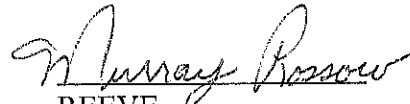


BYLAW 04/2001


**A BYLAW TO PROVIDE FOR ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH
OTHER MUNICIPALITIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A
REGIONAL MUTUAL AID AREA.**

THE COUNCIL OF THE R.M. OF MOOSE CREEK NO.33 OF ALAMEDA IN THE
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN, enacts as follows:

1. The R.M. OF MOOSE CREEK NO.33 of ALAMEDA, SK is hereby
authorized to enter into the Agreement identified as Exhibit "A", with the
municipalities
2. This Bylaw shall come into force and effect from and after the day of final
reading.


REEVE


ADMINISTRATOR

CERTIFIED A TRUE COPY OF THE ORIGINAL

ADMINISTRATOR

SOUTHEAST MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT MADE THIS 13th DAY OF November, 2001

BETWEEN:

Rural Municipality of Argyle #1	Village of Gainsborough
Rural Municipality of Mount Pleasant #2	Village of Carievale
Rural Municipality of Enniskillen #3	Village of Storthoaks
Rural Municipality of Coalfields #4	Village of Glen Ewen
Rural Municipality of Storthoaks #31	Village of Frobisher
Rural Municipality of Reciprocity #32	Village of Alida
Rural Municipality of Moose Creek #33	Town of Carnduff
Rural Municipality of Browning #34	Town of North Portal
	Town of Alameda
	Town of Oxbow
	Town of Lampman

HEREINAFTER REFERRED TO AS "THE PARTIES"

WHEREAS:

- A. The Parties exist in close proximity; and
- B. The Parties operate fire departments and supply thereby certain fire suppression, rescue and/or dangerous goods services to their respective population; and
- C. The Parties mutually acknowledge that each may not in all cases be able to respond with sufficient resources to calls for Fire/Disaster Services from within their jurisdictions, and the Councils of the Parties deem it expedient and in the public interest to agree between them that the Parties may provide aid, each to the other, in such circumstances; and
- D. The Parties are empowered pursuant to s. 136 of The Urban Municipality Act, 1984 and s 254 of The Rural Municipality Act, 1989, to enter into agreements with other municipalities for the furnishing of Fire-Fighting/Disaster services and fire fighting or other equipment beyond Urban and Rural boundaries, on any terms that may be agreed on; and
- E. The Parties wish to agree herein to terms upon which fire-fighting/disaster services and equipment may be provided.

NOW THEREFORE THIS AGREEMENT WITNESSES:

SECTION 1: DEFINITIONS

- 1.1 The following words and phrases shall for the purposes of this agreement have meanings ascribed to them in this Section 1:
 - "Assisting Party" means the Party requested to provide Fire/Disaster Services hereunder by the party primarily responsible for the provision of Fire/Disaster Services within the boundaries of the municipality, whether or not assistance is actually extended.
 - "Service Charges" means those charges for the provision of Fire/Disaster Services set forth in Schedule "A" hereto, which charges have been adopted and which may be amended from time to time by resolution of the Council of each Party.
 - "Fire Chief" means in the case of either Party the person responsible for the operation and management of the fire department, including designate(s) of the Fire Chief.
 - "Fire/Disaster Services" means fire fighting and rescue services, and includes response to hazardous materials discharges, explosions, spills and other mishap or natural disaster.

- "Fire/Disaster Services Agreement"** means an agreement with Party hereto and another municipality or corporate body by which certain fire-fighting and other services are provided to that municipality or corporate body, but excludes mutual aid agreements between fire departments.
- "Incident Command Procedures"** means those procedures for the establishment and/or transferring of command over fire-fighting and related services at the scene of a fire or other emergency.
- "Requesting Party"** means the Party which has the primary obligation to respond to fire alarms and other emergencies within a municipal territorial jurisdiction and which requests assistance from the other Party pursuant to this agreement.

SECTION 2: TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT

- 2.1 This agreement shall be of force and take effect from the effective date, and shall continue in effect until the expiration of thirty (30) days following notice of termination by the Council of either Party in accordance with the provisions of Section 11.
- 2.2 The effective date shall be the date upon which the last Party executes these presents, following ratification hereof, by bylaw, by the Councils of the Parties.

SECTION 3: FIRE/DISASTER SERVICES MUTUAL AID

- 3.1 As and from the effective date, each Party hereto may request Fire/Disaster Services from the other Party and such Fire/Disaster Services, if given, shall be requested and extended in accordance with and subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this agreement.
- 3.2 Fire/Disaster Services may be requested either where the Requesting Party is unable to respond to a call from within its jurisdiction or is unable to respond with manpower or equipment adequate, in the opinion of the Requesting Party, to address the emergency.
- 3.3 Where the requesting Party is a party to a Fire/Disaster Services Agreement, the geographic area covered in the Fire/Disaster Services Agreement shall for the purposes hereof be deemed to be within the jurisdiction of the Requesting Party, without enquiry by the Assisting Party. In such cases the requesting Party shall be principally liable for the payment of service charges of the Assisting Party whether or not the municipality receiving aid under the Fire/Disaster Services Agreement disputes such charges.

