

**By-Law No. 1997-03  
Of the Metlakatla Band  
A By-law for the Regulation of Traffic**

**Whereas** the Council of the Metlakatla Band desires to make a by-law governing the regulation of traffic;

**And Whereas** the Council of the Metlakatla Band is empowered to make such by-law pursuant to paragraphs 81(1)(b),(q),and (r) of the Indian Act;

**And Whereas** it is considered to be expedient and necessary for the safety and convenience of the inhabitants of the Metlakatla Band to regulate traffic on the reserve.

**Therefore** the Council of the Metlakatla Band hereby makes the following by-law:

**Title**

1. Metlakatla Band Traffic By-law

**Interpretation**

2. In this by-law,

“access road” means a driveway

(a) that is situated on leased land, on land that is subject to a certificate of possession or a certificate of occupation, or on land that is otherwise in private occupation, and

(b) that leads from a reserve road and is used to provide access from such road to such land, and in respect of which no invitation to pass has been extended to the general public by the person in possession or occupation thereof;

“Band” Means the Metlakatla Band ;

“commission” means the Metlakatla Band traffic commission, appointed pursuant to section 3;

“Council” means the Council of the Metlakatla Band;

“officer” means any police officer, police constable or other person charged with the duty to preserve and maintain the public peace, and a by-law enforcement officer or any other person appointed by Council for the purpose of maintaining law and order;

“reserve” means the reserve of the Metlakatla Band IR#2;

“reserve road” means a road or other way situated on the reserve which is used for vehicles;

“motor vehicle” means a vehicle, the operation of which on reserve roads requires a licence or permit;

“operators licence” means a licence to operate a motor vehicle issued or accepted as valid under the Motor Vehicles Act of the Province of British Columbia.

“traffic control device” means any sign, marker or mechanical or electrical device designed for the purposes of regulating traffic;

“vehicle” means a device by which a person or thing is or may be transported or drawn, other than a device designed to be moved by human power alone.

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**Commission**

- 3.(1) There shall be a Metlakatla Band Traffic Commission consisting of three members of the Council, who shall be appointed by the Council by resolution.
- (2) The Commission may:
- (a) designate locations on or adjacent to a reserve road at which traffic control devices shall be erected;
  - (b) designate speed limits for reserve roads;
  - (c) designate parking areas on or adjacent to reserve roads, and areas in which parking is prohibited;
  - (d) designate areas of reserve lands to be reserve roads; and
  - (e) perform such other functions as are set out for it in this by-law.
- (3) A copy of any designation made pursuant to this by-law shall be posted in the Band council office and community bulletin board, and may be appealed to the Council by any resident of the reserve by filing a Notice of Appeal with the Administrator within thirty days after the designation was first posted.
- (4) A designation comes into effect thirty days after the day it was first posted pursuant to subsection (3), or, if appealed, seven days after the day a notice was posted in the Band office advising that the designation has been confirmed by Council.
- (5) The Council may, of its own initiative, and at any time, revoke any designation made by the Commission under this by-law, and may substitute a new designation.
- 4.(1) The council shall, by resolution, appoint an Administrator of the Metlakatla Band Traffic by-law.
- (2) The council may, in the resolution, provide for reasonable remuneration to be paid to the Administrator.
- (3) The Administrator shall perform such functions as are imposed by this by-law or as directed by the Commission on activities in respect of the administration of this by-law.

**Licence**

5. No person shall operate a motor vehicle on a reserve road unless he/she holds a subsisting operator's licence of a class appropriate to the category of motor vehicle operated, as pursuant to the Motor Vehicles Act of the Province of British Columbia.

**Insurance**

6. No person shall operate a motor vehicle, on reserve road unless a valid insurance policy has been issued for the motor vehicle, such as would be required by ICBC .

**Possession of Licence and Proof of Insurance**

- 7.(1) A person shall have in his/her possession at all times while operating a motor vehicle on a reserve road:
- (a) his/her operator's licence
  - (b) the certificate of registration of the motor vehicle, and;



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- (c) proof of a valid insurance policy for the motor vehicle.
  - (2) Every person who is in possession or control of a motor vehicle shall produce or exhibit his operator's licence, registration and proof of motor vehicle insurance upon being requested by an officer to do so.
- 8.(1) The speed limit for Metlakatla reserve road shall be 15 km per hour, except where otherwise designated by the commission and marked on a traffic control device erected on the reserve road.
- (2) No person shall operate a vehicle on a reserve road at a rate of speed in excess of the speed limit for that reserve road.

**Traffic Control Devices**

- 9.(1) The Administrator shall erect traffic control devices at locations designated by the commission.
- (2) On every sign erected by the Administrator there shall be placed in the lower right hand corner the words by authority of the Metlakatla Band Council.
  - (3) The operator of a vehicle shall obey all traffic control devices erected pursuant to this by-law, except where otherwise directed by an officer or by a person authorized by the Commission or the Administrator to direct traffic.
  - (4) No person shall remove, attempt to remove, deface, destroy or otherwise interfere with any traffic control device erected in accordance with this by-law.

**Parking**

- 10.(1) No person shall park a vehicle in a location where a traffic control device indicates that parking is prohibited.
- (2) Notwithstanding that the Commission has not prohibited parking in a particular location, no person shall park a vehicle on a reserve road unless there is sufficient room to pass and there is a clear view of the parked vehicle for a distance of 60 metres in either direction along the road.

