

<b>STATEMENT of POLICY and PROCEDURE</b>			
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## **1 Policy**

- 1.01 The grounds that comprise the site on which the O'Keefe Ranch and Interior Heritage Society operates are a very small fraction of the original ranch. The village, the barn, pasture areas, open fields and connecting spaces are an opportunity for numerous ventures if we apply Cornelius O'Keefe's mantra, "there's always a way".
- 1.02 The ability to maximize the use of these grounds to create a visitors heritage experience, an event venue, an experiential learning centre and productive agricultural revenue stream will assist in provident sustainability of this site as a community asset.
- 1.03 A Site Land Use Assessment and Sustainability Plan will be developed to maximize productivity and usability of the site. The scope of the plan will include an evaluation of the current flow, land use and water management practices that are currently used. This plan will align current use with future change to provide the most advantageous and revenue positive development.
- 1.04 A site specify plan will include a component that identifies and addresses potential health and safety issues our guest might encounter during a tour or at an event on the O'Keefe Ranch.
- 1.05 A review will be conducted annually, based on the deliverables and timeline identified in the Site Land Use Assessment and Sustainability Plan.
- 1.06 Best practices are to be utilized in each phase of the land use including fields, pastures, pens, manure management, recycling and composting systems outlined in:  
 BC Agricultural Council (BCAC)  
 Ministry of Agriculture – Environmental Farm Planning  
 BC Agriculture Council – Environmental Farm Plan Program
- 1.07 The Society will seek out partnerships with national, provincial, regional and local organization for expertise and funding sources (OSSS, Environmental Farm Plan, Okanagan Water Basin Board, and Okanagan Waterwise)

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1.09 Develop and implement a plan that embraces sustainability practice for growth of ornamental vegetation, indigenous species and planting through harvest of revenue crops.

1.10 In conjunction with the Curator, commence a dialog with members of the Okanagan Indian Band to identify potential opportunities for displays and interactive experiences on the O'Keefe Ranch site.

1.11 Develop contact with organizations (FASNO, Young Agrarians, Community Futures, etc.) to identify potential incubator business opportunities on the O'Keefe Ranch.

## 2 PURPOSE

2.01 The Facilities Committee will work in conjunction with the Facilities Manager and Management Team as needed to provide guidelines for the development of comprehensive plan that will increase the viability of the property itself as a revenue generator.

## 3. SCOPE

All ground within the boundaries of the O'Keefe Ranch are to reviewed with the same lens; be it pens, pastures, formal lawns, flowerbeds, connecting spaces and fields.

## 4. RESPONSIBILITY

4.01 Operations Director  
Livestock attendant  
Maintenance Volunteers

## 5. DEFINITIONS