

**The Sovereign Constitution of
the Common Law Assembly of Kootenay
- A De Jure Body Politic**
lawfully convened on this day of in the year 2021

Part A: Articles of the Constitution

Article One – Name: The Assembly shall be designated as The Common Law Assembly of *Kootenay*.

Article Two – Purpose: The Assembly shall be an elected, self-governing body of the People established under its own sovereign jurisdiction to introduce, debate and enact laws and to constitute a local governing body according to the principles of Natural Common Law, Do No Harm and this Constitution.

Article Three – Authority and Power: The Assembly is a sovereign *de jure* body not subject to any authority save the will of the gathered people of Kootenay within Kanata. It shall have the full and undivided power of a governing legislature, unrestricted by interference or veto. Its powers shall include the right to levy and collect taxes, raise and maintain a Kootenay Militia, reclaim the wealth of the community, establish and maintain Common Law Courts, and generally ensure the welfare, protection and liberties of all the consenting freeborn men and women of *Kootenay*.

Article Four – Convention: The Assembly shall be convened in an accessible public place on the first Monday of every month. It shall remain in session for as long as is decided by its participants. Its deliberations shall be open and documented on a public record.

Article Five – Structure: The Assembly shall act as a body at large in all its debates and decisions, according to a system of majority vote by either open show of hands or closed balloting. The Assembly shall be administered by an elected Convener, who shall preside at and chair all sessions of the Assembly, by a Secretary, and by an Executive body elected by the Assembly. The Executive shall meet separately on a weekly basis to maintain the daily governance of the Assembly, its Courts and its Militia, and will issue regular reports of its decisions to the Assembly, to which it is ultimately accountable.

Article Six – Establishment: The Assembly shall be established by the common agreement and oath of twelve men and women in Kootenay, under a Charter issued under the authority of the freeborn men and women of kootenay. The original signatories to this Charter shall not be granted any special role or privilege within the Assembly unless delegated and elected to a position in the Assembly.

Article Seven – Adjunct Bodies: The Assembly or its Executive shall have the power to create the following officers and bodies under the authority of this Constitution:

- 1. Local *de jure* Common Law Courts of Record.
- 2. A Kootenay Militia to defend and safeguard the liberty and wellbeing of the People.
- 3. A Sheriff and a staff of deputies to provide security and service to the people, the Assembly, its Courts, and to raise and train the Kootenay Militia.
- 4. Official delegates to represent the Assembly at other Sovereign Assemblies and within a wider Congress of the Republic.
- 5. Locally owned banks and credit unions to safeguard the wealth of the community.
- 6. Land trusts and cooperative rural communities.
- 7. Special Commissions and Grand Juries to investigate any matter and make recommendations to the Assembly and its Courts.
- 8. Any other body required for the wellbeing and safety of the Assembly and the People.

Article Eight – Limitations: Neither the Assembly nor its Executive nor any adjunct body shall enact any legislation, regulation or course of action that is contrary to this Constitution, or to Common Law and due process. The Executive of the Assembly shall have no veto or nullification power over the decisions of the Assembly unless those decisions violate the terms or spirit of this Constitution.

Article Nine – Term of Office: The Convener of the Assembly shall have a term of office of one year and may not serve more than three consecutive terms. The Secretary and other Executive positions shall operate for terms of office of two years and may freely run for re-election. All Sheriffs shall be elected by the people in Assembly for a term of office of three years and may freely run for re-election.

Article Ten – Amendments This Constitution may be amended by a vote of three quarters (75%) of the Sovereign members of the Assembly, provided that these amendments do not violate this Constitution or the Common Law and due process.

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Part B - A Charter of Liberties of the Common Law Assembly of Kootenay and its People.

All Sovereign Members of *Kootenay* and its Common Law Assembly are born and endowed with inherent and unalienable liberties that cannot be restricted, abrogated, denied or abolished by any authority, custom, statute or law. These liberties are not lessened or limited by the act of defining them. They include but are not restricted to the following liberties:

- 1. Freedom of thought, speech, expression, dissent and revolt.
- 2. Freedom of conscience and religion, and freedom from religion.
- 3. Freedom of the press and publication.

4. Freedom of language and cultural expression.
5. Freedom to organize and associate politically.
6. Freedom of civil disobedience and active non-cooperation with any authority according to one's conscience, this Charter and the Common Law.
7. The right to just, equal, speedy, transparent and responsive treatment before the law.
8. The right to a trial by a jury made up of twelve of one's peers under Natural Common Law.
9. The right to be free from fear, harassment, oppression, exploitation, discrimination, slavery and indentured servitude.
10. The right to free, undocumented and unrestricted movement on the public thoroughfares.
11. The right to own, use and dispose of property.
12. The right to the free equal access to nature and to the essentials of life, including healthy food and water, quality medical care, affordable housing and accommodations, education at every level, sustained and meaningful employment and public life, including the right to form, join and defend associations, professional guilds and trade unions.
13. The right to own and bear arms and defend oneself, family and community against arbitrary, illegal, cruel or unjust treatment, including from agents and forces of the government and other powers, whether foreign or domestic.

Note:

People is defined as freeborn men and women who reside within the Kootenay boundaries for a minimum period of seven months of the year.

Kootenay is defined as that part of South Eastern British Columbia that includes, East, Central and West Kootenay.

Sovereign Member is defined as freeborn men or women in Kootenay that have pledged to uphold this constitution in its entirety.

Liberties is defined as freedoms and rights.