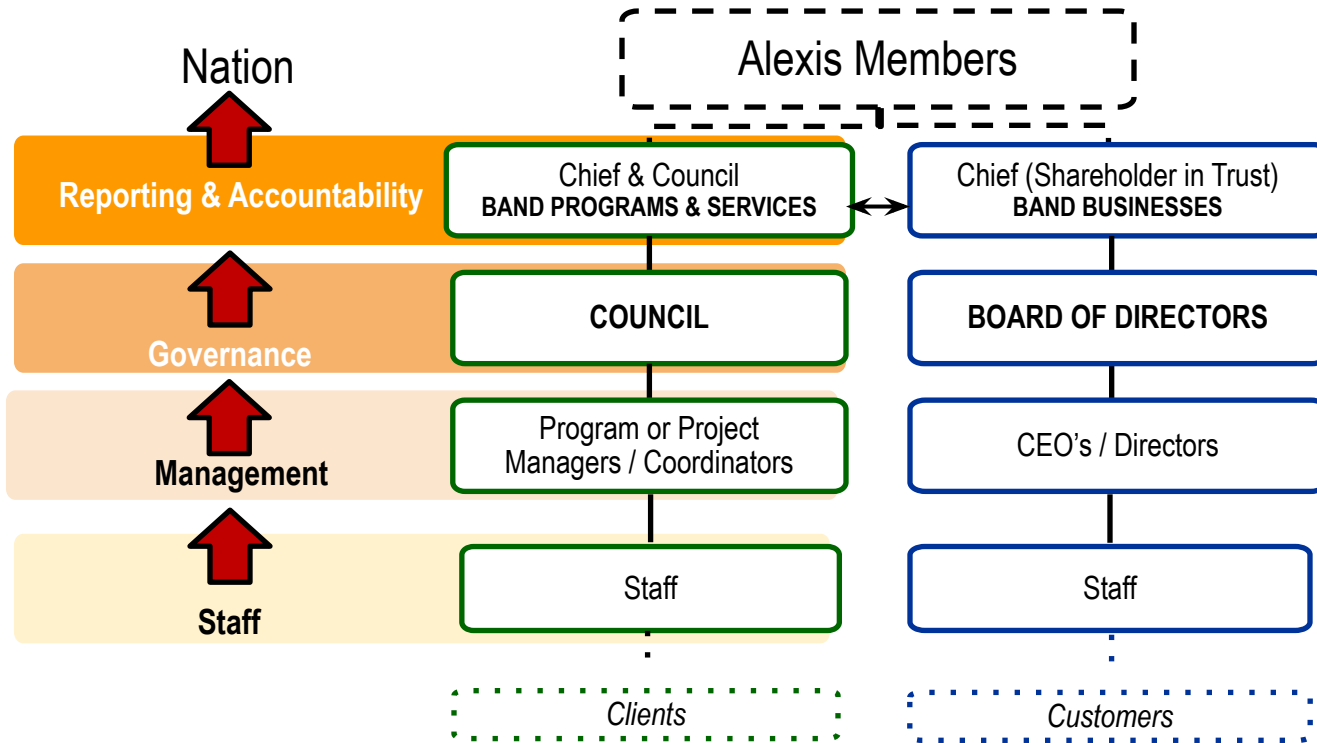
COVID19 INFORMATION

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.



