

**SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017 in Sun Peaks, BC**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Chad Eliason called the meeting to order at 8:16 am on April 27, 2017.

**2. President's Report**

President Eliason thanked the current executive and staff for their hard work and dedication. He also thanked the Mayor Al Raine from Sun Peaks and the convention host committee for their efforts in putting on a successful convention. He commented that SILGA now has a brand new constitution, a new website and an active Facebook page, and that SILGA pioneered meetings by area associations with provincial ministers to advocate on member issues.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Mike Macnabb/Arjun Singh THAT:

The minutes of the April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016 Annual General Meeting held in Kelowna be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising From the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Financial Report**

Mario Piroddi from BDO Canada presented the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2016. Mr. Piroddi noted that all SILGA investments are held with MFABC – a very safe method of investing. He commented that BDO was able to give a clean report for SILGA as a not for profit association. He noted that there has been a decrease in total assets commensurate with the net loss of almost \$29,942 in 2016. This loss was almost exactly as forecasted.

Mike Macnabb, SILGA Director at Large, followed with a discussion of the future of SILGA's finances. In accordance with member wishes, the current reserves have been tapped into. One more year of losses, however, will reduce the reserves to the minimum allowed. He noted that currently SILGA has too great a reliance on convention income which places the association in a precarious financial position. He suggested that member dues would have to be doubled in the next three years, starting in 2018, to maintain a balanced budget.

**Moved/Seconded by Doug Pateman/Mike Macnabb THAT:**

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2016 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

## 6. Nomination Committee Report

Nomination Committee Chair Rhona Martin read out the nominations and after calling three times for nominations from the floor, the following results were announced for the 2017-18 term.

### Table Officers:

President:	Shelley Sim, Clearwater (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Patty Hanson, CORD (acclaimed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Lori Mindnich, Lumby (acclaimed)
Electoral Area Director	Karla Kozakevich, RDOS (acclaimed)

### For the 6 positions of Director at Large Director Martin read out the names recorded in the nomination package:

Councillor Donovan Cavers, Kamloops  
Councillor Charlie Hodge, Cty of Kelowna  
Councillor Helena Konanz, Penticton  
Director Mike Macnabb, RDNO  
Councillor Keith Thom, District of Peachland

### Director Martin then asked for nominations from the floor:

Councillor Toni Boot, Summerland (Moved/Seconded by Manfred Bauer/Michael Brydon)  
Councillor Lisa Dafoe, Cache Creek (Moved/Seconded by David Dubois/John Ranta)  
Councillor Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm (Moved/Seconded by Louise Wallace Richmond/Kevin Flynn)  
Councillor Kim Maynard, Princeton (Moved/Seconded by Doug Pateman/John Ranta)  
Councillor Rosalind Neis, West Kelowna (Moved/Seconded by Rick Dejong/Carol Zanon)  
Councillor Barbara Roden, Ashcroft (Moved/Seconded by Jack Jeyes/Steven Rice)  
Director Carol Schafer, TNRD (Moved/Seconded by Ronaye Elliott/Bill Kershaw)

Following the election for the Directors at Large, Director Martin announced that the following will be Directors at Large for SILGA for the 2017/18 term.

Councillor Toni Boot, Summerland  
Councillor Charlie Hodge, Kelowna  
Councillor Helena Konanz, Penticton  
Councillor Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm  
Director Mike Macnabb, RDNO  
Councillor Keith Thom, District of Peachland

Moved/Seconded by Charlie Hodge/Barbara Roden THAT:  
The ballots for the voting for the SILGA executive be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**7. Resolutions**

Moved/Seconded by Rhona Martin/Petra Veintimilla THAT:

Carolyn Black be appointed as the SILGA parliamentarian for the resolutions session.

**CARRIED**

**Special Resolution on Amendment to the SILGA Constitution**

**Sponsor: SILGA Executive**

**RESOLUTION OF THE MEMBERS  
OF  
SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
(the “Society”)**

AT A MEETING OF THE MEMBERS OF SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION HELD ON THE 27th DAY OF APRIL, 2017, THE FOLLOWING SPECIAL RESOLUTION WAS PASSED:

**REPLACEMENT OF CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

**WHEREAS** the directors of the Society have recommended that the Constitution and Bylaws of the Society be rescinded in their entirety and replaced with the new Constitution and Bylaws attached hereto,

**RESOLVED AS A SPECIAL RESOLUTION THAT:**

The Constitution of the Society be rescinded in its entirety and replaced with the Constitution attached hereto as **Schedule “A”**.

The Bylaws of the Society be rescinded in their entirety and replaced with the Bylaws attached hereto as **Schedule “B”**.

The amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws shall be effective upon filing the Transition Application pursuant to the terms of Part 16, Transitional Provisions of the Societies Act.

IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED by the undersigned that the foregoing is a true copy of a special resolution passed at a meeting of the members of the Society duly held on the mentioned date in accordance with the Constitution of the Society and the said special resolution is in full force and effect.

