# WHAT GUIDES US

#### RELATIONSHIPS

We prioritize relationships based on trust and respect, and co-create solutions with partners from all parts of the food system. We invite and elevate voices that have historically been excluded.

### REGENERATION

We contribute to regenerating ecosystems, economies, and communities in the North Okanagan,

### ACTION

We must act now to build a thriving, healthy, equitable and resilient food system. Often this means taking the next best step.

### ADAPTATION

Guided by our vision, mission and pillars, we invite innovative solutions and adapt to changing circumstances.

### RECIPROCITY

We exchange knowledge and information, collaborate and compromise to achieve common goals with mutual benefit, and act as and invite equal partners.

### **STRATEGIC DIRECTION 2021-22**



North Okanagan **Land to Table** Network

# VISION

Together, we are building a thriving, healthy, just and resilient regional food system that nourishes and connects people, sustains livelihoods, regenerates the environment and builds community.

# MISSION

We catalyze connections and collaboration, mobilizing network participants' ideas, knowledge and energy across the food system in the area of the North Okanagan.

### WHAT WE DO

Land to Table is a growing network of people and organizations from across the North Okanagan who support the L2T vision. In collaboration with our network partners, we build the network and carry out projects that strengthen and support the local food system.



### 4 PILLARS OF A THRIVING, HEALTHY, JUST, & RESILIENT REGIONAL FOOD SYSTEM

These four, interconnected pillars are integral to creating meaningful and lasting systems change towards a thriving, healthy, just and resilient regional food system in the North Okanagan. We invite participation in our network and our projects, which incorporate and address these pillars.

#### ECONOMY

Building a local food economy where small to medium scale farmers and other local food enterprises are valued and thrive.

### RESILIENCE

Supporting the development of locally relevant and adaptive solutions that regenerate the soil, water and ecosystems and enable closer-tohome food systems that are reliable in times of crisis and also long term.

### ACCESS

Finding ways to increase access to local, healthy and culturally acceptable food for all who live here, including access to and protection of traditional foodlands, and recognizing that the root cause of food insecurity is poverty.

#### DECOLONIZATION

Centring Indigenous ecological knowledge and values that connect us to place and guide strategies for rebuilding a just and local food system. We amplify the stories and perspectives that bring this pillar alive.