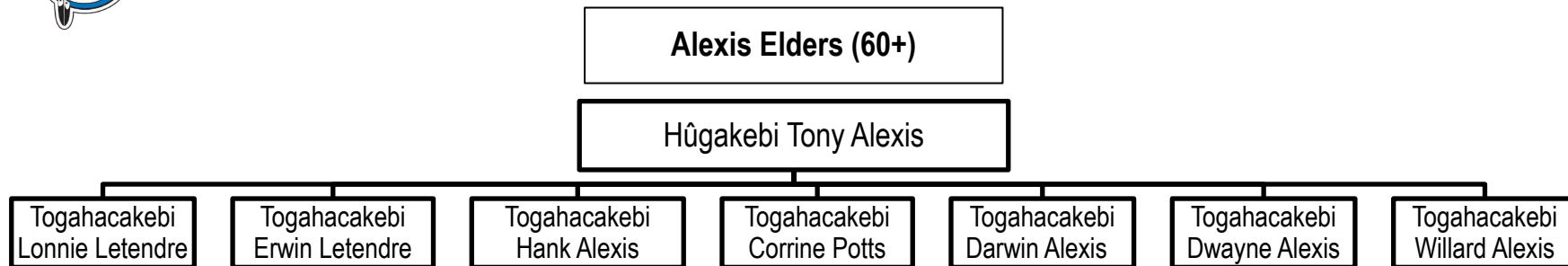
Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Protocol Chart





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Leadership Protocol Chart

Updated Version



“Our governance structure is based on our traditional and customary practices. As a government we discuss community activities on a collective basis. This ensures leadership accountability and decision making process is fair and equitable.” Chief Tony Alexis



**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 • 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 ANSN 2020-2021 Audit Report Summary

PRESENTED BY ROB PICTON, KRP

*(Hard copy available [online](#) or at the Band Office.)

REVENUE

	2021	2020
ISC	\$29,867,604	\$14,914,164
ISC - HEALTH	\$ 6,288,795	\$ 2,946,044
NISGA	\$ 1,639,043	\$ 2,251,063
Other revenue	2,149,274	\$ 6,310,806
Province of Alberta	\$ 1,342,464	\$ 2,642,552
Consultation	\$ 941,826	\$ 1,904,094
CMHC	\$ 468,304	\$ 309,261
Alexis Settlement Trust	\$ 393,843	\$ 234,369
Contributions CFWD	(\$ 7,828,782)	\$ 1,144,844
Revenue	\$35,262,371	\$32,657,197

EXPENSES

	2021	2020
Wages and casual labor	\$8,391,182	\$8,246,118
Social assistance benefits	\$1,435,861	\$1,276,710
Contract services	\$1,299,855	\$932,911
Utilities	\$1,220,462	\$874,498
Professional services	\$1,011,855	\$1,505,186
Per capita distributions	\$929,668	\$569,135
Travel and meetings	\$845,898	\$947,396
Materials and supplies	\$795,519	\$515,241
Tuition fees	\$756,860	\$679,807
NISGA	\$684,189	\$1,216,437
Band member assistance Covid	\$591,794	\$470,291
Insurance	\$582,991	\$439,723
Other Expenses	\$ 8,892,863	\$ 10,285,627
Total Expenses	\$ 27,438,977	\$27,959,080



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SURPLUS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES

	2021	2020
Surplus from Operations	\$ 7,823,394	\$ 4,698,117
Share of income(loss) from Alexis owned enterprises	\$9,912,519	\$5,834,822
ISC band funds capital and revenue trust	\$248,287	\$572,611
(Loss) gain on disposal of tangible capital assets	(259,642)	\$94,957
Surplus	\$ 17,724,558	\$11,200,507

