



## **Vision, Mission and Objectives**

# **Village Matrix Inc.**

### **Vision**

Establishment of community spaces for the active co-creation of a creative society in balance, peace and freedom, held by love.

### **Mission**

To embody our vision as an inspiring, living and working model, collaborating as free human beings together on the land.

### **Objectives:**

#### **1. Creative Arts and Entertainment**

Our community nurtures and facilitates creative expression through all manner of fine, performance and multi-media arts – inclusive but not limited to music, theatre, dance, poetry, painting, literature, crafts, photography, and film.

Our community provides the best facilities (spaces and tools) that it can manage to enable that expression and its presentation. Regular art exhibitions and performance opportunities are facilitated by members to witness expression and support interaction, appreciation, education, and trade in artistic, creative and entertainment endeavours.

## **2. Proper Community Governance**

We strongly adhere to the principle and practice of Self Responsibility. We customise and utilise best practice organisational models for circular, egalitarian, transparent, ethics-based, horizontal and effective collaboration to form the foundation of our governance in alignment with our core values and agreements. As such, we draw upon the “Circle of Thirteen” principle of decision making, as referred to in Appendix D, or other consent/consensus processes as deemed appropriate by the Leadership Circle and Active Membership for holding meetings and for electing people for roles and functions and other responsibilities. Sub circles are mandated to make decisions within their spheres of responsibility and within specified limits. These report back to the whole and are accountable to the group.

All persons of age 18 and over who have agreed to, and abide by, the terms of our Key Founding Documents and have been fully inducted and accepted into our Community shall have equal decision-making power, irrespective of financial contribution. For matters that bear wide and diverse impact upon our collective life, the Village Governance Model is used to ensure due breadth of our considerations.

Should disagreement arise between individual participants, the matter is dealt with first by open-hearted communication party to party. If this does not create resolution the matter proceeds to mediation by a mutually agreed third party. Should that not achieve a satisfactory outcome, the matter moves to a Village Governance Circle of Thirteen. While individuals may seek the solutions-based wisdom and counsel of others on interpersonal matters, as a rule, we follow the above protocols, and conscientiously avoid speaking negatively about each other to others – so as not to propagate hostility.

Thorough record keeping is implicit in all our governance conduct. Our first and last references in all matters of governance are alignment with our core values and vision.

## **3. Proper Finance and Economics**

Our community operates with clear, precise, and completely transparent accounting procedures, making accounts available to every member of our community.

We establish and use a fair, reasonable, and transparent system whereby members regularly contribute financially towards:

1. meeting the ongoing costs of maintenance and development,
2. equalising the financial inputs of members, and
3. building our capacity to reimburse members' inputs should they decide to exit the community.

We establish fair and equitable ways to recognise financial contribution and the contribution of hours and effort. We encourage our membership in private and cooperative entrepreneurial enterprises for the benefit of the entrepreneur/s, our immediate community, and the wider community - enhancing our abundance, our local self-reliance and quality of life, and fairly recompensing our Village Community for use of our land and resources in business ventures.

#### **4. Good Health**

Our community supports individuals expressing their uniqueness, passions, and lifestyle choices in accordance with our core values and agreements. We undertake to minimise interpersonal hostility and create a safe and healthy environment, investigating and employing health strategies that focus on nutrition and preventative health strategies (eg. herbs, ritual, food, and other nourishments) while staying present to the value of intervention practices and the Western medical model according to each individual choice for their personal well-being and the well-being of their dependants.

We see health as an area of self-responsibility and community responsibility, encouraging a holistic approach to health and continuing to seek the best available information and knowledge.

We undertake to have at least one person trained in first aid procedures and safety procedures as a minimum facility to the community.

#### **5. Spiritual Freedom**

Our community recognises that we are all spiritual beings and thus provide facilities and resources including creating a temple as a space for spiritual engagement and practice in alignment with our core values and vision.

We are eclectic - respecting and freely drawing upon the various sacred paths in the world that are aligned with our core values and vision. We do our best to design our lives according to our inner wisdom in harmony with all.

We cultivate a vibrant spiritual life together bringing spirit into our communal life by sanctifying the sharing of food, the holding of meetings, the initiation of projects and other aspects of everyday life.

We create opportunities to come together on special occasions appropriate to our members to join in ceremony.

#### **6. Proper Use of the Built Environment**

We listen to the land, acquainting ourselves with the land's aspects, seasonal rhythms and natural attributes (e.g., feng shui), and seeking out the solutions-based counsel and advice of Indigenous Knowledge Keepers, experts (e.g., perm culturalists) and local and regional authorities before pursuing development.

