syilx FORESTRY PRINCIPLES

The syilx Forestry Principles are based on comprehensive syilx teachings passed through oral history and captikʷɬ that respect syilx responsibility to the tmixʷ— all living things, the siwɬkʷ-water, and the tmxʷulaxʷ— land. These principles have stood the test of time and proven their utility over thousands of years — providing harmony between syilx lands, waters, living things, and the people.

These living and evolving syilx-centric forestry practices are grounded in time-honoured syilx knowledge and also live within the context of contemporary forest management, complemented by western science, and rooted in the community-based perspectives and experiences of each syilx community.

PRINCIPLE 1 Syilx rights, responsibilities, laws and protocols are recognized and upheld.

PRINCIPLE 2 Effective stewardship and restoration of ecosystems is demonstrated for 7 generations.

PRINCIPLE 3 siwɬkʷ— Water is protected.

PRINCIPLE 4 Ecological integrity and resilience are maintained and enhanced at the landscape level.

PRINCIPLE 5 Ecological integrity and resilience are maintained and enhanced at the stand level.

PRINCIPLE 6 Natural processes are maintained, enhanced, or restored.

PRINCIPLE 7 Healthy and resilient ecosystems foster community well-being.

PRINCIPLE 8 Collaborative processes and accountability are demonstrated.

PRINCIPLE 9 Syilx people receive a fair share of the economic benefits.



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