SURPLUS REINVESTMENT

	2021
Surplus from Operations	\$ 7,823,394
Capital Asset purchases	(\$ 12,315,552)
Deficit	(\$ 4,492,158)

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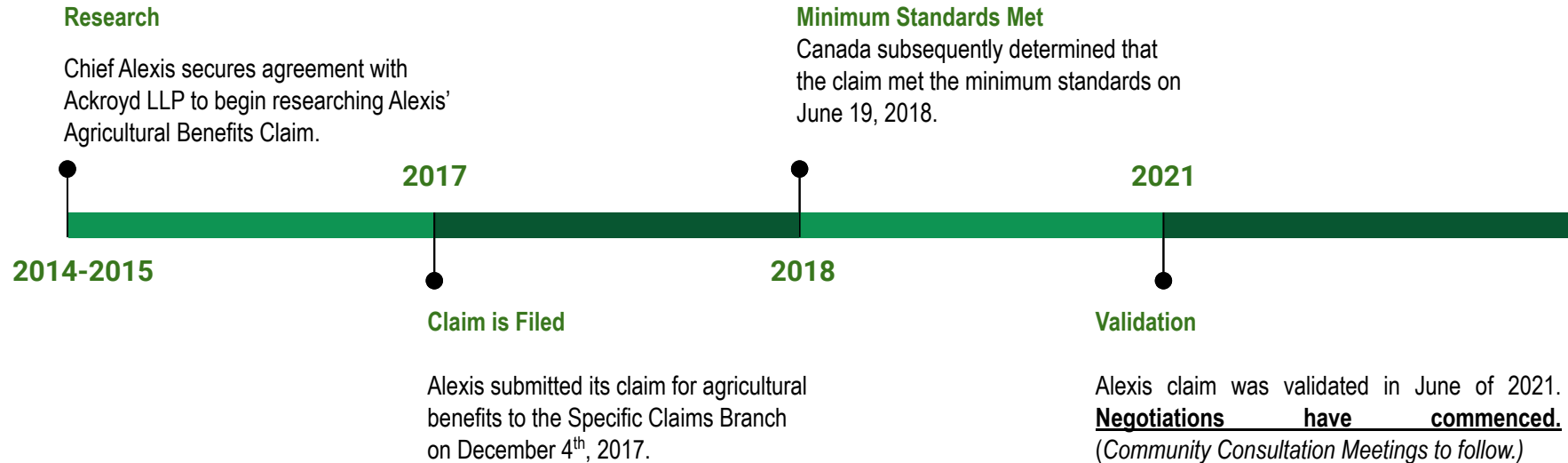
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Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Treaty - Agricultural Benefits Claim Update



Timeline of Alexis Agricultural Benefits Claim





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Governance & Accountability Update

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. Alexis Constitution Law

- August 25, 2020: A draft “ANSN Constitution Law Outline” was presented to Council.
- May 20, 2021: Elders meeting held virtually and broadcasted on the radio.
- August 4 & 5, 2021: Elders Meeting at Cardinal River Camp. (Discussion on Election Regulations & Treaty Research)
- Elders meetings to resume virtually. (Schedule will be released upon approval.)

2. Alexis Customary Election Regulations Law

- September 7 - 9, 2021: Council met with Aiyaz Alibhai of Miller Thompson LLB regarding amendments.
- September 29, 2021 (today): Updates provided to Alexis Members.
- *Council will issue a Special Meeting Notice to invite members to read and to vote on the amendments at a later date.*

3. Alexis Education Law

- The Governance and Accountability Committee will meet and develop a draft.

4. Alexis Child Welfare Law

- The Governance and Accountability Committee will meet and develop a draft.

5. Alexis Band Employment Policy

- The Governance and Accountability Committee will update the policy as required.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact the Chief and Council anytime.





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Governance & Accountability Update

JUSTICE UPDATES BY COUNCILLOR DARWIN ALEXIS

Peace Officer Application

Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation 133, 232, 233, 234 seeks authorized employer status from the Solicitor General of Alberta to employ Peace Officers within their geographical lands and townsites; to provide community based services, protection, and safety within jurisdictional and traditional boundaries of their community.

The Peace Officer application has been approved. we are now awaiting confirmation. The next steps will include:

- Recruitment
- Setting up a workstation
- Acquiring equipment
- Meet with Chief and Council to set priorities.

CTA (Community Tripartite Agreement):

Last spring a decision was made to transfer our policing resources from Mayerthorpe Detachment to Parkland Detachment (Spruce Grove).

Approval from Commanding Officer was made; since the first meeting we haven't met with RCMP with what is needed but following up is being done and will share more information as we receive it.

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.

