

SVCLS Statement of Principles and Values

The Slocan Valley Community Legacy Society is committed to promoting and upholding the following principles and values:

1. Principle: We recognize the **strengths and limits of the Valley's human and natural resources**.
Values:
 - a) We are committed to love of place for the Slocan Valley and its many communities.
 - b) We recognize and value the diversity of the Slocan Valley including its varied social, cultural, environmental and economic dimensions.
 - c) We recognize that we are part of an interdependent web of life which we are all called to nurture and sustain.

2. Principle: **Committed individuals can make a difference** in the quality of life and the environment of the Slocan Valley.
Values: We believe that the SVCLS should
 - a) Support our communities to be resilient and vital
 - b) Protect, promote and enhance the natural environment
 - c) Act as a catalyst
 - d) Promote creativity and innovation (we are open to non-traditional solutions)

3. Principle: **To be effective, the SVCLS Board** must demonstrate respect, competence, commitment and longevity.
Values: We believe that the SVCLS should
 - a) Enrich interconnectedness, interdependency, understanding and respect among the individuals, communities and organizations with which we work and serve.
 - b) Practice leadership that anticipates, innovates and is committed to excellence.
 - c) Support community capacity building and volunteerism throughout the Slocan Valley.
 - d) Engage and energize our active membership.

4. Principle: **SVCLS inspires donors** to make meaningful contributions to the community
Values: In our development work, we will:
 - a) Create more energy than we expend (or cause others to expend).
 - b) Leverage resources to produce outcomes that are greater than the sum of parts involved.
 - c) Work in a transparent and accountable manner.
 - d) Promote philanthropy generally by educating the community about opportunities for contributing through SVCLS.

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