

SYILX UNITY *Declaration*



MEMBERS OF

**THE OKANAGAN NATION ALLIANCE
and COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES**

make this declaration to signify unity between the Syilx Nation

THE PARTIES have owned and occupied their Indigenous homelands since time immemorial; and

WITHOUT consultation or agreement with the Parties, colonizing governments established an international boundary, bisecting the Parties' homelands; and

THE PARTIES never agreed to or acquiesced to the international boundary at the 49th parallel; and

DESPITE the international boundary the Parties remain united through cultural, familial, territorial, economic, and political ties; and

THE PARTIES wish to strengthen this unity politically, culturally, and economically; and

THE PARTIES understand that working together for the Parties rights, title, and claims in unity best serves our collective interests.

The Parties agree as follows:

POLITICAL UNITY: The Parties agree to foster and encourage cooperation through political unity and alliance.

CULTURAL UNITY: The Parties agree to work in unity to protect, preserve, and promote the Parties' common culture, history, and language.

ECONOMIC UNITY: The Parties agree to work in unity to foster and expand economic development within their communities.

TERRITORIAL UNITY: The Parties agree that they will make best efforts to proceed in unity on all claims or assertions to title and/or rights that pertain to the Parties' Indigenous territory or special claims.

DATED JULY 15, 2010

SYILX UNITY DECLARATION SIGNED BY:

UPPER NICOLA INDIAN BAND

n-pət'k'wəx Chief Tim Manuel

Councilor Martha Chillihitzia

Councilor Ivan Lindley

Councilor Sharon Lindley

Councilor Daniel Manuel

Councilor Debra Manuel

Councilor Harvey McLeod

Councilor Wallace Michel

Councilor George Saddleman

Upper Nicola Elder

Upper Nicola Elder

WESTBANK FIRST NATION

Chief Robert Louie

Councilor Mike DeGuevara

Councilor Larry Derrickson

Councilor Brian Eli

Councilor Loretta Swite

Westbank Elder

Westbank Elder

OSOYOOS INDIAN BAND

ki'law'na Chief Clarence Louie

Councilor Anthony Baptiste

Councilor Theresa Gabriel

Councilor Veronica McGinnis

Councilor Charlotte Stringam

Osoyoos Elder Ken (Slim) Bryson

Osoyoos Elder Jane Stelkia

UPPER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND

Chief Charlotte Mitchel

Councilor Carmeletta Holmes

Councilor Nancy Allison

Upper Similkameen Elder

Upper Similkameen Elder

LOWER SIMILKAMEEN INDIAN BAND

ktap'əniw Chief Rob Edward

Councilor Keith Crow

Councilor Carrie Terbasket

Councilor Louie Terbasket

Lower Similkameen Elder

Lower Similkameen Elder

OKANAGAN INDIAN BAND

Chief Fabian Alexis

Councilor Homer Alexis

Councilor Mollie Bono

Councilor William Cohen

Councilor June Cole

Councilor Timothy Issac

Councilor Coola Louis

Councilor Diane Louis

Councilor Raymond Marchand

Councilor Rhoda Poschenrieder

Councilor Williams R Wilson

Okanagan Elder

Okanagan Elder

PENTICTON INDIAN BAND

Chief Jonathan Kruger

Councilor Clinton Gabriel

Councilor K. Joan Gabriel

Councilor Kevin Gabriel

Councilor Naomi Gabriel

Councilor Timmothy Lezard

Councilor Joan Phillip

Councilor Joseph Pierre

Councilor Laurie Wilson

Penticton Elder

Penticton Elder

ʔaʔsi W'ə Grand Chief Stewart Phillip,
Chairman, Okanagan Nation Alliance

COLVILLE CONFEDERATED TRIBES

Michael O. Finley – Chairman

Harvey Moses Jr. – Vice Chairman

Sylvia Peasley – Secretary

Susie Allen

Shirley K. Charley

Ricky Gabriel

Andy Joseph Jr.

Mike Marchand

Cherie Moomaw

Brian Nissen

Doug Seymour

Virgil Seymour

John F. Stensgar

Ernie Williams

Colville Elder, Virginia S. Mason

Colville Elder, Evelyn Arnold

Colville Elder, Deb Louie

Colville Elder, Jeanne Louie

Colville Elder, Lawrence Tonasket

Colville Elder, Trudi Tonasket

Colville Elder, Alex Sam

Colville Elder, Geraldine Sam

Colville Elder, Ellen Moses

Colville Elder, William Cramblit

Colville Elder, Joseph Marchand

Colville Elder, Mary A. Marchand

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