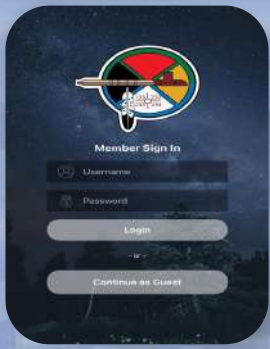
2021 Alexis Justice Survey

The Alexis Justice Group began delivering brochures and surveying band homes in July of 2021. The purpose of this survey is to obtain feedback from community members on policing and justice related services.

This survey was delivered under the authority of Alexis Tribal Government and will be used for statistical purposes. No personal information is being asked and the survey is entirely voluntary. We anticipate that this feedback will help us in our planning.

Due to community losses in August and September, surveying was delayed. However, we are still collecting surveys.. Our goal is to survey at least 80% of band homes and share a final report with the community.

Please note that YTCCS has sponsored prizes for this survey. Upon completion of the survey, members can enter a draw to win a prize. For those who have participated, we thank you for your feedback. **For those who would like to fill out a form, please contact: Adrienne Belle Alexis (Surveyor) at 587-937-0172.**



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

We would like to thank Iktome Cardinal for his valuable contributions to the Communications Department. Iktome has moved on to study at UBC. We congratulate him and wish him the best of luck in the coming year. God bless you.

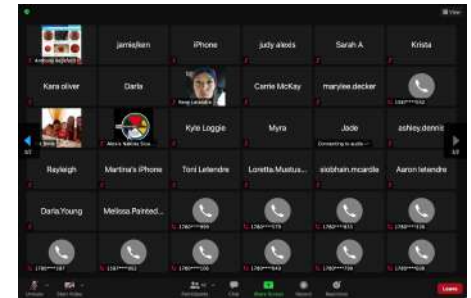


MEETING WITH THE CHIEF
Dorian Alexis, Chief of Staff
Email: dorianalexis@ansn.ca
Cell: 780-937-9426

For those interested in taking Zoom Training, please contact Darren Kootenay at 780-292-4956 or Email: Darren.kootenay@ansn.ca



MEETING WITH THE COUNCIL
Courtney Alexis, Executive Secretary to Chief and Council
Email: courtneyalexis@ansn.ca
Office: 780-967-2225
Cell: 780-977-8606





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Department Senior Personnel Update

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	Communications Lead	587-598-5001	Chief Tony Alexis
Administration – Finance	Rene Letendre	Interim Finance Supervisor	780-340-4830	Willis Kootenay, Director
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. Legal Policy Analyst	613-869-3004	Alexis Chief and Council
Administration – Special Projects	Rayleigh Conley	Proposal Writer	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
Economic Development – Special Projects	Sam Aginas	Liaison – Teck	780-996-6514	Willis Kootenay, Director
Education	Toni Letendre	Director	780-994-1607	Alexis Board of Education
Elementary, Jr. & Sr. High Schools	Ken Gaudin	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
RCMP	Mayerthorpe Detachment	TBA	911	Councillor Darwin Alexis
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	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 EDO	Reg Potts, A/Manager



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 Chief's	YTC Chief's	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 Chief's	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.	Chief Tony Alexis	Tracey Aginas Rodney Mustus Kenny Kootenay	NIF Board Members (Rotate Chair Duties)	Serena Alexis Executive Director



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Backwoods Energy Services Update



New Chief Executive Officer and Board of Director appointments come as outgoing President and CEO Paul Poscente departs from Backwoods

EDMONTON, Alberta, Sept. 08, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) — Backwoods Energy Services (Backwoods), one of the largest diversified Indigenous-owned businesses in Canada, is pleased to announce the appointment of a new CEO, Michael Heck, and five new appointments to their board of directors. These new appointments come as former President and CEO Paul Poscente has announced his departure from Backwoods after seven years at the helm of the company.