DATED at \_\_\_\_\_, British Columbia, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Held

## **SCHEDULE “A”**

### **CONSTITUTION**

**1. NAME**

The name of the society is Southern Interior Local Government Association.

**2. PURPOSES**

The purposes of the Southern Interior Local Government Association are:

- 2.1 to represent, in one organization, the various local governments of the Southern Interior area of British Columbia;
- 2.2 to enhance and provide the forum to improve and refine the quality and level of service provided by local government to its citizens;
- 2.3 to support and advance to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) on behalf of the membership proposed changes in legislation, regulations or Government policy;
- 2.4 to coordinate communications between Members and the other Local Government Associations;
- 2.5 to educate and assist Members in the provision of good government for our citizens; and
- 2.6 to hold meetings to promote the purposes listed above.

## **SCHEDULE "A"**

### **BYLAWS**

#### **1. INTERPRETATION**

In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Association" or "SILGA"	shall mean the Southern Interior Local Government Association;
"Bylaw"	shall mean a Bylaw of the Association;
"Executive" or "Directors"	shall mean the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President and seven (7) Member Representatives of the Association as Directors at Large, one of whom must be an Electoral Area Director of a regional district, all of whom are elected annually at the Annual Meeting;
"Life Member"	shall mean an individual appointed to Life Membership in accordance with section 3 of the Bylaws;
"Member"	shall mean an eligible local government which has paid the assessed membership dues for the current year and shall include Life Members;
"Member Representative"	shall mean an elected official, currently in office, of a Member;
"Officers"	shall mean the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Past President and Secretary-Treasurer;
"Ordinary Resolution"	shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Member Representatives; and
"Special Resolution"	shall mean a resolution passed by at least 2/3 of the votes cast by the Member Representatives.

#### **2. MEMBERSHIP**

- 2.1 All cities, towns, villages and district municipalities and regional districts within the Okanagan, Thompson-Nicola, Columbia, Shuswap and Similkameen Valleys and Lillooet are eligible for membership in the Association upon payment of the annual membership dues set by the Association.
- 2.2 Every Member and Member Representative shall comply with the Bylaws of the Association and its rules and policies.

#### **3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP**

- 3.1 Life Memberships may be granted by the Executive to persons who have held elected municipal or regional district office, by way of certificate.
- 3.2 Any Member Representative of the Association may present to the Executive names of persons for consideration of Life Memberships.
- 3.3 The person being presented a Life Membership shall be so advised by the President.
- 3.4 All Life Membership Certificates shall be presented at the Annual Meeting after the installation of the President-Elect.

- 3.5 Life Members who are not elected officials, currently in office, of a Member shall not be entitled as Member Representatives to vote on matters to be resolved by the Members / Member Representatives and shall not receive notices in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 3.6 Annual and registration fees of Life Members shall be waived for those Life Members no longer serving as elected officials.
- 3.7 All Past Presidents of the Association shall be Life Members.

#### **4. OFFICERS**

- 4.1 In accordance with subsection 5.1 below, the Officers of the Association, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer and Past President, shall be elected by the Member Representatives at Annual General Meetings of the Association.
- 4.2 The Secretary-Treasurer will be the Executive Director of SILGA, to be employed and paid a salary in an amount and on employment terms and conditions authorized by unanimous decision of the Directors.
- 4.3 For those vacancies on the Executive created as a result of an Executive member vacancy:
  1. The First Vice-President shall assume the office of President;
  2. The Second Vice-President shall assume the office of First Vice-President; and
  3. Director at Large positions are to be advertised and appointed by the Executive on an interim basis until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.4 The President of the Association shall be the Association's appointee to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive. At the President's discretion, a different member of the Executive may be designated as the appointee to the UBCM. The Association's appointee to the UBCM Executive will remain as the UBCM representative until the next UBCM Annual General Meeting.

#### **5. EXECUTIVE**

- 5.1 The Executive, with the exception of the Past President, shall be elected from among the Member Representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in accordance with the process set out in section 7 below, and Executive members shall assume their respective positions immediately prior to the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected.
- 5.2 The term of office for the Executive, except for the Past President, shall be for a one year term. The President may not serve more than two consecutive terms in that office. Upon expiration of his or her term as President, the individual automatically takes the position of Past President, and holds that position until the next President is replaced at an Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3 In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive, such vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Executive only until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 5.4 Except for the office of Past President, all members of the Executive shall hold office only so long as they remain elected representatives of their Municipality or Regional District. If a person holding the office of Past President ceases to be an elected representative of a Member of the Association, such person shall only hold the office for the remainder of the current term.

- 5.5 A quorum at Executive meetings shall be a majority of the Executive members holding office.
- 5.6 The President shall recommend all committees, which will be ratified by the Executive.