## **7. Proper Use of Tools and Technology**

Our community focuses on and provides technology and tools of as renewable and sustainable nature as our resources permit. We have a collective pool of communal tools and technologies and establish a clear set of protocols for their use, maintenance, and care. We instruct in the use and careful maintenance of tools and equipment to extend their life and utility.

We remain aware and continue to take care to minimize exposure to harmful technologies including setting aside dedicated communal areas for internet and wireless, making use of fibre-optic cable internet wherever possible as a first option. Individuals may determine their own exposure to such frequencies in their own homes taking care not to extend coverage into communal space without due consultation.

## **8. Good Education**

Our community embraces learning as a way of life and commits to the provision of an on-community free schooling opportunity for all community members.

We deeply appreciate that all of humanity stands now upon the start of a Great Learning Curve: we contribute to that curve, by encouraging and providing opportunities for our membership to teach what they know, and by organising our various Project Teams - such that each Team develops itself, acquiring and integrating new knowledge and experience, both individually and collectively by:

- 1) Searching for and applying optimal, locally tuned ways to achieve the desired results.
- 2) Evaluating the performance of the implemented technique – keeping a logbook (or another appropriate form of memory system) to facilitate evaluation.
- 3) Seeking to refine working techniques.
- 4) Sharing ‘best practice’ working solutions.
- 5) Making relevant information available to others.
- 6) Integrating learning through teaching; and
- 7) Contributing to an ever-evolving compendium of relevant knowledge and ‘best practice’ working solutions.

We pass on knowledge to those willing to learn. The curriculum is designed to suit the individual choice of the student, based on their excitement and activation. Our community will provision teachings to support our core values for all members and we provide opportunities for visitors / students from outside our community to come to our village to immerse and train up in various facets of our culture. This includes but is not limited to subjects such as Permaculture, compassionate communication, and egalitarian organisational processes.

Our community is dedicated to developing, generate and maintain an extensive library.

## **9. Respect for Engineering, Science & Mathematics**

Our community embraces the best of Engineering, Science and Mathematics to enable and assist in providing benefits to our community, delivering efficacy in integrous form, calculable and measurable interaction with the physical world, opportunity for sustainable and better than sustainable interaction with our environments, seeking harmony with current social structures and regulation where those genuinely offer benefits in safety and integrity to our community in alignment with our core values and vision.

We plan, create, and design our structures and buildings using traditional and sacred geometrics in addition to new sustainable technologies, imbuing our village with the best practices we can discern.

We embrace, utilise and endeavour to contribute to the great pool of humanity's knowledge, aligning our development of the land and its productive systems and our design, lay-out and building of structures to reflect and embody the holistic, all-connected and fractal nature of existence – thereby, enhancing the beauty, harmony and sustainability of our works.

## **10. Respect of the Individual/Self**

Our community proclaims that every individual has the right to express their uniqueness, speak their truth and realise their dreams, follow their passions, and do what they love to do in accordance with our core values and vision.

We recognise that we are a group of individuals while simultaneously an individual group. Each of us has strengths and weaknesses and spirit has put us together to complement each other. We bring our continued attention to balancing self and group interests and understand that every thought, word and deed from every individual directly affects our community. We hold personal responsibility as key and encourage self-reflection as our first port of call in every interaction.

We support individual freedom, sovereignty, autonomy, and self-reliance while offering the continuous support of the community. We recognise community property and personal property both have a place in our community.

Every individual is self-determining and self-responsible, that is a free sovereign being contained by the self-chosen bonds of our guiding core values and vision. Our community supports and encourages self-expression in all aspects of being human, those being physical, emotional, mental, sexual, and spiritual – also in alignment with our core values and vision.

## **11. Respect of Psychology/Imagination**

Our community supports and encourages the exploration of the limits of possibility of being human, directing energy to peace of mind and heart while exploring the gifts of our imagination and support of our dreaming's.

We embrace the knowledge that imagination is the seat for manifestation of diversity, freedom, and abundance. In our ability to envision, and take real steps to embody a vision beyond the current mainstream paradigm, we recognise that (along with countless other worldwide) we are the imaginal cells of humanity's metamorphosis into a greater expression of its authenticity and magnificence: we know and understand that imagination – the ability to envision something different – is crucial to moving forward, to charting a course to a new destination, and to successfully negotiating the shift to a life-sustaining and humane world.