Incoming CEO Michael (Mike) Heck joins the Backwoods team with over 35 years of experience in construction, pipelines, utilities, upstream and downstream oil and gas as well as manufacturing and logistics. Over the course of his career, Mike has worked with multinationals (both private and publicly traded) and local organizations on growth strategies and organizational development, managing and developing businesses with market caps over \$1 billion. His journey has taken him across North America, as well as stints in manufacturing in Asia and Europe. Mike is passionate about participating and ensuring the success of Indigenous companies and this has been a significant part of his career, including his work in the Arctic and throughout Western Canada.

"I am thrilled to be welcoming Mike in as our new CEO and am encouraged by his vision and tenacity to continue to grow Backwoods, building on the legacy that outgoing CEO Paul Poscente established during his time here," said Chief Tony Alexis of Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation, owners of Backwoods. "Paul was instrumental in growing Backwoods from a small tree planting business into the regional juggernaut it is today. I want to take this opportunity to thank Paul for all of his hard work and the terrific progress and growth we saw under his leadership, both economically and socially, and welcome Mike aboard the Backwoods team."

Under former President and CEO Paul Poscente, Backwoods and the Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation (the Nation) enjoyed significant growth and success. **Under his leadership, Backwoods has achieved an annual compounded growth rate of 111 per cent, with revenues approaching \$200 million. Economic benefits flowing to the Nation have grown by 1110 per cent, and Indigenous employment in the area has increased by 800 per cent. The Nation also achieved 100 per cent ownership of Backwoods with Paul at the helm, making Backwoods one of the largest Indigenous-owned businesses in the country. While CEO, Paul was the primary architect in structuring, negotiating and financing the transaction that saw six First Nations acquire a significant ownership position in the \$1.5 billion Cascade Power Project. He also established Indigenous first-time home ownership, entrepreneurship and career advancement initiatives while in this position.**

Joining incoming CEO Mike Heck and Directors Don Kootenay and Reg Cardinal will be five new board members: Brittany Earl, Tom Redl, Harvey Sheydwasser, Erick M. Hamdan, and new Board Chair John MacNutt. The quality, profile and experience of these individuals joining the Backwoods Board of Directors is a testament to the quality and profile of the business that has been built, and Backwoods could not be more excited to have all of them coming aboard.

Sources: <https://www.backwoodsenergy.ca/news/backwoods-energy-services-announces-new-ceo-and-board-of-directors/>



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Backwoods Energy Services Update



BACKWOODS TRUST (TRUSTEE) UPDATE

On June 15, 2021 we announced that Alexis had acquired Steel River's interest in Backwoods Energy Services. This transaction gave Alexis Band 100% ownership. Backwoods is now the largest Indigenous community-owned company in northwest Alberta. With this transaction, we also created a Trust to secure the People's assets in this company.

On July 3, 2021, during our annual powwow celebrations, we took some time to speak to the people on this transaction and to also introduce our new Trustees, who have been ratified by the Alexis Chief and Council::

1. Chief Tony Alexis (Shareholder for Alexis)
2. Claudette (Potts) Pastien (Member of Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation)
3. Sol Rollinger (Former partner of Duncan & Craig LLP)

Making headway, our members Reginald Cardinal and Don Kootenay will remain active Board of Directors for Backwoods. We thank all for their service and commitment to the Nation. Ishnish!





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Eagle River Casino & Travel Plaza Update

UPDATED BY ERIS MONCUR, CEO

SLOTS - After having been closed due to provincial Covid restrictions from mid-December 2020 to mid-June 2021 due to provincial, casino resumed to a stronger-than-forecast demand on slots.

TABLE GAMES - While we have seen volatility in demand for table games, we continue to lead the province in table games efficiency.

FOOD & BEVERAGE - Food and beverage sales continues to recover; it was the area of operations most impacted by social distancing requirements.

HUSKY - Travel Plaza operations have been steady and growing during this time, often achieving pre-lockdown budget targets.