## **6. DUTIES**

- 6.1 The Executive shall manage the affairs of the Association between Annual General Meetings and shall report thereon at the next Annual Meeting of the Association.
- 6.2 The Executive shall have the duty to support and advance the will of the Association as expressed by resolution of the Members at any of its meetings.
- 6.3 The Executive shall have the power to incur such ordinary expenses, including reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive themselves in carrying out their responsibilities, as may become necessary to carry out the business of the Association between Annual General and Extraordinary Meetings.
- 6.4 The Executive shall meet at least four times per year and more often as requested by the President or three other Officers or Directors of the Executive.
- 6.5 The notice requirements for meetings of the Executive, shall be the same as those contained in Section 8.4.

## **7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE**

- 7.1 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to make nominations for the Executive. The Nominating Committee shall consist of up to three (3) Member Representatives, one of whom shall be a Past President.
- 7.2 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the Past President unless that position is vacant, in which case the Chair shall:
  1. be appointed by the Executive with consideration to a previous Past President; and
  2. not be a member of the Executive.
- 7.3 The Nominating Committee shall submit a proposed slate of Executive to the Members at the Annual General Meeting for consideration.
- 7.4 All Member Representatives shall be eligible to stand for election to the Executive.
- 7.5 If an election of the Executive is required it will be conducted by a secret ballot and, subject to subsection 7.11 below, those candidates receiving the most votes of the Members being elected to the Executive, and ballots shall be destroyed by resolution of the Members following the declaration of the successful candidate for office or directorship.
- 7.6 In the event of an equality of votes between two candidates, the successful Executive candidate will be chosen by lot between those two candidates. The name of each candidate will be written on a separate piece of paper, folded in such a way that the names of the candidates are not visible and placed in a container and shaken. One piece of paper will be withdrawn by the Chair of the Nominating Committee and that person declared the winning candidate.
- 7.7 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the Nominating Committee's candidates to the Association and will preside over the election process.
- 7.8 If the Chair of the Nominating Committee is unable to act, the Executive shall appoint a Member Representative, Officer or Director to undertake the duties and



responsibilities as Chair of the Nominating Committee and to preside at the election.

- 7.9 The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the "Returning Officer" and may appoint other staff members in attendance to assist with the election.
- 7.10 The election of Officers to the Executive shall be held at the Annual General Meeting on a first ballot and that of the Directors at Large subsequently on a second ballot. Any candidate that is unsuccessful in obtaining an Officer position on the first ballot may become a candidate for a Director at Large position on the second ballot.
- 7.11 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is elected, the Director at Large positions will then be filled by the candidates with the most votes.
- 7.12 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is not elected, then in the election of the Directors at Large, the candidate - of those candidates that are Electoral Area Directors of a regional district - with the most votes will be elected as a Director at Large and the balance of the Director at Large positions will be filled by the remaining candidates with the most votes. If only one Electoral Area Director of a regional district candidate runs for a Director at Large position, that candidate will be acclaimed.

## **8. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS**

- 8.1 One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Members in the absence of the President.
- 8.2 One general meeting shall be held every year in the month of April or May which shall be known as the Annual General Meeting.
- 8.3 Extraordinary Meetings, which shall be any meetings of the Members other than the Annual General Meeting, may be called by the President, or in the absence of the President by one of the Vice-Presidents or by a majority of the Executive, and the business of that meeting shall be restricted to the business specified in the notice calling the meeting.
- 8.4 Fourteen (14) days' notice of Extraordinary Meetings shall be given to Members.
- 8.5 The location of the Annual General Meeting shall be determined by ordinary resolution at an Annual General Meeting no less than 2 years in advance of the proposed meeting date. The dates of the next meeting shall be fixed by the Executive, and at least ninety (90) days' notice of such a meeting shall be given to the Association Members.
- 8.6 A quorum shall be twenty (20) Members present at the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary Meetings.
- 8.7 All elected officials of a Member municipality or regional district shall be entitled as the Member Representatives to have a voice and vote at the Annual General or Extraordinary Meetings of the Association.
- 8.8 There shall be no proxy voting, and each Member Representative present at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote per question.
- 8.9 The Secretary-Treasurer and the Corporate Officer and/or Chief Administrative Officer of the Member local governments shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Members but shall not be entitled to vote, nor to address matters placed before the Association unless requested to do so by the President.

- 8.10 All matters placed before a meeting of the Association or Executive, shall be resolved by Ordinary Resolution, except as otherwise specifically referenced for these bylaws and for amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and annual dues which shall require a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives present at the meeting.

**9. FINANCES**

- 9.1 The fiscal year end of the Association shall be December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 9.2 The President or their designate, the Secretary-Treasurer and one other member of the Executive appointed by the Executive shall be signing authorities for the Association. Any two of the above-named are authorized to sign all documents and cheques for the Association.
- 9.3 The Executive shall prepare or cause to be prepared an operating budget for the next fiscal year, along with a financial plan for the next 5 fiscal years, for presentation to, and approval by Ordinary Resolution the Member Representatives at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.4 The Secretary-Treasurer shall coordinate preparation of the Association's annual Financial Statement by the Association's accountants (to be prepared to a review engagement standard), to be presented by the Association's accountants and/or a member of the Executive at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.5 Expenditures deemed to be extraordinary and beyond the scope of ordinary expenses under the usual authority of the Executive shall be referred to, and approved by Special Resolution the Member Representatives of the Association in attendance at the Annual General or Extraordinary Meeting at which the proposed expenditures were presented. If the expenditure is approved, a special levy will be assessed equally amongst all Members, if required.
- 9.6 Dues requisitions for each year shall be sent to Members on or before April 1<sup>st</sup> and shall be payable on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the same year. Member Representatives of Members whose dues are in arrears are not eligible to speak or vote at any meeting of the Association or to sit on the Executive Committee.
- 9.7 Changes to annual membership dues shall be determined by Special Resolution of the Member Representatives present at an Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall remain fixed until a further change is adopted by the membership. The current membership dues rate is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

