

Action No. \_\_\_\_\_

IN THE COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH OF ALBERTA  
JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF EDMONTON

BETWEEN:

**[APPLICANT'S NAME]**

Applicant

- and -

**[RESPONDENT'S NAME]**

Respondent

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR./MADAM )  
JUSTICE \_\_\_\_\_ )  
COURT HOUSE, EDMONTON, ALBERTA )

On \_\_\_\_\_, the \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

**PARALLEL PARENTING ORDER**

UPON NOTING THAT the Applicant and Respondent are jointly referred to in this Order as the "Parents" of the children named in this Order.

AND UPON NOTING THAT this Order is founded upon principles of mutual respect of one Parent for the other and both Parents accepting responsibility to parent their children while focusing on the needs of the children;

AND UPON NOTING the names and birth dates of the children of the marriage or relationship:

**[CHILD 1 NAME]**, born **[CHILD 1 BIRTH DATE]**  
**[CHILD 2 NAME]**, born **[CHILD 2 BIRTH DATE]**  
**[CHILD 3 NAME]**, born **[CHILD 3 BIRTH DATE]**

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

(1) **[APPLICANT'S NAME]** and **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]** will have joint custody of the children with the following Parenting Times:

- (a) **[APPLICANT'S NAME: SPECIFY PARENTING TIMES]**  
**[RESPONDENT'S NAME: SPECIFY PARENTING TIMES]**

**[OPTIONAL:]**

(b) **Holidays and birthdays**

**[APPLICANT'S NAME]** and/or **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]** will have Parenting Time for the following holidays and/or birthdays:

**[APPLICANT'S NAME: SPECIFY OCCASION(S) AND DATE(S)]**  
**[RESPONDENT'S NAME: SPECIFY OCCASION(S) AND DATE(S)]**

**[OPTIONAL:]**

(c) **Vacations**

**[APPLICANT'S NAME]** and/or **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]** will have Parenting Time during the following vacation periods:

**[APPLICANT'S NAME: SPECIFY DATE(S)]**  
**[RESPONDENT'S NAME: SPECIFY DATE(S)]**

- (2) The child(ren) shall not be prohibited from placing telephone calls to the Parent in the other household. Telephone calls will be placed by the child(ren) at the following times: **[SPECIFY DATES AND TIMES OF TELEPHONE CALLS]**.
- (3) Each Parent will make all decisions concerning the child(ren) during their respective Parenting Times and each Parent will be solely responsible for all decisions concerning community activities for the child(ren) during their respective Parenting Times, without interference from the other Parent . Neither Parent will plan or schedule activities for the child(ren) during the other Parent's Parenting Time.
- (4) Neither Parent will contact the other Parent, except by way of:
  - (a) e-mail;
  - (b) a third party **[OPTION: SPECIFY NAME OF THIRD PARTY]** other than the child(ren);
  - (c) a parenting notebook to be exchanged between the parties via a third party other than the child(ren);
  - (d) **[OPTION: SPECIFY OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION]**
- (5) A Parent may only contact the other Parent in accordance with the terms of this order with the only exception being a case of an absolute emergency requiring the immediate attention of the other Parent.

- (6) Neither Parent will use the child(ren) to relay messages, notes or any other communications.
- (7) Each Parent will provide the other Parent with information on schedules, school events and other activities which will only be communicated in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- (8) Any agreements and discussions of matters concerning the child(ren) which are not addressed in this Order will be made in writing and communicated with the other Parent in accordance with the terms of this Order.
- (9) Each Parent will provide the other Parent any change in contact information such as address, home and work phone numbers and place of employment.
- (10) This order will be followed by both Parents without variation. **[Optional:** If either Parent wishes to change any term of this court order, such change will only be valid by further order of this Honourable Court **OR** such change will only be valid by written agreement.
- (11) The Parents will attend post-separation/divorce counseling with **[name of counselor/psychologist or program] [OPTIONAL: and a brief written report will be submitted to the Court].**
- (12) The above-named counselor may contact the Court directly if the said counselor has concerns about the counseling, the behavior of the parties or the best interests of the children.

### **OPTIONAL CLAUSES**

(i) **Appointment of Counsel for children**

The Parents will make an application for appointment of legal counsel by the Legal Aid Society of Alberta to act on behalf of the children.

(ii) **Child care**

The Parents will chose childcare provider(s) for the child(ren) who will provide all care outside of each Parents' residence, except when an emergency arises and the child care provider is unavailable. **[OPTIONAL:** Child care will be provided by **[SPECIFY CHILD CARE PROVIDER].**

(iii) **Exchange of Children and transportation**

Exchange of the children at the beginning of each Parenting time will take place at **[SPECIFY LOCATION OF EXCHANGE OF THE CHILDREN]**.

**[APPLICANT'S NAME]** or **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]** will provide transportation for the children as follows: **[SPECIFY TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS]**

(iv) **Medical and school decisions**

The Parents will chose a medical practitioner for the child(ren) who will provide all medical care except when the medical practitioner makes a referral to a specialist or a medical emergency arises.

**OPTIONS:**

Each Parent will be solely responsible for all medical and school decisions for the children during their respective PARENTING Times.

or

**[APPLICANT'S NAME]** or **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]** will be solely responsible for all medical and school decisions.

(v) **Religious upbringing**

**[APPLICANT'S NAME]** or **[RESPONDENT'S NAME]** will be responsible for overseeing the children's religious education.

(vi) **Child Support**

**[SPECIFY CHILD SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT(S) - SHARED CUSTODY CALCULATION V. PRIMARY RESIDENCE CALCULATION]**

(vii) **Special or Extraordinary Expenses**

**[SPECIFY CHILD SUPPORT ARRANGEMENT(S) RE: S.7 EXPENSES - SHARED CUSTODY CALCULATION V. PRIMARY RESIDENCE CALCULATION]**

(viii) **Clothing and setting up households**

Each Parent will be solely responsible for providing all clothing and household furnishings for the children during their Parenting Time.

(ix) **Mediation**

When any dispute arises between the Parents, both Parents will attend mediation in an attempt to settle all disputes prior to returning to court.

(x) **Geographical moves**

Neither Parent will relocate their residence or make a geographical move without first notifying the other Parent in writing of an intended change of residence at least **[# OF DAYS]** before the change and shall specify in the notice the date on which the change will be made and the new place of residence.

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JUSTICE OF THE COURT OF QUEEN'S  
BENCH OF ALBERTA

ENTERED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of  
\_\_\_\_\_, 2002

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CLERK OF THE COURT

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