Repairs:

The property has been producing its own water for almost a year. The water is of a higher quality than the Town water that it replaced. The property will work with Health Canada to further upgrade and automate the water plant. The roof replacement was completed earlier in the year. The current roof is guaranteed for 25 years. Repairs are ongoing to the deep services in the Tourism RV Park. Some specialty rentals are also under design in an effort to rekindle interest in the park. The property is soliciting quotes for a solar installation to offset the cost of electricity and to minimize its carbon footprint.



We were proud to facilitate the Alexis administration golf event for the second year in a row, providing golf in Whitecourt followed by dinner at the casino.

Going Forward

During the period of closure, cash reserves were depleted to cover fixed costs that could not be avoided. We are currently restoring the cash in operations to a reasonable level. We are also carefully watching the increase in Covid cases in Alberta in the 4th wave, and we are preparing for the possibility of additional restrictions/closures.

We trained 3 candidates for the AGLC Games Manager exam beginning in September 2020. The training was anticipated to last for 16 weeks, but the pandemic provided the opportunity for a longer preparation time. Ultimately, the candidates had a preparation period of approximately 10 months, and the trainer checked in with the candidates continuously over this time, provided quizzes and materials to study. Two of the candidates were Alexis members. One of the candidates resigned during the pandemic to seek alternate employment. Unfortunately, the remaining Alexis candidate did not pass the exam. AGLC administers this test, and passing this exam is necessary to obtain the license needed to be a manager in an Alberta casino.



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Education Board Update



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

Returning to regular school programming 2021-2022 school year:

All staff are being recalled back to work on Monday, September 27, 2021. All staff are required to provide a negative Covid-19 test result prior to returning to work at the school. Teachers will continue to provide instruction to students via the online learning platforms on Monday as well. We will continue to use the same covid protocols we used last school year with the exception of doing temperature checks on the bus prior to students boarding the school bus to limit any spread if a student is showing symptoms of covid. If we are allowed to reopen, we will need a 24 hours notice and we can be ready for in-school instruction by Wednesday, September 29, 2021. We are excited to have our students back in school and for our students to see Chief Aranazhi for the first time since completion.

Enrollment:

Northern Gateway Division: 40 total enrollment

Breakdown of Northern Gateway Division = Darwell: 14 Onway Elementary: 2 Onway High School: 24

Alexis Elementary School Enrollment(Kindergarten-Grade 3): 32

Chief Aranazhi School Enrollment (Grade 4-12): 93

Operations:

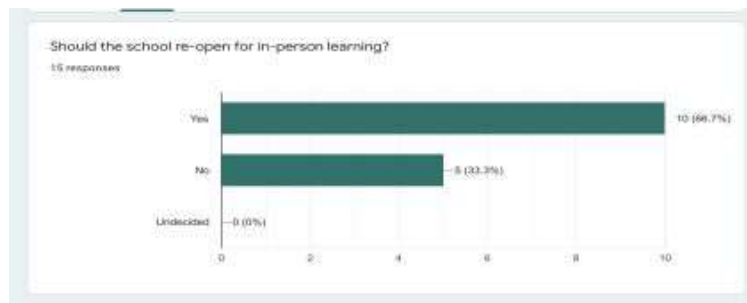
We are currently looking for three covid bus monitors. If interested contact the school, either jasmine.alexis@alexised.ca or ken.gaudin@alexised.ca. The monitors must be able to complete a criminal record check and vulnerable sector check.

Events:

- September 8th- Online learning begins

Parent Forum

Education created a poll for parents to share their input on whether the school should open for in-person learning or remain online. We had a small number of parents/guardians who responded but the majority would like to remain online.





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Yellowhead Tribal Council Update



UPDATE PROVIDED BY LAVERNE ARCAND, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

YTC COLLEGE UPDATE:

Dr. Diana Steinhauer, President

- Planning of Student Orientation for 2021
- Planning of Annual Graduation ceremony October 22, 2021

Jocelyn Verreault, Dean of Academic Affairs (Registrar / Student Services)

- Graduation planning – scheduled for October 22, 2021.
- Book inventory completed – new process for students receiving books implemented.
- 332 student applications received for the 2021-2022 academic year, enrolment will be finalized after September 24, 2021.