**10. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS**

- 10.1 Notice of the 'Call for Resolutions' for the next Annual General Meeting shall be given to all Members not later than January in each year.
- 10.2 The President shall appoint a Resolutions Committee of three (3) Members of the Executive at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 10.3 It shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee to examine, comment and make recommendations on all resolutions submitted in response to the "Call for Resolutions" for the Annual General Meeting.
- 10.4 Resolutions Submitted Prior to the Annual Meeting

- (1) Each resolution shall be prepared on a separate sheet of 8½" by 11" paper under the name of the sponsoring Member local government and shall bear a short descriptive title;
- (2) Each resolution shall be endorsed by the sponsoring Member's Municipal Council or Regional Board;
- (3) Each resolution should be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting;
- (4) Each resolution should be relative to regional issues and should not pertain to a finite local interest. Background information should be provided to support the resolution; and
- (5) At least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall circulate all resolutions submitted in response to the "Call for Resolutions" to all Members.

#### 10.5 Late Resolutions

- (1) Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline noted in section 10.4 shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to SILGA by noon on the Friday preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting. The resolutions committee will meet on the Tuesday preceding the Annual General Meeting to provide recommendations as to whether the late resolution(s) should be brought to the Members for inclusion in the resolution debate. All late resolutions must be adopted by a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the Annual General Meeting to be included in the discussion.
- (2) Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee prior to the Meeting and only those of a subject matter which could not have been submitted by the normal deadline date outlined in section 10.4 will be considered.
- (3) Late Resolutions shall be available for discussion after resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered.
- (4) Late Resolutions admitted for plenary discussion shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions report.
- (5) In the event that a late resolution is recommended to be admitted for discussion, the sponsoring member of the late resolution shall produce sufficient copies for distribution to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
- (6) The Late Resolution will, after reading, be properly before the meeting, and the regular procedures for handling resolutions will apply.

10.6 The Executive will have resolutions printed and circulated to Member Representatives in the Annual Meeting Member Representatives' packets.

### 11. **CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

11.1 The Chair of the Resolutions Committee shall introduce each submitted resolution and call for discussions from the floor. The resolution will, after reading, be properly before the Members and will not require a mover or a seconder.

- 11.2 Any amendment and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting must be moved and seconded from the floor.
- 11.3 Voting on resolutions shall be by show of voting card and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost shall be final. Any Member may call for or demand a count and, if seconded, the Chair must put the question on ordering a count.
- 11.4 Any resolution that has been voted on may be reconsidered at the same meeting provided that the Member Representatives present agree by a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the meeting that the reconsideration is warranted because of additional or clarifying information having come to the attention that is directly relevant to the decisions of the Member Representatives in casting their votes. A resolution may only be reconsidered once. A resolution to be reconsidered may only be brought to the floor after all other resolutions have been considered.
- 11.5 It is understood that any Member of the Association may submit a resolution direct to UBCM without an endorsement of the Association.

## **12. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS**

- 12.1 Where amendments are proposed to the Constitution and Bylaws, the following procedures shall apply:
  - (1) all proposed amendments will be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer who will present them to the Executive;
  - (2) the proposed amendments, after review by the Executive, shall be submitted to the Member Representatives of the Members of the Association at its Annual General Meeting;
  - (3) the Secretary-Treasurer shall provide not less than sixty (60) days' notice to the Members of the Association of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws; and
  - (4) amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the meeting.
- 12.2 Policies and Rules
  - (1) The Executive may from time to time adopt policies or implement rules which will become binding on the Members and their Member Representatives; and
  - (2) The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a Policy Book which will include the policies adopted or the rules implemented by the Association. The Policy Book shall be open to review by all Members of the Association and their Member Representatives.

## **13. RULES OF PROCEDURE**

- 13.1 At all times, and unless contrary to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, or policies or rules adopted pursuant to section 12.2, the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall be the applicable rules of procedure at all meetings of the Association.

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## **APPENDIX “A” TO SECTION 9.7**

### **SCHEDULE “A”**

The Annual Dues for membership in the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) per Member are \$150.00 plus \$0.03 per capita (based on most recently available Statistics Canada census information) multiplied by 10%.

