# **Key Ideas for Science 10**

Science 10 is both a provincially examinable course as well as a pre-requisite for all the science courses offered in grade 11.

#### **Environmental Science** – Sustaining Earth's Ecosystems

Biomes and ecosystems are divisions of the biosphere.

Energy flow and nutrient cycles support life in ecosystems.

Ecosystems continually change over time.

## **Chemistry** – Chemical Reactions and Radioactivity

Atomic theory explains the formation of compounds.

Compounds are classified in different ways.

Chemical reactions occur in predictable ways.

The atomic theory explains radioactivity.

### **Physics** – Motion

Average velocity is the rate of change in position.

Acceleration is the rate of change in instantaneous velocity.

### **Geology** – Energy Transfer in Natural Systems

The kinetic molecular theory explains the transfer of thermal energy.

Climate change occurs through natural processes and human activities.

Thermal energy transfer drives plate tectonics.