Ercan Bozkurt, Project Maintenance Management Advisor

- Training three maintenance operators at Alexis' new school, Aranazhi High School to apply maintenance to HVAC and Boiler systems.
- Assisting mechanical system personnel to ensure equipment is properly programmed.
- Assisting in the gathering of information and inspections for log homes, inspection report completed and submitted.
- Conducting maintenance to the ANSN daycare boiler and prepared system for upcoming winter months.

EVENTS:

- Orange Shirt Week – week of events to honor survivors and observe the new statutory holiday, in light of the 6,500+ graves discovered.
- Red Road healing Society partnership with YTC to create Clifford G. pompano Indigenous Transpersonal Therapy Library – 2,000 volumes of rare 7 specialized books donated by Red Road and housed at YTC.
- Vertical Gardening – renovating space at YTC to build a vertical farm and partnering with Alberta Green to develop a training curriculum towards indigenous food sovereignty.



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



Highlights:

- Housing *(See Alexis Housing Report for Details)
- New School - Completed
- Upgrades to Training Center, New School Parking Lots
- Alexis Elders Independent / Assisted Living Center Project (2020-2022)
- New Church (2020-2022)
- Healing Center (2020-2022)
- Alexis #133 Lakeside Trail Project - In process (2020-2021)
- Mapping of Alexis Whitecourt #234 Trail - In process (2020-2021)
- Soup Kitchen / Homeless Shelter (2020-2021)
- Radio Station (2021)
- Golf Course Feasibility (2021-2022)
- Log building program - purchase a saw mill
- Development Project - Lake isle
- MOU - West Fraser - proving lumber



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Infrastructure Update – Chief Aranazhi High School



UPDATE BY GARY BOSGOED, PROJECT MANAGER

Project Management Team:

- Phillip Cardinal
- Shannon Alexis
- Jasmine Alexis
- Melissa Day
- Ken Gaudin
- Indigenous Services Canada - Gavin Cheng & Rubin Arcand
- Project Manager – Gary Bosgoed, of Bosgoed Projects
- Architect – Shaun Visser of BR2

Financial:

- \$21.4M Total Cost
- 98% complete

Progress:

- Substantially complete and handed over to ANSN in early July
- Furniture installed at the end of August
- Set-up by teachers complete
- Final cleaning complete on August 31st

Deficiencies

- Landscaping, outdoor rink and small items in the school
- Gym floor logo and cultural room floor to be redone in terms of quality and proper cultural direction
- Fitness equipment – better quality equipment being quoted, and additional funding being arranged.
- Contractor warranty is one year

Since the beginning of building our new school the General Contractor, plumber, utilities and electrical have hired our members. Thank you to those that helped and put your hard work and effort into making the school possible.

- Brianna Aginas
- Jobe Alexis
- Thomas Rain
- Wade Alexis
- Walter Alexis
- Torbin Mustooch
- Shaquille Paul
- Joseph Carifille
- Larnell Alexis
- Jonathan Letendre



Chief's Kids PR Day, July 26, 2021



On July 26, 2021 Chief Tony hosted his Kids PR Day.

We rented 3 boats, bouncy castles, had lunch and listened to music at the bridge from 10AM-4PM, it was a successful event all the kids had a blast in the water! We had over 80 children attend. Can't wait for next year's event!



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Highlights

Alexis Nakota Nation Powwow 2021

On July 2-4, 2021 our Nation hosted our Annual Powwow. We hosted over 700 dancers and 21 drum groups, it definitely was a great weekend of healing for our community. Congratulations to all the dancers and singers! We are proud to announce Blackstone will be host drum for our 2022 annual powwow.



Nakota Strong Music Festival

On July 1, 2021 we hosted our Nakota Strong Music Festival. Great performances and the night ended with an awesome fireworks show!



