

Rebuilding our Syilx Nation

ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim Our laws and responsibilities

Creating the foundation for our own government



Working together, we'll decide *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim—our laws and responsibilities*

- The *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim—our laws and responsibilities* (constitution) is our voice, reflecting our values, identity and rights as a self-determining Syilx Nation.
- This is the foundation for building a strong Syilx Nation government.
- Understanding *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim—our laws and responsibilities* makes our Syilx Nation government accountable to our people.
- This ensures every Syilx member has a voice at the Nation level.
- This is a living document that will evolve over time.
- *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim* is outside the *Indian Act*. This embodies Syilx law to be reflected by our Nation government off reserve, across our broader Nation territory.

Syilx Nation members will define what's in *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim*

- *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim* describes who we are and where we come from.
- This reflects the core beliefs, principles and values of Syilx Nation people.
- This describes who is a Nation member and what our rights and responsibilities are.
- This defines how our Nation's government will operate and how Syilx members can participate rightfully and equitably in our government.
- This helps define how the resources of the Syilx Nation will be protected and how they can be used (for example: our lands, natural resources, finances.)
- This outlines government authority and power, transparency and accountability.
- This identifies a Syilx Nation justice process, including how disputes will be resolved.

Why have *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim—our laws and responsibilities*?

- To realize our inherent Title and Rights which are held collectively at Nation level.
- So we can govern ourselves based on our own Syilx values with certainty and clarity.
- So everyone in our Nation can understand and be certain of how our Syilx government will work and how we can participate in our government's decisions.
- To have Syilx-designed egalitarian processes and dedicated Syilx Nation representatives.
- So other governments, business and the public know who we are, how we work and how to work with us.
- To produce healthier social, economic, political and environmental results for all.
- To make a strong foundation for good governance for our future generations.

How will our Syilx Nation adopt *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim*?

- All Syilx Nation members, whether on or off reserve, have the opportunity to participate in the process of creating *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim—our laws and responsibilities*. Syilx Nation members who are eligible to vote must approve *ankc'x^wipla?ntat u† yfat i? ks sactxatstim—our laws and responsibilities* through a transparent ratification vote.