**Carried**

#### **(1) TITLE: FUNDING FOR POLICE-BASED VICTIM ASSISTANCE SERVICES**

##### **SPONSOR: RDNO**

**WHEREAS** costs for providing police-based victim assistance service continues to escalate; AND

**WHEREAS** the responsibility for providing victim services rests with the Victim Services and Crime Prevention Division of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of BC continues to download additional responsibilities such as security checks, information technology and reporting requirements without corresponding funding:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of BC Municipalities advise the Province of BC, through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, that local governments reject the additional responsibilities of security checks, information technology and reporting requirements without the Ministry's commensurate funding to local governments to cover the cost of those additional responsibilities.

##### **Proposed Amendment**

Delete “and reporting requirements”

##### **Vote on Motion as amended:**

**WHEREAS** costs continue to be downloaded for additional responsibilities such as security checks and information technology provided by the RCMP without corresponding funding:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of BC Municipalities advise the Province of BC, through the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, that local governments reject the additional responsibilities of security checks and information technology without the Ministry's commensurate funding to local governments to cover the cost of those additional responsibilities.

**Carried as amended**

#### **(2) TITLE: BC CONSERVATION SERVICE FUNDING**

**SPONSOR: PRINCETON**

**WHEREAS** the provincial government is responsible for managing Conservation Service, and the British Columbia Conservation Service has not been able to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, human and wildlife conflicts prevention and respond to wildlife human conflict;

**AND WHEREAS** underfunding is having a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served;

**AND WHEREAS** the reduction in service has reduced the number of Conservation Officers in the field, while expecting them to adequately monitor and enforce activities throughout large Management Units;

**AND WHEREAS** Conservation Officers should be protecting our fish, wildlife and environment by helping to ensure healthy game populations; clean land, air and water; and should be the first responder to human-wildlife conflicts where public safety may be at risk;

**AND WHEREAS** the Conservation Services has lacked the ability to:

1. Periodic reviews of their risk assessment models for response and making appropriate amendments;
2. Deliver awareness training to RCMP and Municipal Police Forces;
3. Provide effective zone coverage practices, where officers should be responding to complaints and concerns;
4. Review the call centre's response criteria, and make appropriate changes;
5. Provide public education and partnerships with local communities; and
6. Protect wildlife from illegal poaching and other illegal activities that weaken wildlife populations, health and security.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Government be requested to provide adequate funding and staffing in order for the BC Conservation Service to provide public education and partnerships with local communities, deliver awareness training to RCMP and Municipal Police Forces and review their risk assessment models and call centre response criteria.

**Carried**

**(3) TITLE: QUAGGA AND ZEBRA MUSSEL FUNDING**

**SPONSOR: SICAMOUS**

**WHEREAS** British Columbia's Lakes generate international tourism business totaling millions of dollars each and every year;

**AND WHEREAS** the Zebra and Quagga mussel infestation poses a serious threat to the economic welfare of British Columbia's tourism industry;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Government provide increased educational funding and increased monitoring efforts to combat the invasive mussel infestation threatening the pristine lakes of British Columbia's tourism areas.

**Carried**

**(4) TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT FUNDING**

**SPONSOR: OLIVER**

**WHEREAS** the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada have taken a leadership role by investing in local government infrastructure projects, however exclude funding programs that supports irrigation water capital infrastructure that serves the agricultural sector;

**AND WHEREAS** local governments across Canada responsibly manage and deliver irrigation water service to the agricultural sector through infrastructure that supports the economic health of the community:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM call upon the Province of British Columbia and Government of Canada to replace restrictive funding initiatives with funding criteria that supports local government capital infrastructure project funding for irrigation water services that serves agriculture.

**Carried**

**(5) TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENT CAMPAIGN FINANCING ACT**

**SPONSOR: Ashcroft**

**WHEREAS** local elections are conducted under the Local Government Act, the Local Government Campaign Financing Act, the School Act and other bylaws and legislation;

**AND WHEREAS** effective in 2014 Elections BC administers campaign financing and advertising rules under the Local Government Campaign Financing Act;

**AND WHEREAS** all candidates putting their name forward for local government elections must abide by the Local Government Campaign Financing Act regardless of the size of the jurisdiction in which they are running and the amount of funds used in their campaign, which can be expensive, time consuming and intimidating, which could result in some potential candidates deciding not to put their name forward for local office;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Local Government Campaign Financing Act be amended to recognize that requirements to run a campaign in a community of 2,000 voters is considerably different than those required for a large center;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that changes to the Local Government Campaign Financing Act be in place prior to the 2018 General Local Election.

**Carried**

**(6) TITLE: REQUIRE TAXPAYER-SUPPORTED INSTITUTIONS TO SOURCE FOOD PURCHASES FROM LOCAL PRODUCERS**

**SPONSOR: RDNO**

**WHEREAS** it is a stated goal of the Provincial Government to support Buy Local initiatives; **AND**

**WHEREAS** taxpayer-supported institutions with on-site food services, such as universities and hospitals, are not required to Buy Local:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Provincial Government institute a policy whereby taxpayer-supported institutions with on-site food services be required to source a targeted portion of their food purchases from local producers.

