

ANISHINAABE SECURITY FORCE (ASF)

GOVERNANCE CHARTER

Under the Authority of the Anishinaabe of the Kitchi Zibi First Nation (AOKFN)
Ratified under Section 35 (Constitution Act, 1982), UNDRIP, the Royal Proclamation of 1763,
and the Community Safety and Policing Act (Ontario, 2019)

PREAMBLE

We, the Anishinaabe of the Kitchi Zibi First Nation, affirm our inherent right to self-governance, community protection, and stewardship of our ancestral lands.

The Anishinaabe Security Force (ASF) is hereby established as the official security, protection, and enforcement body of the Nation, operating under the authority of the Chief and Council and guided by the Seven Grandfather Teachings, Stoic principles, and Christian moral values. This Charter integrates traditional Anishinaabe law, clan-based governance, and international recognition under UNDRIP to ensure peace, safety, and the protection of our people.

ARTICLE I — NAME AND AUTHORITY

1. **Name.** The organization shall be known as the **Anishinaabe Security Force (ASF)**.
2. **Source of Authority.** ASF derives its authority from the Chief and Council of AOKFN, acting under:
 1. Section 35 of the Constitution Act, 1982;
 2. The Community Safety and Policing Act (Ontario, 2019);
 3. The United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
 4. The Royal Proclamation of 1763;
 5. Anishinaabe customary law and clan governance.
3. **Nature of ASF.** ASF operates as an Indigenous security body established by the Nation's lawful authority and may enter cooperative agreements with provincial, federal, municipal, or allied Nation agencies.

ARTICLE II — PURPOSE AND MANDATE

1. Protect AOKFN citizens, lands, waters, cultural sites, and community infrastructure.
2. Enforce Nation-level bi-laws, including environmental, harvesting, and land stewardship regulations.
3. Provide community safety services, including patrol, conflict resolution, restorative practices, and peacekeeping.
4. Respond to emergencies, natural disasters, search and rescue, and humanitarian incidents.
5. Support community wellbeing through prevention, youth programming, and culturally grounded interventions.

Uphold Anishinaabe teachings, Stoic discipline, and Christian ethics in all operations.

ARTICLE III — STRUCTURE AND COMMAND

1. **Chief & Council of the Nation** — ultimate political authority and ratifying body for ASF policy, budgets, and major operations.
2. **Grand Chief of ASF** — Supreme Commander of ASF; holds final authority over deployment, discipline, and strategic direction; reports to Chief & Council.
3. **Clan Area Chief** — provides oversight and advisory representation for clan Areas of Responsibility (AOR).
 1. AORs are designated by number and reflect population, geography, and clan territorial boundaries as determined by the Grand Chief.
 2. All ASF personnel can operate in any clan area or outside in accordance with an MOU and Grand Chief approval.
4. **ASF Commander** — senior operational leader responsible for training, logistics, and daily operations; reports to the Clan Chief and Grand Chief.
5. **Divisional Chiefs** — lead the following divisions:
 1. Community Safety Division;
 2. Environmental & Land Stewardship Division;
 3. Emergency Response Division;
 4. Youth Training & Development Division;
 5. Intelligence, Compliance & Legal Affairs Division.
6. **Clan Representatives** — provide cultural and spiritual guidance and ensure alignment with Anishinaabe law and values.

ARTICLE IV — MEMBERSHIP AND TRAINING

1. **Eligibility.** Membership is open to verified AOKFN citizens aged 18 or older in good standing or any Anishinaabe descendant approved by the ASF Grand Chief as well as the Chief and Council.
2. **Training Programs.** All schedules and detailed training is to be provided in a separate Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) approved by the Grand Chief with full consideration from Chiefs and all members of the ASF.
3. **Basic Training.** All members must complete ASF Basic Training, including:
 1. Indigenous Law and Governance;
 2. Anishinaabe, Stoic, and Christian Ethics;
 3. Physical Fitness and Tactical Readiness;
 4. First Aid, CPR, and Emergency Response;
 5. Land Navigation and Environmental Stewardship;
 6. Traditional Harvesting & Sustenance Practices
 7. Search and Rescue.
4. **Traditional Competency.** ASF Ogichidaa shall be trained in traditional fur-trade travel routes, canoeing, and moving-water environments.
5. **Advanced & Specialized Training.** ASF may partner with allied Nations, accredited institutions, or recognized training providers for advanced courses, including but not limited to investigations, forensics, incident command, and mental health crisis response or any advanced tactical operations.
6. **Certification & Recertification.** ASF will maintain training records and require periodic recertification as determined by Clan Chiefs.
7. **Good Standing.** Members must maintain community standing and adhere to the Code of Conduct.

