1. **PURPOSE**

As a general rule, consumption of food and beverages is prohibited in classrooms, labs and libraries. For the purpose of catered events, exceptions will be permitted, with the consumption of food and beverages in College facilities restricted to appropriate areas as designated by the appropriate campus administration. Examples of such exceptions include, but are not limited to, internal and external group meetings in L-15.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, consumption of food and beverages in labs and libraries is prohibited.

Employees and community users responsible for the facility/space shall ensure compliance with this policy.

2. **PRINCIPLES**

As a public educational institution, Selkirk College is obliged to provide a safe, clean learning environment for its students and the general public.

Debris left from the consumption of food and beverages is unsightly and can be a safety concern, particularly in lab areas. It adds to custodial/maintenance upkeep, creates and/or exacerbates pest control issues, and can cause permanent damage to rugs and furniture.

Limiting the consumption of food and beverages to specific areas of the College where debris and spills can most easily be maintained will minimize the problem.

3. **OTHER RELEVANT POLICIES**

   - 4120 Use of Staff Lounge, (Castlegar Campus)
   - 4130 Use of Gymnasium Facilities (Castlegar Campus),
   - 4110 Facility Use