**Carried**

**(7) TITLE: EMERGENCY RECOVERY COSTS**

**SPONSOR: SLRD**

**WHEREAS** the cost of recovering from emergencies is a hardship experienced by many small communities and rural areas;

**AND WHEREAS** pursuant to the Emergency Program Act's Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation, the current cost-sharing percentage split for emergency recovery costs, being 80% for the Province and 20% for local governments, contributes to the financial component of the hardship;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province increase its share of emergency recovery costs, so that the Province is responsible for 90% and local governments are responsible for 10% of emergency recovery costs.

**Carried**



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**(8) TITLE: FEDERAL GST CHARGES ON PROVINCIAL CARBON TAX**

**SPONSOR: VERNON**

**WHEREAS** the Government of British Columbia instituted a ``carbon tax`` in 2008;

**AND WHEREAS**, the Government of Canada imposes GST on the ``carbon tax``, essentially a tax on tax;

**AND WHEREAS**, the carbon tax and subsequently the GST on the carbon tax applies widely on carbon fuels and affects the cost of living for British Columbians;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that SILGA and UBCM lobby the provincial and federal governments to eliminate the GST being charged on the provincial carbon tax.

**Carried**

**(9) TITLE: STAFFING LEVELS-INTEGRATED RCMP DETACHMENTS**

**SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna**

**WHEREAS** RCMP 'E' Division uses, in some areas, an integrated detachment model (two or more municipal or provincial RCMP units housed in one building) to provide policing to combined municipal and provincial areas;

**AND WHEREAS** municipalities authorize and fund increases to the number of municipal officers at the integrated detachments, but the number of provincially funded officers does not automatically change, possibly resulting in a potential imbalance and financial subsidy to provincial/rural areas by the municipalities:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General to initiate a review of the number of provincial officers serving at an integrated detachment when the municipal component of the detachment is increased to ensure that the municipal and provincial areas are being funded fairly.

**Carried**

**(10) TITLE: DOCTOR ISSUES**

**SPONSOR: Logan Lake**

**WHEREAS** the provincial Practice Ready Assessment program is attracting new physicians to rural communities;

**AND WHEREAS** rural communities, including Logan Lake, have benefitted from the program;

**AND WHEREAS** the Doctor is encouraged to establish a private practice by securing patients, but is reluctant to do so because:

- patients have secured physician services elsewhere (given the lack of a doctor for several years in their home community) and are hesitant to sign-on with the new local doctor as they fear losing the service once the return to service program concludes;
- due to lack of staff, is hesitant to hire additional staff and begin a private practice due to a lack of patients;
- existing staff are unable to respond to the influx of calls from new patients due to workload
- they have limited understanding/knowledge of how to run a business in the province (ie. the current health care billing system or the sharing of patient files);

**AND WHEREAS** the new doctor looks forward to moving on after 3 years to establish practice elsewhere where there are more patients;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Health increase funding for the rural doctor program and establish a new support model for health provision for rural communities. Other possible solutions include:

- re-establishing a local advisory council or ensuring site managers attend facilities in a timely and on a more regular basis, particularly during the transitional period of the arrival of a new doctor, during staff changeover, or to provide leadership and support to existing staff, so that IH is better informed about what is happening in their rural communities;
- incentivizing rural community graduates seeking health care training whereby a student obtains a specified number of years free post-secondary education in exchange for returning to their home community for a specified number of years;
- providing additional and adequate support to rural doctors in the form of additional office staff and/or seed money to bridge establishing a private practice.

**Carried**

**(11) TITLE: PROVINCIAL PRIVATE MOORAGE PROGRAM**

**SPONSOR: COLDSTREAM**

**WHEREAS** the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations has amended the private moorage program permitting residential docks to be authorized under a “General Permission” rather than an application-driven Crown land tenure;

**AND WHEREAS** residential docks authorized under a “General Permission” will not require a referral to the local government for compliance with local government requirements:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations amend the Provincial General Permission for the Use of Crown Land for Private Moorage to explicitly require that a General Permission for private moorage requires compliance with any local government regulation pertaining to the construction, placement and use of private moorage;

**AND THAT** Front Counter BC reinstate its practice of referring Private Moorage applications to municipalities;

**Carried**

## **(12) TITLE: DOCK AND BUOY REGULATIONS**

### **SPONSOR: CSRD**

**WHEREAS** local governments in the Province of BC have limited enforcement options, staff resources and cost effective legal tools to deal with the significant number of unlawfully placed docks and buoys on lakes and rivers;

**AND WHEREAS** the Province of BC is responsible for the management of Crown lands, including lakes and rivers, for the benefit of the public, and is responsible for the enforcement of provincial regulations pertaining to the placement of structures such as docks on lakes;

**AND WHEREAS** the Government of Canada, through the Department of Transport Canada and the federal Navigable Waters Protection Act and Canada Shipping Act, is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of mooring buoys on lakes;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province of BC be requested to work with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to better address this multijurisdictional dock and buoy issue, by consulting with local governments to align areas of overlapping regulation (e.g. zoning and provincial dock permissions), and to increase provincial enforcement resources to deal with illegal docks on lakes;

**AND FURTHER** that the Province of BC and UBCM lobby the Government of Canada with regard to increasing Transport Canada's resources to more effectively regulate and remove buoys on lakes and rivers in BC that have been illegally placed, are unsafe, or are undocumented or of unknown ownership.