ARTICLE V — CODE OF CONDUCT

1. ASF members shall act with honor, discipline, and respect for all persons.
2. Members shall uphold the Seven Grandfather Teachings: Wisdom, Love, Respect, Bravery, Honesty, Humility, Truth.
3. Members shall uphold Anishinaabe, Stoic, and Christian virtues of compassion, justice, and humility.
4. Abuse of authority, discrimination, corruption, or misconduct is prohibited.
5. Allegations of misconduct shall be investigated promptly; disciplinary measures may include suspension, dismissal, or referral to restorative processes.
6. All ASF members must protect one another including AOKFN citizens first above all other matters. This is done at the individual discretion in accordance with the above mentioned principles.
7. Violations shall be reviewed by the Chief, Council, and Grand Chief of ASF and may be escalated to the Independent Oversight Committee.

ARTICLE VI — UNIFORM, INSIGNIA, AND SYMBOLISM

1. ASF uniform shall reflect Anishinaabe identity and operational needs.
2. Authorized insignia may include:
 1. Bear and Martin Clan symbols;
 2. The Cross of Light;
 3. The Sacred Fire;
 4. The Canadian Flag;
 5. The Anishinaabe four-colour palette.
3. Identification and Badges shall be issued to all active members.
4. Uniform patterns may vary according to mission requirements worn at the discretion of the ASF Ojichidaa.

ARTICLE VII — JURISDICTION AND OPERATIONS

1. Territorial Scope. ASF jurisdiction covers all AOKFN lands, waters, and recognized territories.
2. Cooperation. ASF may operate cooperatively with provincial, federal, municipal, and allied Nation agencies when authorized by the Chief, Council, and Grand Chief of ASF.
3. Powers. ASF has authority to:
 1. Enforce Nation bi-laws;
 2. Conduct investigations under Nation law;
 3. Detain individuals under Nation procedures;
 4. Assist in enforcement of federal or provincial statutes, including the Criminal Code and provincial offences, where authorized by agreement.
4. International Law. ASF may support international humanitarian objectives where jurisdiction permits.
5. Human Rights & Due Process. ASF shall respect human rights and due process consistent with UNDRIP and constitutional protections.

ARTICLE VIII — LEGAL FOUNDATIONS

ASF authority is grounded in:

1. Section 35, Constitution Act, 1982;
2. Royal Proclamation of 1763;
3. UNDRIP;
4. Community Safety and Policing Act (Ontario, 2019);
5. Anishinaabe natural law and clan governance.

ARTICLE IX — OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY

1. Chief & Council shall conduct annual reviews of ASF operations and budgets.
2. ASF shall submit an annual operational and financial report to the Chief & Council.
3. An Independent Oversight Committee composed of elders, legal advisors, and clergy shall review complaints and serious incidents.
4. ASF shall cooperate with external oversight mechanisms where required by agreement.

ARTICLE X — EMERGENCY POWERS

1. The Grand Chief may authorize ASF to assume temporary emergency powers during crises.
2. Emergency powers must be reviewed by the Chief & Council within 30 days.
3. ASF may coordinate with allied Nations and provincial/federal agencies during emergencies.

ARTICLE XI — AMENDMENTS

1. Amendments require a two-thirds vote of Chief & Council and ratification by the Grand Chief of ASF.
2. Proposed amendments must be published for community review for 30 days.

ARTICLE XII — COMMENCEMENT

This Charter comes into force on a date determined by Resolution of the Chief and Council of the Anishinaabe of the Kitchi Zibi First Nation.