



Live Green, Save Green: Taking Action on Energy Efficiency

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Okanagan Nation



Okanagan Nation Alliance

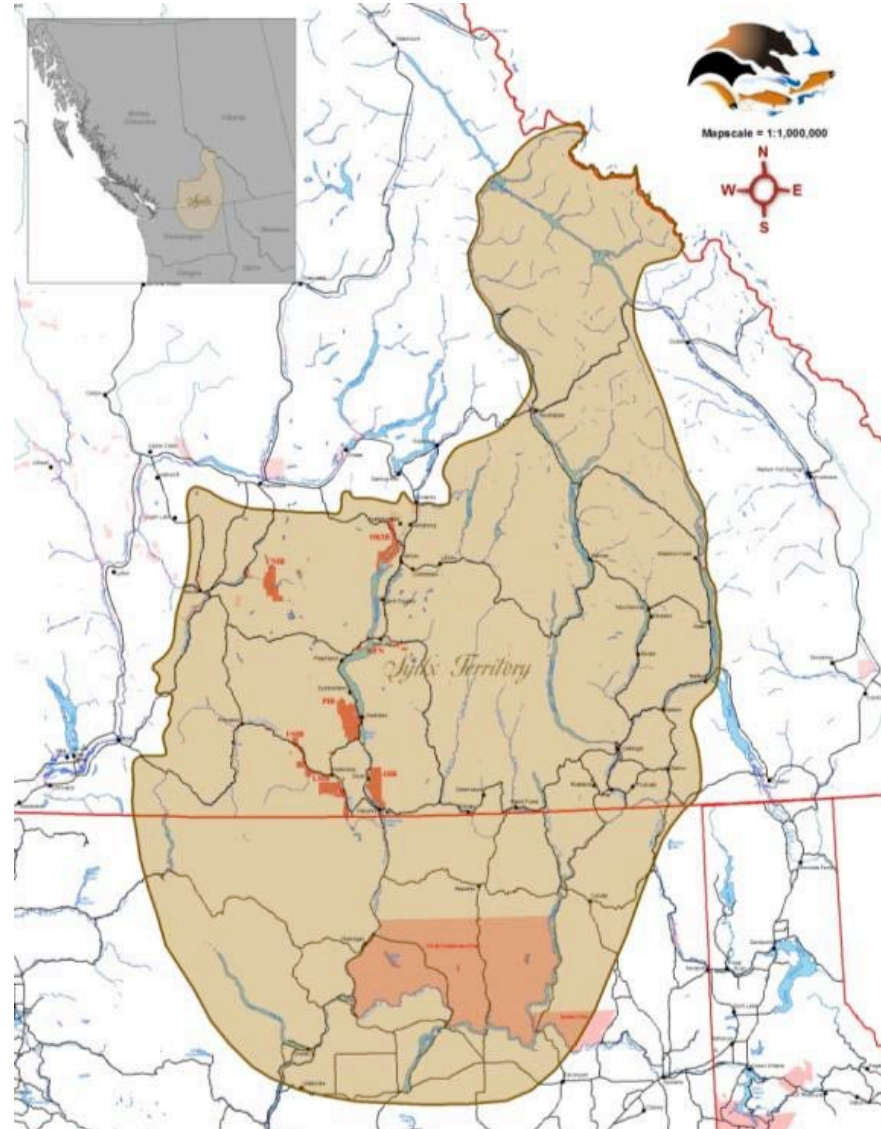
The Okanagan Nation Alliance (ONA) was formed in 1981 as the inaugural First Nations government in the Okanagan.

Each member community is represented through the Chiefs Executive Council (CEC) by their Chief or Chairman.

8 Member Communities

- Okanagan Indian Band
- Upper Nicola Band
- Westbank First Nation
- Penticton Indian Band
- Osoyoos Indian Band
- Lower Similkameen Indian Band
- Upper Similkameen Indian Band
- Colville Confederated Tribes

tmxwulaxw is *nsyilxcən* for “the Land”



Governance/Chief Executive Council



Chiefs Executive Council (CEC) is committed to:

1. Develop and implement a governance structure that protects, advance and promote our jurisdiction over the peoples, lands and resources of the Syilx.
2. The preservation and practice of Syilx language and culture.
3. Improve the health, well being, safety and quality of life of ONA community members.
4. Attain economic self-sufficiency

Hydro Assets in Okanagan Territory



- 53 Lines of 2685 km of Transmission
- 81 Substations
- 8 Generating Stations
- 5 recreational sites
- Maximum Sustainable Generating Capacity (MW)
5860 MW = billions revenue
- 53% of all electrical power generated
- 11 Dams

Huge impacts on syilx peoples

- in upper Columbia, wildlife, water, resident fish, loss of salmon, archeology sites, and overall ecosystem function impacts,
- would rather look at efficiencies current power and self sustainability of communities (both indigenous and non-indigenous)
- allows for flexibility to recover lost resources.
- This conference helps support the CEC initiatives.

ONA Energy Champion Internship

- advocate for energy efficiency in Okanagan communities, championing the importance of energy conservation to the environment and assisting community members in reducing energy consumption;
- work with community members to encourage and support energy conservation behaviours and actions;
- source for information about energy consumption and energy conservation and efficiency opportunities;
- support the delivering outreach and education in support of energy conservation; and
- respond to questions on home energy consumption and costs.