**Carried**

**(13) TITLE: MANDATORY CERTIFICATION AND LICENSING OF ASBESTOS AND HAZARDOUS MATERIAL REMOVAL CONTRACTORS**

**SPONSOR: RDOS**

**WHEREAS**

- Health and safety risks have been identified for local government employees engaged in building inspection and landfill operations due to hazards from demolition and renovation materials;
- Asbestos exposure is the leading cause of work related deaths in BC;
- WorkSafe BC found 43 per cent of all hazardous material surveys done by contractors renovating or demolishing homes were inadequate;
- WorkSafe BC lacks the tools for enforcement and monitoring of existing hazardous material regulations;
- There is currently no provincial certification or licensing in BC of asbestos abatement professionals to ensure standards and allow for the suspension of non-compliant contractors; and
- Mandatory provincial certification and licensing of demolition and environmental remediation contractors would allow local governments in BC to require these licenses from contractors as a condition for issuing demolition and renovation permits:

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the provincial government require mandatory licensing, certification and enforceable compliance in safely handling asbestos and other hazardous material for all demolition, renovation and environmental remediation contractors.

**Carried**

**(14) TITLE: BAN ON THE SALE OF INVASIVE SPECIES**

**SPONSOR: SLRD**

**WHEREAS** the introduction and spread of invasive plant species within British Columbia bring adverse impacts to the environment and economy;

**AND WHEREAS** significant financial and human resources are being allocated to control treatments, labour and research while at the same time the commercial sale of known invasive species continues to occur through retail outlets in British Columbia;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province ban the sale of known invasive species (plants and seeds) at retail outlets.

**Carried**

**(15) TITLE: DISPOSAL OF DRYWALL/GYPSUM BOARD**

**SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet Regional District**

**WHEREAS** illegal dumping is a significant issue affecting all areas of British Columbia;

**AND WHEREAS** the illegal dumping of construction/demolition waste in forested/wilderness areas warrants a more effective and comprehensive approach by the Province than what currently exists;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Province develop/implement an Extended Producer Responsibility program regarding the disposal of drywall/gypsum board and given the impacts of illegal dumping on the environment as well as on human health of pre-1990 drywall/gypsum board, do so on a fast-tracking basis; and

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Province provide assistance to local governments with respect to the disposal of pre-1990 drywall/gypsum board (and other building materials which contain asbestos) through measures such as:

- Providing subsidies towards the costs of transporting hazardous waste to authorized landfills, resulting in lower tipping fees and possibly removing, or reducing, what some residents may perceive as an incentive to engage in illegal dumping activities; and
- Increased enforcement activity by ministries and agencies having jurisdiction over illegal dumping;
- Implementing legal surveillance techniques; and
- Education and public awareness campaigns.

**Carried**

**(16) TITLE: PROVINCE-WIDE RAT REDUCTION STRATEGY**

**SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna**

**WHEREAS** in recent years, the Province of BC has seen an increase in the population and distribution of rats for which no provincial strategy exists;

**AND WHEREAS** rat infestations lead to damage to buildings, electrical wiring and stored food supplies and rats carry diseases that could be transmitted to humans;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Union of BC Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Environment to develop and fund a strategy to reduce and/or control the rat population in BC.

**Carried**

**(17) TITLE: ADVERTISING**

**SPONSOR: PENTICTON**

**WHEREAS** Section 94 of the *Community Charter* prescribes public notice provisions through a newspaper distributed at least weekly;

**AND WHEREAS** other forms of media have a far greater reach than newspaper publications;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development be requested to conduct a comprehensive review and evaluation of the statutory advertising provisions with a view to amending such provisions in response to the technological advances of recent years.

**Carried**

**(18) TITLE: BUSINESS REGISTRY**

**SPONSOR: PENTICTON**

**WHEREAS** local governments wish to improve economic drivers and help local and BC companies grow in our region;

**AND WHEREAS** a listing of all registered businesses as collected by BC Registries and Online Services would facilitate as a mechanism to understand the existing businesses and potential economic opportunities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Technology, Innovation & Citizens' Services, the Ministry responsible for BC Registries and Online Services and request that a business registry census be provided to municipal and regional governments annually.

**Carried**

**(19) TITLE: RECALL PROCESS**

**SPONSOR: PENTICTON**

**WHEREAS** constituents may believe local government elected officials are in breach of integrity and/or eroding public confidence;

**WHEREAS** the recently extended term of office for local government elected officials in British Columbia negatively affects the ability of the local electorate to vote for change in their local government;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia amend legislation to include a recall process for local government elected officials.