SECTION 4: PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES

- 4.1 The Assisting Party shall, unless command is transferred at the scene of the emergency, provide assistance under the direction of the Fire Chief, or designates, of the Requesting Party.
- 4.2 In the Event the Assisting Party is the only Party at the scene of a fire or other emergency, the Assisting Party shall provide emergency services in accordance with the policies and operating procedures of the Assisting Party.
- 4.3 The Fire Chiefs of both Parties agree to mutually consult and adopt measures they deem expedient for the purposes of familiarizing the Parties with:
- A) the equipment, resources and training of the respective departments; and
 - B) the operating, and command procedures of the respective departments;

and the Fire Chiefs may establish protocols for transferring command at fire or other emergency scenes.

SECTION 5: ASSISTANCE DISCRETIONARY

- 5.1 The Parties acknowledge that each has a primary obligation to provide Fire/Disaster Services within the boundaries of its own municipality, and that the provision of aid to the Requesting Party may not be advisable, on a call by call basis, having regard to such factors as the state of available resources, the nature of the incident giving rise to the request for aid, the distances involved, and the existence or apprehension of emergencies or potential emergencies within the Assisting Party's municipality. Accordingly, the Fire Chief of a Party receiving the request for assistance shall have the sole and unfettered discretion to decline to authorize Fire/Disaster Services to a Requesting Party and may exercise such discretion without stating reasons. Further, the Assisting Party may divert personnel and equipment to another scene notwithstanding a response in aid of the Requesting Party or may withdraw from a scene, whether or not the Assisting Party is in command thereof, if in the sole discretion of the Fire Chief of the Assisting Party another alarm, emergency or location should be afforded a higher priority and may exercise such discretion without stating reasons.

SECTION 6: PROCEDURES FOR REQUESTS

- 6.1 The Fire Chief of the Requesting Party shall have and is hereby granted full and sufficient authority to request Fire/Disaster Services from the Assisting Party.
- 6.2 The Fire Chief of the Assisting Party shall have and is hereby granted full and sufficient authority to provide or, in his discretion, to decline to provide Fire/Disaster Services to the Requesting Party.
- 6.3 The Fire Chief of the Assisting Party is further authorized to dispatch such personnel and equipment as can be allocated, in his judgement, for the response, and may do so without verifying the bona fides of the call or the alarm giving rise to the request. The Parties agree to co-operation in establishing protocols for confirming the identity of the caller on requests for assistance being made under false pretenses.

SECTION 7: SERVICE CHARGE

- 7.1 The Assisting Party shall charge fees for the provision of Fire/Disaster Services hereunder, in accordance with the charges set forth in a "Fee Schedule", adopted annually by resolution of the Parties to the Agreement, it being provided that the fees charged by The Parties may be different.
- 7.2 It is acknowledged that Service Charges are reviewable from time to time by the respective Councils of the Parties. Fees may be amended, by resolution of Council, on or before April 1st for the ensuing year, for so long as this Agreement remains in force. Revised fees so approved shall be adopted by the Parties to this Agreement in place of the fees set forth in the "Fee Schedule".
- 7.3 Following the provision of Fire/Disaster Services the Assisting Party shall prepare and deliver to the Requesting Party an itemized invoice for payment, in accordance with rate set forth in the "Fee Schedule". The Requesting Party shall remit payment of the amount so billed within 30 days of receipt of invoice. Failing payment is required, the Requesting Party shall pay interest on the debt or such portion thereof as remains unpaid, at the prime rate of interest of the Bank of Canada plus two percent (2%), such interest to be calculated from the date payment is overdue to the date payment in full is received.

SECTION 8: EMERGENCY MEASURES

- 8.1 The provisions of the Agreement are not in lieu of plans made in respect of emergency measures nor does this Agreement derogate from the duty of the Parties hereto to follow protocols and lawfully report to authorities and agencies in cases of discharges of pollutants, spill or discharges of hazardous materials, hazardous water materials, mishaps in the transportation of dangerous goods and incidents of like nature.

SECTION 9: INSURANCE

- 9.1 The Parties each covenant and agree that they shall carry property insurance covering their respective equipment and Comprehensive General Liability Insurance to commercially reasonable limits. Each party shall at the request of the other from time to time provide suitable evidence of the taking out and maintaining of policies of insurance.

SECTION 10: INDEMNIFICATION

- 10.1 The Parties expressly covenant and agree that the Requesting Party shall, in respect of third party claims of any nature arising from the provision of Fire/Disaster Services by the Assisting Party under this Agreement, indemnify and hold harmless and keep indemnified demands, actions, and causes of action asserted by third parties and in any way arising from performance or non performance under this Agreement by the Assisting Party. The within covenants of indemnity shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

SECTION 11: TERMINATION

- 12.1 In the event that a rural or urban municipality deems it in their interest to join this agreement as a new Party, unanimous written approval from the current Parties to the Agreement shall be required for the acceptance of the New Party.
- 12.2 The new Party desiring to enter this agreement, upon acceptance from the Parties, shall cause to be passed a bylaw to enter into this agreement, and shall inform in writing to the Parties of the Agreement the date of the final passing of such bylaw.

SECTION 13: GENERAL AND MISCELLANEOUS

- 13.1 The captions, section numbers, article numbers and Table of contents (if any) appearing in this Agreement are inserted as a matter of convenience only and in no way define, limit, construe, or describe the scope or intent of such clauses or articles and such captions, section numbers, and Table of Contents shall not in any way other than for reference purposes affect the interpretation or construction of the Agreement.
- 13.2 This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the Province of Saskatchewan.
- 13.3 Subject to the provisions hereof for the revision of fees, this Agreement may not be modified or amended except by an instrument in writing signed by the Parties hereto or by their successors or assigns.
- 13.4 The words "hereof", "herein" and "hereunder" and similar expressions used in any section or subsection of the Agreement or the Schedules relate to the whole of this Agreement and not to that section or subsection only unless otherwise expressly provided. The words "the Parties" shall mean respectively "the Party, its successors and/or assigns".
- 13.5 If for any reason any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or any circumstance, is to any extent held or rendered unenforceable or illegal then such term, covenant or condition:
- A) is and is deemed to be independent of the remainder of the Agreement and to be severable and divisible therefrom and its un-enforceability or illegality does not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of the Agreement or any part thereof; and;
 - B) continues to be applicable to and enforceable to the fullest extent permitted by law against any person and circumstance other than those to whom it has been held or rendered unenforceable or illegal.

Neither party is obliged to enforce any term, covenant or condition in this Agreement against any person, if, or to the extent of doing so, Party is caused to be in breach of any laws, regulations, or enactment from time to time in force.

- 13.6 No waiver shall be inferred or implied by any forbearance by a Party hereto or anything done or omitted to be done by a Party with respect to a default, breach or nonobservance save only an express waiver in writing and then only to the extent expressly stipulated and necessary to give effect to such express waiver. A waiver by a Party of any breach of any term, covenant or condition herein contained shall not be and shall be deemed not to be a waiver of any continuing or subsequent breach of such term, covenant, or condition (except as specifically expressed in writing to be so) or of a Party's rights hereunder or of any other term, covenant or condition herein contained. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing the subsequent acceptance of payment by a Part is not and is deemed not to be a waiver of any preceding breach or continuing breach by the other Party of any term, covenant or condition of this Agreement, regardless of knowledge of any such preceding breach at the time of acceptance of such payment.

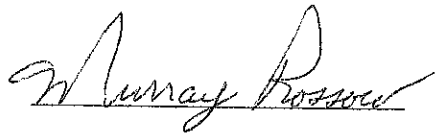
- 13.7 Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, if either Party is bona fide delayed or hindered in or prevented from performance of any term, covenant, or act required in this Agreement by reason of strikes, lockouts, labour trouble, inability to procure materials, government intervention or other casualty or contingency beyond the reasonable control of the Party who is by reason thereof delayed in the performance of reasonable control of the Party who is by reason thereof delayed in the performance of such Party's covenants and obligations under this Agreement in circumstances where it is not within reasonable control of such Party to avoid such delay, excluding any insolvency, lack of funds or other financial cause of delay (hereinafter referred to as "unavoidable delay"), such performance shall be excused for the period of the delay and the period within which performance is to be effected shall be extended by the period of such delay.
- 13.8 Any notice or demand required or permitted to be given to either Party hereto pursuant to this Agreement (excluding requests for assistance contemplated by Section 3) shall be in writing and may be delivered to the Party in person (or its authorized agent) or by sending it by prepaid registered mail.
Any such notice, demand, request or consent is conclusively deemed to have been given or made on the day upon which such notice, demand, request or consent is delivered, or, if mailed, then forty eight (48) hours following the date of mailing, as the case may be, and any time period referred to herein commences to run from time of delivery or forty eight (48) hours following the date of mailing, as the case may be. If postal service is interrupted or substantially delayed, any notice, demand, request or other instrument shall be delivered.
- 13.9 Time is of the essence of this Agreement and every part thereof.
- 13.10 This Agreement shall be binding upon and enure to the benefit of the Parties, their respective successors and representatives.

SECTION 14: COUNTERPARTS

- 14.1 This agreement may be signed in counterparts and shall be deemed on original instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the Town of Oxbow has hereunto by the hands of its' proper officers signed its name and affixed its' seal this 13th day of November, 2001.

SEAL



Reeve



Administrator