**Weight Restrictions**

- 11.(1) The commission may designate weight restrictions for vehicles using reserve roads.
- (2) The Administrator may issue temporary permits allowing vehicles exceeding weight restrictions to use reserve roads where the circumstances are urgent and the Administrator is of the opinion that the uses of the vehicle granted the temporary permit will not damage the reserve road.
  - (3) An appeal lies to the commission from a decision of the Administrator refusing an application for a temporary permit.
  - (4) No person shall operate a vehicle on a reserve road the weight of which, including the load carried, is more than the maximum weight designated for that vehicle on that reserve road and posted by a traffic control device on the reserve road.

**Rules of the Road**

- 12.(1) A person shall not operate a vehicle on a reserve road:
- (a) without due care and attention;

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- (b) without reasonable care and consideration for other persons on reserve road; or
- (c) at a speed that is excessive relative to road, traffic, visibility and weather conditions.
- (2) The operator of a vehicle shall keep to the right hand half of a reserve road, except
  - (a) when the right hand half of the reserve road is closed for traffic while under construction or repair; or
  - (b) where necessary because of the operation of road grading or snow removal equipment.
- (3) The operator of a vehicle on a reserve road shall not cause or permit the vehicle to follow another vehicle more closely than is reasonable and prudent, having regard to the speed of the vehicles and the amount and nature of the traffic on, and the condition of, the road.
- (4) The operator of a vehicle on a reserve road shall not pass or attempt to pass another vehicle traveling in the same direction
  - (a) when proceeding uphill;
  - (b) when on a curve; or
  - (c) when approaching within thirty metres of another road
- (5) The operator of a vehicle on a reserve road shall, before turning the vehicle, signal his intention to do so by giving the signal in sufficient time to provide reasonable warning to other persons.
- (6) Where a flagman is stationed, or a barricade or sign is erected, on a reserve road to direct traffic in connection with any construction or other work on the road adjacent to the road, the operator of a vehicle shall obey the directions given by the flagman, or, if none, by the barricades or signs.

#### **Duties of the Operator**

- 13.(1) The operator of a vehicle on a reserve road must bring the vehicle to a stop when ordered to do so by an officer.
- (2) The operator or any other person in charge of a vehicle that is directly or indirectly involved in an accident on a reserve road shall
  - (a) remain at or immediately return to the scene of the accident;
  - (b) render all reasonable assistance to anyone injured in the accident; and
  - (c) produce in writing to any other operator involved in the accident or to anyone sustaining loss or injury and, on request, to an officer
    - (i) the name address and telephone number of the operator
    - (ii) the name ,address and telephone number of the registered owner of the vehicle,
    - (iii) the licence number of the vehicle, and
    - (iv) particulars of any insurance policy on the vehicle, or such of that information is requested.
- (3) The operator or any person in charge of or the owner of a vehicle that collides with an unattended vehicle on a reserve road shall
  - (a) stop
  - (b) locate and notify in writing the person in charge of or the owner of the unattended vehicle, or leave a written notice on the vehicle containing
    - (i) the name, address and telephone number of the operator
    - (ii) the name, address and telephone number of the registered owner, and



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(iii) the licence number of the vehicle.

- (4) Where a vehicle that is operating on a reserve road causes injury to a person or damage to property exceeding \$500.00, the operator thereof shall report the injury to an officer or to the Administrator, and shall provide a report in writing if requested.

**Impounding of Vehicles**

14.(1) Where a vehicle is situated on or adjacent to a reserve road, whether attended or unattended, in such a position that

- (a) it interferes with the normal flow of traffic on the reserve road,
  - (b) it interferes with the removal of snow from the reserve road,
  - (c) it interferes with fire fighting or other emergency equipment, or
  - (d) it is likely to be vandalized, or where the vehicle is parked contrary to this by-law, or apparently has been abandoned for a period of 72 hours or longer,
- an officer may
- (e) remove the vehicle, or require the operator or person in charge of the vehicle to remove it, to a position determined by the officer, or
  - (f) take the vehicle into custody and cause it to be removed and stored in a suitable place.

(2)


All costs and charges for the removal, care or storage of a vehicle removed under subsection (1) shall be paid by the owner of the vehicle.

**Offense and Penalties**


15A person who contravenes, or who otherwise fails to comply with any provision of this by-law, commits an offense and is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding \$1,000.00 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 30 days, or to both.

This by-law is hereby made at a duly convened meeting of the Council of the Metlakatla Band this 10th day of September, 1998.

  
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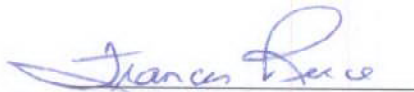
Being the majority of the Council of the Metlakatla Band present at the aforesaid meeting of the Council.

The quorum of the Band Council is four members.

Number of members of the Band Council present at the meeting: 5.

I Harold Leighton Chief Councilor of the Metlakatla Band, do hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing by-law was mailed to the Minister of Indian Affairs and Northern Development at the Regional District office

pursuant to subsection 82(1) of the Indian Act, this 10<sup>th</sup> day of Sept. 1998.

for   
(Chief Councilor)

  
(Witness)