**Carried**

**(20) TITLE: BC AMBULANCE SERVICES**

**SPONSOR: CACHE CREEK**

**WHEREAS** the BC Ambulance Service provides emergency response in rural areas to those who experience serious trauma accidents or life threatening medical emergencies; and

**WHEREAS** most rural ambulance stations are staffed with paramedics trained to the Emergency Medical Responder or Primary Care Paramedic levels; and

**WHEREAS** most of the better trained Advanced Care Paramedics and Critical Care Paramedics are stationed in larger urban centers whose residents benefit from tertiary care facilities within relative proximity compared to rural residents' health facilities;

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Provincial Government require the BC Ambulance Service to staff rural ambulance stations with much needed Advanced Care or Critical Care Paramedics whose skills and training are necessary for life support where tertiary care is often hours away rather than minutes away as it is in urban centers.

**Carried**

**(21) TITLE: REVIEW OF 4 YEAR TERMS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT COUNCILS**

**SPONSOR: CLEARWATER**

**WHEREAS** on February 25, 2014 after the Election Reform Whitepaper was distributed the BC Government announced that legislation would be changed to move local elections from a three year to a four-year cycle beginning with the 2014 elections; and

**WHEREAS** in the fall of 2014 the local government elections including regional districts, municipalities and school districts were held to elect officials to a four-year term – 2014-2018; and

**WHEREAS** the current four-year term appears to impact rural community representatives, causing issue for retention in many rural communities;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Southern Interior Government Association request that UBCM review the effectiveness of the four year term verses the three year term for Local Governments.

**Defeated**

### **Late Resolutions**

**Moved/Seconded by Rick Berrigan/Kevin Acton THAT:**

**The late resolutions received by SILGA be debated.**

**CARRIED**

### **LATE (1) TITLE: REGULATION OF RIDE-SHARING SERVICES IN SMALL, RURAL, AND REMOTE COMMUNITIES**

#### **SPONSOR: ENDERBY**

WHEREAS the Province of BC has expressed its intent to create a regulatory framework that permits ride-sharing services and transportation network companies to operate in BC;

AND WHEREAS the assessment of the possible impacts of allowing new entrants into the passenger transportation field has focused primarily on large urban communities with robust, established, passenger transportation options, which is often not the reality for small, rural, and remote communities where ride-sharing and transportation networking offers uniquely viable solutions in the absence of other options;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM asks the Province of BC to implement a viable, flexible, ride-sharing service regulation in BC with attention given to regulatory solutions that will help solve those passenger transportation challenges that are unique to small, rural, and remote communities.

**Carried**

### **LATE (2) TITLE: FOREST STEWARDSHIP PLANS – REQUEST FOR IMPROVED CONSULTATION**

#### **SPONSOR: CSRD**

**WHEREAS** numerous Forest Stewardship Plans are expiring or are undergoing significant amendments;



**AND WHEREAS** significant concerns have been raised about the amendments with regard to impacts on domestic water sources and the overall health of watersheds and slope stability;

**AND WHEREAS** local residents believe that they have not been adequately consulted given that previous Forest Stewardship Plans are now many years old;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Provincial Government ensure that forest tenure holders have comprehensive consultation in potentially affected communities with residents, local government and other stakeholders.

**Carried**

**LATE (3) TITLE: ALC REGULATION: SMALL ON-FARM BREWERIES AND MEADERIES**

**SPONSOR: CSRD**

WHEREAS changes made to the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) Regulation in April 2015 require that on-farm breweries and meaderies crops produce a quantity of 50% of crops on the agricultural lands upon which the on-farm brewery or meadery is located;

AND WHEREAS the existing ALC regulation detrimentally affects the viability and sustainability of agricultural operations for smaller on-farm breweries and meaderies, pose a detriment to an ever-growing agri-tourism industry, take away the ability for those in the brewery and meadery business to successfully run their operations, and further discourages farming in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the existing ALC regulation 2(2.3) regulation differs from that of wineries where the production of crops may be located on lands where the winery is located OR upon other lands in the area and may be located upon lands that are 2 ha in size or larger;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Minister of Agriculture make an immediate change to update Agricultural Land Commission Regulation 2(2.3) to read:

A brewery, distillery or meadery, and ancillary uses, are designated as farm uses for the purposes of the Act if:

(a) at least 50% of any of the farm products used to make the beer, spirits or mead produced each year is grown on the farm on which that brewery, distillery or meadery is located, OR

(b) the farm on which the brewery, distillery or meadery is located is more than 2 ha in area and at least 50% of any of the farm products used to make the beer, spirits or mead produced each year is grown:

(i) on the farm, OR

(ii) both on the farm and on another farm or processor using British Columbia ingredients located in British Columbia that provides any farm product to the brewery, distillery or meadery under a contract having a term of at least 3 years, AND,

(c) any permanent structures used to produce beer, spirits or mead must not exceed the lesser of 10% of total parcel size or 1000 square metres, including all ancillary structures or areas such as parking, water reclamation, tasting and public areas and storage.

**Carried**

**8. 2018 Convention – Revelstoke**

The 2018 Convention will be held at Revelstoke from April 24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>. