

KITCHI ZIBI WARRIORS

Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) & Enforcement By-Law

Anishinaabe of the Kitchi Zibi First Nation (AOKFN)

Enforcement, Protection, and Peacekeeping Authority on Unceded Algonquin Territory

SECTION 1 — PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

1.1 Purpose

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) and Enforcement By-Law establishes the mandate, powers, responsibilities, and operational standards of the **Kitchi Zibi Warriors**, the official peacekeeping, policing, and security enforcement body of the Anishinaabe of the Kitchi Zibi First Nation (AOKFN).

1.2 Jurisdiction

The Kitchi Zibi Warriors exercise authority on:

- All **unceded Algonquin territory** recognized by AOKFN
- All AOKFN-designated lands, communities, and operational zones
- Any location where AOKFN citizens require protection, subject to applicable laws

1.3 Legal Foundations

This By-Law is grounded in:

- **UNDRIP**, including Articles 3, 4, 5, 7, 20, 22, 23, 24, 26, 29, 30, 32, and 37
- **Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms**
- **Criminal Code of Canada**
- **Community Safety and Policing Act (CSPA)**
- **Royal Canadian Mounted Police Act (RCMP Act)**UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms (1990)
- **International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR)**
- **International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR)**
- **National Defence Act**

1.4 Recognition of Peace Officer Status

All members of the Kitchi Zibi Warriors are hereby recognized by AOKFN as:

Peace Officers with full equivalent rights, protections, immunities, and authorities granted to peace officers and police officers under Canadian law.

This includes but is not limited to:

- Powers of arrest
- Powers of detention
- Powers to enforce laws and by-laws
- Powers to maintain public order
- Protections under the Criminal Code for peace officers
- Immunities for good-faith execution of duties

SECTION 2 — MANDATE OF THE KITCHI ZIBI WARRIORS

2.1 Core Mandate

The Kitchi Zibi Warriors are responsible for:

- Protecting AOKFN citizens, families, and communities
- Ensuring safety on unceded Algonquin territory
- Enforcing AOKFN laws, by-laws, and community standards
- Supporting conflict resolution and restorative justice
- Responding to emergencies, threats, and crises
- Protecting sacred sites, lands, waters, and cultural heritage
- Coordinating with external agencies when appropriate and authorized

2.2 Guiding Principles

The Warriors operate under:

- Anishinaabe law and teachings
- The Seven Grandfather Teachings
- Trauma-informed, culturally grounded practice
- Least-harm and de-escalation principles
- Community Safety and Policing Act standards
- RCMP Act standards of conduct
- International human rights law

SECTION 3 — STRUCTURE AND GOVERNANCE

3.1 Command Structure

- Grand Chief / Commander — overall leadership
- Chief / Commander — operational oversight
- Ogichidaa — patrol, investigations, community safety, emergency response Warriors / Peacekeepers, Search and Rescue

3.2 Accountability

The Warriors are accountable to:

- The AOKFN Governing Council
- The AOKFN Constitution
- The People of the Nation

An independent Oversight and Integrity Board shall review:

- Complaints
- Use of force incidents
- Misconduct allegations

Policy compliance

SECTION 4 — POWERS AND AUTHORITIES

4.1 Enforcement Powers

Warriors have authority to:

- Enforce AOKFN laws and by-laws
- Enforce applicable federal and provincial laws where jurisdiction allows
- Conduct investigations
- Issue warnings, citations, and orders
- Detain individuals for safety or investigation
- Arrest individuals under peace officer powers
- Seize weapons or dangerous items
- Respond to threats, violence, or emergencies

4.2 Use of Force

Use of force must follow:

- Necessity
- Proportionality
- Least-harm principles
- UN Basic Principles on the Use of Force and Firearms
- CSPA and RCMP Act standards
- Lethal force is a last resort.

4.3 Protection of Rights

Warriors must uphold:

- Charter rights
- Human rights
- Indigenous rights
- Cultural rights
- Rights of children, elders, and vulnerable persons

SECTION 5 — OPERATIONS AND PROCEDURES

5.1 Patrol Operations

Patrols may be:

- Foot
- Vehicle
- Watercraft
- Drone-assisted (where lawful)
- Community presence patrols

5.2 Incident Response

Warriors shall:

- Assess threats
- Prioritize safety
- De-escalate where possible
- Document all actions
- Provide medical aid when needed
- Notify leadership of major incidents

5.3 Arrest and Detention

Arrests must follow:

- Criminal Code standards
- Charter rights
- AOKFN protocols
- Trauma-informed practice

Detention facilities must meet safety and dignity standards.

5.4 Investigations

Investigations must be:

- Impartial
- Evidence-based
- Respectful of rights
- Documented thoroughly

5.5 Interagency Cooperation

Warriors may cooperate with:

- RCMP
- OPP
- Municipal police
- Federal agencies
- International agencies associated with the United Nations

...but only:

- With AOKFN authorization
- Without surrendering jurisdiction
- Without compromising sovereignty

SECTION 6 — TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION

6.1 Required Training

All Warriors must complete:

- Peace officer training
- Use of force and de-escalation
- Trauma-informed response
- Cultural safety and Anishinaabe law
- Mental health crisis response
- Emergency medical response
- Land-based survival and protection
- Legal standards under CSPA and RCMP Act

6.2 Ongoing Training

Annual recertification in:

- Firearms
- Defensive tactics
- First aid
- Cultural protocols
- Legal updates

SECTION 7 — COMMUNITY SAFETY

SECTION 7 — COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELL-BEING

7.1 Restorative Justice

Where appropriate, Warriors shall prioritize:

- Mediation
- Healing circles
- Community resolution
- Elders' guidance

7.2 Protection of Women, Children, and Elders

Special protocols apply for:

- Missing persons
- Domestic violence
- Elder abuse
- Child safety

7.3 Crisis Response

Warriors shall respond to:

- Mental health crises
- Substance-related emergencies
- Natural disasters
- Threats to community safety

SECTION 8 — CODE OF CONDUCT

Warriors must demonstrate:

- Integrity
- Courage
- Respect
- Accountability
- Cultural humility
- Professionalism
- Confidentiality

Misconduct includes:

- Abuse of authority
- Discrimination
- Excessive force
- Corruption
- Breach of confidentiality

SECTION 9 — IMPLEMENTATION AND RATIFICATION

9.1 Adoption

This By-Law is enacted by the AOKFN Governing Council under inherent Indigenous jurisdiction and the AOKFN Constitution.

9.2 Amendments

Amendments require:

- Community consultation
- Council approval
- Oversight Board review

9.3 Coming Into Force

This By-Law comes into force immediately upon ratification.