

**SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**Minutes of Executive Meeting - Wednesday, January 22, 2020**

**Meeting held at District of Lake Country, Lake Country BC**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
1st Vice President	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
2nd Vice President	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
Directors	Councillor Akbal Mund, Vernon
	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake (left 12:15 pm)
	Debbie Cannon, Salmon Arm

Executive Director Alison Slater

Absent	Councillor Shelley Sim, Clearwater
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
	Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Mindnich called the meeting to order at 11:10 am.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

The agenda be accepted with the following change:

Deletion of Area Director Reports

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Kamloops on November 13th be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**LAKE COUNTRY UPDATE - James Baker, Mayor**

- Several big projects are ready to start breaking ground
  - Cultural Interpretative Centre on the Rail Trail (\$6M in Fed/Prov grants). This is in collaboration with OKIB
  - Multigenerational Complex (\$6.5M in Fed/Prov grants)
  - Have requested \$9M for upgrade of water treatment plant
- Multi use sports courts, designed for tennis, basketball and pickleball, were taken over by scheduled pickleball leagues. District had to ban pickleball from scheduling any times to allow other user groups to use the courts. Controversial.
- Big economic drivers are the airport and UBCO.
  - Lake Country is seeing a 5% growth rate, significantly higher than the BC average.

- Rail trail has also been a strong economic driver but maintaining it costs money. Currently there is no charge to use the trail and users are asking for improvements such as bathrooms and benches. Does the rail trail system need an endowment fund established for maintenance as it is not fair for locals to pay for what the tourists use?

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from the Federal Minister of Public Service re: PILT and timing for reassessment of properties.

#### **Moved/Seconded that:**

The correspondence be accepted and filed.

**CARRIED**

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Ministry of Agriculture letter re: UBCM meeting. No response back.
2. EMBC session on December 6<sup>th</sup> in Kamloops.
  - SILGA was the only area association that put on a session.
  - Feedback was very positive with invaluable information made available from both directions. Staff/politicians on the front lines learned what the Ministry is planning while Ministry staff received feedback on how to improve the processes and what is needed from communities dealing with emergencies.
  - 45 attended, both staff and politicians.
  - The “world café” style of meeting was very effective and allowed excellent transference of information as the participants changed groups when they moved to different tables.
  - Okanagan Basin Water Board has also submitted numerous recommendations in response to this session.
3. First Nations membership in SILGA.
  - Prior to the meeting, the board received a report from staff on the opinions from Grand Chief Stewart Phillip and Splotsin Councillor Theresa William on 1<sup>st</sup> Nations inclusion in SILGA.
  - Chief Phillip believes 1<sup>st</sup> Nations band councillors would be interested in the educational component of SILGA. He's not sure that they need an area association as bands can access Ministers/Ministries directly.
  - Councillor William also felt the networking and educational components of SILGA were beneficial but was concerned that if they became a member of SILGA/UBCM their right to individual consultation and accommodation both provincially and Federally on issues would be negated.

Discussion around the board table followed:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Nations membership should be the same as UBCM – give 1st Nations the option to join.
- RDNO has seats for 8 years for OKIB/Splotsin but no council member has ever shown up. (Seat is non voting with no stipend.)

- Could 1st Nations members take over SILGA and vote for smaller, more local, interests?
- Increasing membership from 1st Nations in SILGA will raise our voice to UBCM and the Province
- SILGA constitution currently describes a member as a “local government”. No need to amend constitution to reflect 1<sup>st</sup> Nations councils.

Board agreed to the following:

A letter will be sent to each 1<sup>st</sup> Nations band (to Chief, council and Executive Directors) inviting them to join SILGA. The letter will outline what SILGA is, what its mandate is and how membership in SILGA would benefit their band. The letter will also offer to have a SILGA board member come and present at a council meeting to give greater clarity on the membership benefits.

## NEW BUSINESS

n/a

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### 1. Finance Report

- As at December 31, 2019 SILGA had \$21694 in the bank and \$112,649 in the MFA account. Interest earned for 2019 is \$2,058.
- Preliminary estimates for year end show:

Revenues	\$208,400
Expenses	<u>\$223,164</u>
Net loss	\$ 14,764

- Expenses were higher than budgeted from severance pay to former employee, legal fees and UBCM youth initiative.
- Penticton convention showed a profit of \$55,000.
- Directors remunerations for 2019 have been prepared and given to all board members.
- Insurance for directors and liability has been renewed to January 2021. Costs are stable for this year because of the 3 year locked-in rate; costs will increase next year reflecting the increasing costs in the industry.

### **Moved/Seconded that:**

The finance report be received.

**CARRIED**

### 2. Convention Reports

#### a) **Vernon 2020**

- Keynote speakers are booked. Committee will ask Terry Lake to speak on “how to get more out of your minister meetings” from his experience as the BC Health

Minister and also give insight on how to approach Interior Health and the Health Ministry to help our communities off boil water advisories.

- No response re: Agriculture Minister or the party leaders' invitations.
- ADM from Ministry of Indigenous Affairs is unavailable to speak; working to see if a staff person can speak to UNDRIP.
- Invitations will go out to local 1<sup>st</sup> nations band councils to participate.
- A youth registration rate of \$200 has been established.

b) **Kamloops 2022**

- Staff to investigate having convention at TRU or Sandman Centre. Delta Marriott has been deemed too small.

**3. Resolutions**

- Resolutions deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.

**4. Nominations**

- Nomination deadline is February 28<sup>th</sup>.
- From the current SILGA board, there will be 9 running for 2020; Councillor Mund will not be putting his name forward.

**5. Newsletter**

- Next newsletter to be sent out by early February. It will include convention information, EMBC updates, and deadline information for resolutions and nominations.

**6. Policy: Inclusion of Indian bands into SILGA – see above**

**7. Next meeting: March 25<sup>th</sup> in Merritt**

**Adjournment**

**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

At 1:10 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of January 22, 2020 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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Alison Slater