We provide a supportive space for individual expression and uniqueness recognising that private “alone” time is as valuable as community shared time. We encourage and support a “know thyself” ethos while paying attention to emotional cause and effect. We interpret fantasy into our way of life in the way of festivals, stories, habits, and rituals.

We see the Spirit, and, therefrom, the multi-dimensional and all-connected resonance and beauty that underlies all things: we actively re-enchant the world, bringing everything – even the so-called 'mundane' - alive in the glow of deep awareness.

## **12. Society/Culture**

Our community is modelling a new society based on the premises established in our core values and vision.

We celebrate, integrate, and practically embody the universal law of one – that is, the understanding that all things are made of intelligent energy and are a part of the All One. We welcome all expression and ways which celebrate life and respect this fundamental law of the unity and sentience of all that is.

One key matter is self-responsible participants operating in self-governing communities or “villages”, co-operating with nearby communities to engage locally. Our new society is holistic: we understand that the whole is as strong as each part, that the whole flourishes when each part functions as a self-responsible and self-determining whole, operating collaboratively within ever-greater wholes– that is, from the individual participant to the core social units of family, friends, and co-workers / team members, to our village community, and therefrom, to our local, regional, national, and global communities. We are a dynamic society, ever learning, ever evolving, ever creating – dedicated to best practice and locally-tuned and locally generated solutions.

Our culture emerges from our celebration of life; it is enlivened and sustained by our contribution to one another and our voluntary commitment to our core values and vision.

### **13. Good Relationships/Community**

We hold and cherish each other in respect and love. We celebrate the diversity and treasure the uniqueness of our membership: within the parameters of our agreed core values, ethical guidelines, and vision, we strongly uphold the individual's right of choice in all things and support each being's freedom of sexual expression.

In all our interactions, both within and beyond our community, we engage with commitment to treat each other respectfully and with love supporting freedom of sexual expression, celebrating diversity and uniqueness.

We actively foster open heart to heart communication amongst our membership to support healthy interpersonal interactions and the positive vibration of the whole community.

We are proactive in doing our utmost to ensure the harmony, longevity, and fruitfulness of our community - using best-practice tools and methods and exercising a willingness to continue to discover and uncover best practices.

### **14. Respect of Law, history, records**

Our community interacts respectfully with the law of the land, the lore of the original peoples and our core values and vision. We recognise that our rules, lore, laws, and core values are our guides and thus require our continued attention to maintain relevance. We keep as extensive record of knowledge as we are able and clear record of our laws, lore, accounts, meetings and stories for reference, edification and efficacy of decision making for our lives and the lives of generations to come.

We encourage extensive study of a wide range of paths and information and act under the universal law of one (comprehension that all things are made of intelligent energy and are a part of the All-One).

We share stories, bringing them to life.

In the case of offence, we ascribe to addressing the cause as priority rather than the symptom and set about healing misconduct rather than delivering punishment.

We operate transparently, keep accurate records, and maintain freedoms. We live our core values and agreements, remaining willing to further develop, improve and change them for the collective good of our community.

### **15. Respect of Philosophy/Wisdom**

Our community embraces, encourages and facilitates a philosophy of living in respect and communion with each other and with the other beings present in our community and who interact with our community. We encourage and facilitate the gathering of knowledge, experience, and philosophical engagement to generate wisdom and the sharing of wisdom. We accept all

different expressions and ways to acquire and teach philosophies and knowledge in accordance with our core values. We support and encourage individuals to share freely, oneness over separation, inclusivity over exclusivity and freedom over control. We educate members and young people to ask questions as a path to learning and becoming free autonomous thinking individuals.

## **16. Commitment to Sustainability, Resilience & Self-reliance.**

Our community is dedicated to and aspires to operating in a sustainable and better than sustainable manner in all aspects of being to enhance our resilience and our own immediate and local community's self-reliance.

We are dedicated to improving and maintaining our natural environment, growing food, medicine, and fibres to self-sustain and become self-sufficient considering all aspects.

Where we are unable to provide our own self-reliance, we choose local trading first.

Our dedication to sustainability includes a commitment to:

1. *Physical*: best practice land, water, air use while attending to the needs of our physical bodies,
2. *Emotional*: emotional balance and freedom of expression
3. *Mental*: continuing to explore and improve knowledge so that we can apply wisdom and maintain best practice for our mental well-being; and
4. *Spiritual*: fostering spiritual experiences and practices.