

Okanagan Similkameen Collaborative Leadership Table

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We will protect the water.

RESOLUTION ON ADVANCING THE 250-YEAR siwłk^w RESPONSIBILITY PLAN

September 23, 2026

WHEREAS siwłk^w water is sacred and essential to the health and well-being of tmix^w all living things, communities, cultures, economies and future generations throughout the Okanagan and Similkameen watersheds;

WHEREAS the Collaborative Leadership Table brings together Syilx, local governments and communities and commit to continue government-to-government relationships and advance shared responsibility for watershed health, guided by the vision and principles established through the Collaborative Leadership Table Memorandum of Agreement;

WHEREAS decisions made today about land use, siwłk^w water, infrastructure and ecosystems will shape watershed health for generations and require a planning horizon that extends beyond political, administrative and funding cycles;

WHEREAS the 250-Year siwłk^w Responsibility Plan provides a long-term framework for carrying forward the commitments of the Syilx siwłk^w Declaration and the Collaborative Leadership Table by connecting shared responsibility with coordinated governance, policy, restoration, monitoring, learning and investment;

WHEREAS the Plan does not replace the authority or decision-making responsibilities of participating governments, but provides a way to better align those authorities around shared watershed outcomes through a one-watershed approach;

AND WHEREAS the 250-Year siwłk^w Responsibility Plan is intended to be a living and adaptive framework through which each generation understands the condition of the watershed, takes action, learns from Syilx captik^wł oral stories, laws, knowledge and responsibilities alongside Western science, adapts to changing watershed and climate conditions, and passes knowledge and responsibility forward;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Collaborative Leadership Table:

- **Endorses** the 250-Year siwłk^w Responsibility Plan as the CLT's long-term strategic direction for collaborative watershed responsibility;
- **Commits** to advancing the Plan through successive five-year action cycles, with priorities and actions informed by watershed conditions, shared indicators, Syilx knowledge and laws, Western science and ongoing learning;
- **Directs** the CLT Coordinating Team and Working Groups to develop the **initial five-year action plan** and return it to the CLT for direction and decision; and
- **Affirms** that implementation will require coordinated action among Syilx and local governments and collaboration with the Province of British Columbia and others where provincial authorities, policy, regulation, funding or other partnerships are required.

Adopted by of the Collaborative Leadership Table on September 23, 2026.

On behalf of the Collaborative Leadership Table:

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