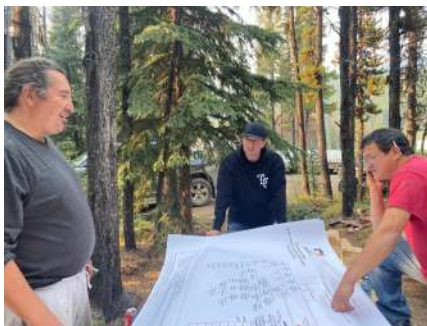
Alexis Graduation Ceremony

On July 2nd 2021 the Grade 12 graduates were honoured with a Eagle Feather, Star Blanket and Feast for the completion of Grade 12. Congratulations ANSN 2021 Graduates!



Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Highlights

Alexis Community Camp Out at Cardinal River August 2-7, 2021





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Highlights



Alexis took a few teams to The First Nations Cup Golf Tournament in Ponoka, AB. Congratulations all Alexis Teams! You represented us well on the course. The Alexis Women's team brought home 1st place. Team: Tahnee Bull, Shannon Alexis, Dorian Alexis, Skye Alexis & Nostha Alexis.



Alexis Women's Team
Tahnee Bull, Shannon Alexis, Dorian Alexis, Skye Alexis & Nostha Alexis



Alberta Indigenous Games 2021
Happy to announce Division 3 Co-Champions Alexis Nakota Sioux had 31 points! (Alexis submitted 11 teams) Alexis had 2 Gold Medals, 4 Bronze Medals and 5 participation points! Congrats to our community on great Games!



Alexis Men's Team
Felix Kootenay, Adam Letendre, Jarius Kootenay, Raymond Alexis, Darren Kootenay, Percy Potts & Lanny Potts



Alexis Women's Team
Crystal Potts, Gina Letendre, Krystal Turner & Jasmine Alexis





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation Community Announcements



The Council would like to congratulate Paulina Alexis on her recent success on the hit show Reservation Dogs. We are very proud of Paulina and the work she is doing in her career field. God bless her on her path.

Reservation Dogs is a comedy television series created by Sterlin Harjo and Taika Waititi for FX Productions. It is a notable first in that it features all Indigenous writers and directors, along with an almost entirely Indigenous American cast and production team. It is also the first series to be shot entirely in Oklahoma. The series premiered on August 9, 2021 on [FX on Hulu](#). In September 2021, the series was renewed for a second season.





Alexis Nakota Sioux Nation
Community Announcements

INVITATION TO
ALEXIS COMMUNITY
MEMBERS

Please join us on:
■ Thursday,
September 30, 2021
■ 12:00 pm
■ ANSN Memorial
Garden

COVID restrictions apply.
Masks must be worn.

National
Truth & Reconciliation
Day

“Honouring
the
Resilience
of Our
Ancestors”

Agenda:

12:00pm - Gather at the Memorial Garden & Pipe Ceremony

12:40pm - Thank you Prayer to the Ancestors & Young ladies (they are the future Mothers and Grandmothers)

12:50pm - Thank you Song. (Young Men - they are the future Warriors that will take care of the people.)

Chief Tony - Brief history of the Truth and Reconciliation Day

1:00pm - Orange Ribbons will be handed out to the Participants to place on the tipi in Memory of their relative who went to those schools.

2:15pm - Closing Song in Solidarity with Treaty No. 6 First Nations

*This event will be live on Facebook for the members to join.

Please follow COVID restrictions. Masks to be worn.



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Alexis-Edmonton Sub-Office (Notice of Temporary Closure)

In December 2020, our Alexis Education Sub-Office temporarily closed. However, Charlene Stroeder continues to work as a Liaison for Alexis, serving Off-Reserve Members. Charlene continues to help with COVID relief at our YTC Distribution Center and can be reached at 780-908-0412.

Alexis-Whitecourt #232 Sub-Office

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