

Okanagan Lake Responsibility Planning Initiative

Project Update

Regional District of Central Okanagan Board Meeting
April 14, 2022

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Purpose

- Provide an update on the Okanagan Lake Responsibility Planning Initiative
- Presentation from Scott Boswell, Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program

Background

- Emerged in response to the 2017 Okanagan Lake Foreshore Inventory and Mapping reports that identified large-scale loss of natural areas around the lake
- Expanded to address cumulative impacts in the Okanagan watershed
- Syilx led water responsibility planning methodology

Partnerships & Collaboration

- The initiative is being co-led by:
 - Okanagan Nation Alliance
 - Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program
 - Regional District of Central Okanagan
 - Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development
 - University of British Columbia

Financial Considerations

- Regional Board approved of submitting a grant application to the Vancouver Foundation
 - \$300,000 awarded
 - Multi-year grant funding, \$100k per year from 2021-2023
- 2022 Budget
 - \$25,000 approved

Regional Board Strategic Priorities

Values

Relationships

We build strong relationships with our member municipalities, the syilx/Okanagan people and partners.

Collaboration

We seek opportunities to partner with others in addressing shared needs and pursuing common interests.

Regional Perspective

We recognize the broader regional community and the importance of a regional perspective in planning and service delivery.



Regional Board Strategic Priorities

Environment

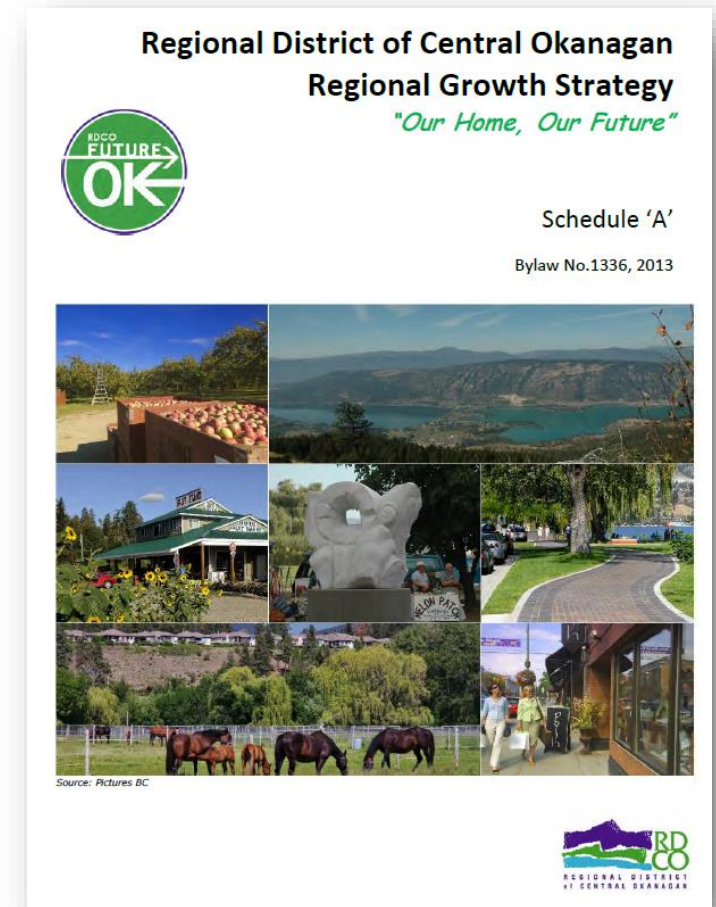
What It Means

We will initiate and support efforts to reduce our environmental footprint, adapt to climate change and connect with nature.



Regional Growth Strategy Policies

- Policies of the RGS support the initiative
 - Our Water
 - Our Ecosystems
 - Our Economy





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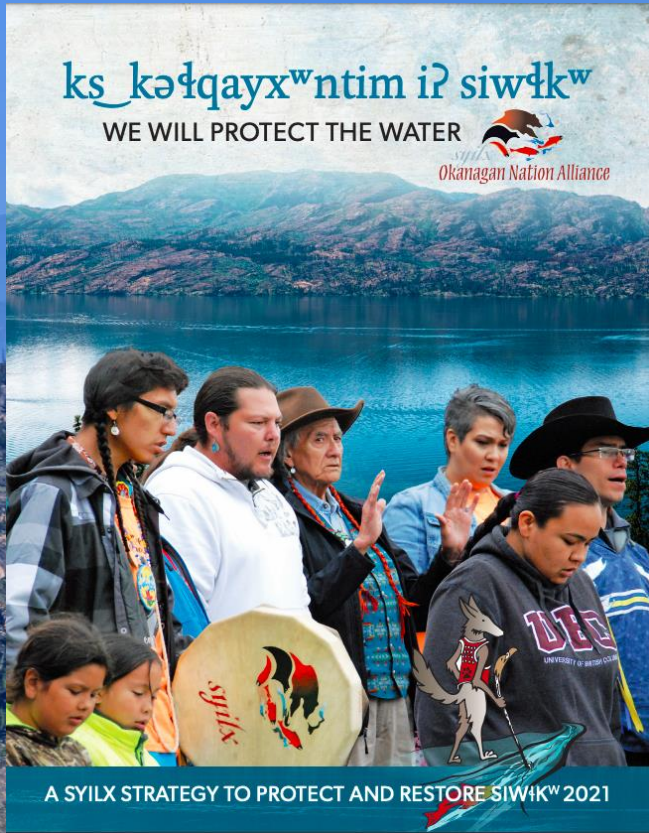




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Bringing syilx and non- syilx partners together

- Identify a shared vision and goals between the syilx Okanagan Nation and local and provincial government and all other parties
- Create new land use decision-making processes



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- Differing perspectives that have a defined place: Innovators, Tradition, Action and Relationships
- Consensus
- Protocols for discussion
- Full Participation
- Commitment to see the process to its end regardless of the time involved





Capacity Building Workshops

- Getting Ready: Ethical Space, Indigenous Authority and Reconciliation
- Transforming the Legal Landscape - RELAW
- Ecological Knowledge for Land Use Decision-Making

BC's Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act and Action Plan



- Negotiate new joint decision-making between the Province and Indigenous governing bodies
- Co-develop strategic-level policies and initiatives for stewardship of the environment, land and resources
- Collaborate on strategies for sustainable water management supporting Indigenous water stewardship



siwłk^w (water) Responsibility Plan
kłusxnitk^w (Okanagan Lake) - 2022

- Complete community engagement process
- Facilitate syilx led workshops to refine actions for the kłusxnitk^w (Okanagan Lake) siwłk^w (water) Responsibility Plan
- Develop a Memorandum of Understanding for syilx and non-syilx partners to guide the implementation of the siwłk^w Responsibility Plan



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Summary

- Project being led by Okanagan Nation Alliance in collaboration with OCCP, RDCO, MFLNRORD, UBC and many partners
- Multi-year initiative supported by the Regional Board's Strategic Priorities and RGS
- Alignment with various regional projects
- Objective of addressing source water protection, habitat for fish and wildlife, flood control, and climate change mitigation

Recommendation:

THAT the Regional Board receive the Okanagan Lake Responsibility Planning Initiative - Project Update report from the Director of Community Services, dated April 14, 2022, for information.