

Okanagan Similkameen Collaborative Leadership Table

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We will protect the water.

RESOLUTION ON ENDORSEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF *SYILX LED INFORMED LEGAL TOOLS FOR WATERSHED PROTECTION*

September 23, 2026

WHEREAS the Collaborative Leadership Table brings together Syilx and local governments to strengthen government-to-government relationships and advance shared responsibility for the health of siwłk^w water and the Okanagan–Similkameen watersheds;

WHEREAS the Environmental Law Centre report, *Syilx-Informed Legal Tools for Watershed Protection*, was prepared to support the Collaborative Leadership Table by identifying legal, policy and collaborative tools available to Syilx Nations and local governments to advance watershed protection and implementation of the 250-Year siwłk^w Responsibility Plan;

WHEREAS the report is grounded in principles arising from Syilx law, captik^{wł} oral stories and the Syilx Nation siwłk^w Declaration, including collective deliberation and decision-making, biodiversity, cumulative impacts, responsibility to specific places, restoration, long-term responsibility and connectivity;

WHEREAS the report identifies practical opportunities for action within the respective authorities of Syilx Nations and local governments, including planning and land-use tools, water conservation measures, environmental protection, restoration, monitoring, environmental flows, ecosystem connectivity and collaborative watershed governance;

WHEREAS achieving meaningful watershed protection requires the commitments made through the Collaborative Leadership Table to be reflected not only in regional collaboration, but also in the policies, plans, bylaws, investments and decisions of participating governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Collaborative Leadership Table:

1. Affirms the principles identified in the presentation as important considerations for watershed-related planning, policy and decision-making by CLT members; and
2. Receives *Syilx-Informed Legal Tools for Watershed Protection* as an important CLT policy resource to guide implementation of shared watershed responsibilities and the 250-Year siwłk^w Responsibility Plan. CLT leaders will review the report when the living draft is ready to share and will be prepared to discuss at the next Table meeting.

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

On behalf of the Collaborative Leadership Table:

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