

FORESTRY PRINCIPLES REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

March 30, 2023

10 am - 3 pm

Westbank First Nation Elders Hall, 3255 Shannon Lake Rd, Westbank, BC



PURPOSE

To implement Syilx protocols/laws to manage the lands and waters of the Nation's territory within the context of forest caretakership. The objective of the Syilx forestry standards is to provide a framework within which forestry practices can be guided by Syilx principles and values. Through the collective development and implementation of the Syilx forestry standards, a commitment to ethical forestry practices within this framework is made by all licensees operating on Syilx Territory.

GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

The goal for this meeting is to discuss 10 guiding Forestry Principles - before we develop the Principles into more detailed Forestry Standards. This meeting is intended to be a discussion with TEK to learn:

- If we are on the right track
- Are we missing anything?
- Do we proceed and develop Forestry Standards
- How do we proceed?

WHO

We are looking for 4-5 Traditional Ecological Knowledge holders and elders from each community to join us for this planning session.

OUR ROLE AS SUX^wTX^tƏM

The Syilx Okanagan Nation has the inherent jurisdiction to manage the land and resources within its territory. We consider the tmx^wulax^w as the foundation of our way of life and culture.

"We are the unconquered aboriginal people of this land, our mother; The creator has given us our mother, to enjoy, to manage and to protect; we, the first inhabitants, have lived with our mother from time immemorial;"

-Okanagan Nation Declaration

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Natural Resources:

The Natural Resources Department supports the Nation in its efforts to conserve, manage, co-manage and where appropriate, develop the natural resources of the lands and waters of the Nation's territory.