



# syilx

## FORESTRY PRINCIPLES



The syilx Forestry Principles are based on comprehensive syilx teachings passed through oral history and captik<sup>w</sup> that respect syilx responsibility to the tmix<sup>w</sup>— all living things, the siwłk<sup>w</sup>-water, and the tmx<sup>w</sup>ulax<sup>w</sup>— 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** siwłk<sup>w</sup>— 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.

