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# PEACE REGIONAL MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT

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NORTHERN SUNRISE  
COUNTY



Mutual Aid Agreement

February 2017

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Between the parties of:

1. The Town of Grimshaw;
2. Northern Sunrise County;
3. County of Northern Lights;
4. The Municipal District of Peace No. 135;
5. The Town of Peace River;
6. Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130;
7. The Village of Berwyn

WHEREAS a fire or emergency incident could affect any party to such a degree that local resources would be inadequate to cope with the situation;

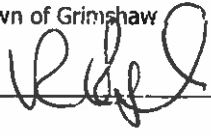

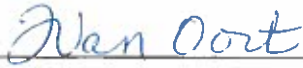
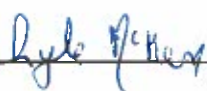
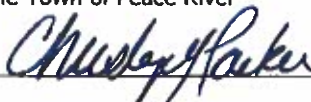


AND WHEREAS the above named parties wish to make pre-arrangements for the quickest possible reaction in support of any one party in the group which may be affected or threatened by an incident and require assistance;

THEREFORE, the above named parties agree as follows:

1. Any one of the parties to the Agreement, if and when in need of help to combat a fire or emergency incident, may request aid from one or more of the other parties, subject to the following conditions:
  - a. On receipt of a call for aid, the extent of assistance given will be at the discretion of each responding party, having regard to their own local situation at the time;
  - b. The municipality affected by the incident and calling for aid will assume direction and control over equipment and manpower contributed by the parties to this agreement. The officer in charge of the operation of the responding unit will report to the incident commander and be under his/her direct supervision and control.
  - c. Calls for aid shall be made by the Fire Officer in charge of the incident from the home municipality, or in the event of a major disaster or incapacitation of home municipality's fire officers, by the Director of Emergency Management, or CAO of the home municipality.

- d. Financial remuneration shall be as outlined in Appendix "A"
  - e. The parties that are signatories to this Agreement agree to cooperate in the provision of materials, equipment and training as per Appendixes "B"
2. The party requesting aid shall indemnify and save harmless the other parties from any and all claims arising out of or in any way related to the proper discharge of the obligations of a party supplying aid under the terms of the Agreement.
  3. Each municipality shall determine that their vehicles, equipment and personnel are insured under all conditions with respect to this Agreement.
  4. Each party shall obtain and maintain in good standing public liability insurance coverage in an amount equal to or greater than \$5 million per any one occurrence, such insurance to apply to the parties as their respective interests may appear under this Agreement from time to time.
  5. This Agreement will come into force on the date a resolution of council is passed. The agreement will renew automatically every year and be reviewed every two years thereafter. Any additions may be introduced by way of an amendment which shall become part of the Agreement upon ratification by all parties.
  6. Meetings of the Chief Fire Officers will be held every two years to oversee implementation and monitoring of the Agreement. Chief Fire Officers from the signatory municipalities shall meet at the Peace Regional Fire Chiefs' Meetings held throughout the year, to discuss common concerns, enhance communications and provide input to local training needs.
  7. Any one of the participating parties may withdraw from this Agreement, by giving 180 days notice of termination to the other parties. After the withdrawal of any party, the Agreement shall continue in force between the remaining parties.

Executed on behalf of the participating parties, by their authorized signing officers;

1.	The Town of Grimshaw	Date:	<u>FEB 8, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		
2.	Northern Sunrise County	Date:	<u>FEB 28, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		
3.	County of Northern Lights	Date:	<u>March 10, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		
4.	The Municipal District of Peace No. 135	Date:	<u>March 16, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		
5.	The Town of Peace River	Date:	<u>March 24, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		
6.	Municipal District of Smoky River No. 130	Date:	<u>January 31, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		
7.	The Village of Berwyn	Date:	<u>March 16, 2017</u>
Per:	<u></u>		

## APPENDIX "A"

### **REMUNERATION**

#### 1. GENERAL

An effective Mutual Aid Agreement will only be fair if there is a level of compensation established to cover a party's realistic costs. In addition, the fairness must also relate to what each party is able to supply back, such as equipment or firefighting personnel.

#### 2. FIREFIGHTING PERSONNEL

Costs for firefighter's services shall be included in Equipment rates as per part 3. Costs for firefighter's services beyond the normal vehicle complement will be charged at the actual costs incurred by the municipal supplying the services.

#### 3. EQUIPMENT

Compensation rates for each piece of equipment includes an apportionment of costs incurred to support the apparatus which includes facilities, training, insurance, firefighters and the capability of the unit. Rates will not be more than:

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| 1. | ULC Rated Pumping Apparatus  | @ \$400 per hour |
| 2. | Fire Department Water Tender   | @ \$400 per hour |
| 3. | Rapid Access Firefighting Unit with pump and water supply with or without foam control   | @ \$400 per hour |
| 4. | Squad vehicle for transport of firefighting personnel and equipment to/from fire scenes. | @ \$75 per hour  |
| 5. | Rescue Vehicle or Dangerous Goods Response Vehicle                                       | @ \$400 per hour |
| 6. | Command Post/Rehab Response Unit   | @ \$200 per hour |
| 7. | Wildland Response Trailer plus towing vehicle and supplies, expenses)                    | @ \$275 per hour |
| 8. | Hazardous Materials Response Unit  | @ \$400 per hour |

All supplies used shall be at cost.

## **APPENDIX "B"**

### **TRAINING**

Due to safety and liability concerns, it is important that fire department personnel receive as appropriate training. Any firefighters responding to a mutual aid call shall be trained and competent. It is the responsibility of the Municipality providing the mutual aid to ensure responding personnel are adequately trained and competent for required job tasks, as per the Alberta Occupational Health and Safety Firefighters Code of Practice.

### **EQUIPMENT COMPATIBILITY**

Chief Fire Officers will continue to ensure that equipment will be compatible with other departments.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A Mutual Aid frequency has been identified at 169.260 and all departments listed in this document, must have the capability to use it. Each department will be responsible for providing its own communication equipment.

### **INCIDENT COMMAND**

A Unified Command structure will be used when responding to a mutual aid call in the region and the receiving Municipality has control of the incident.