



# FAMILY DECLARATION

Creator and Coyote laid down our laws/responsibility for us, syilx/syilx/syilx, to carry for all time. We hold in high regard their decrees and teachings of accepting the responsibility to be keepers of our waters, territory, lands, foods, and resources.

The Land, all creation, and us, as syilx/syilx/syilx People, are one.

From time immemorial, we the syilx/syilx/syilx (Okanagan People) have inhabited our territory - we defend and look after our lands and resources. We speak our language, live our customs, traditions and our way of life. We have not and will never cede, release, or surrender our lands or resources for all time.

We define family as our immediate family, our extended family, and all those that we accept as family.

From time immemorial, our children now, those yet to be born, are sacred. We revere our children. We all care for our children and our families.

It is our inherent right, that we are the only ones to say what governs us, for what are the best interests, the good health, and well being of our children and people, and our syilx/syilx/syilx ways.



## CHILDREN & FAMILIES PRESENTS

# SYILX NATION NƏQSIŁTƏT FAMILY DECLARATION PRESENTATIONS

## OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND COMMUNITY SESSION

### SEPTEMBER 8, 2022 | HEAD OF THE LAKE HALL

Join us for a presentation and discussion on the Syilx Nation nəqsiltət Family Declaration to raise awareness and answer questions on how it can benefit our Nation's families.

The nəqsiltət Family Plan and the Nation Family Declaration, developed by elders and knowledge keepers, will work together to support the Nation's families and children, and revitalize aspects of our ways of being.

**OPEN TO ALL SYILX NATION MEMBERS & COMMUNITY MEMBERS**

**5:00 PM - Opening**

**5:15 PM - Presentation of the Syilx Nation nəqsiltət Family Plan**

**5:45 PM - Q&A**

**6:00 PM - Dinner**

**6:45 PM - Closing & Door Prizes**

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**Children and Families:**  
 Children and Families addresses complex root causes caused by colonialism and reinforces our community's ability to create healthy environments where children are safe and can thrive.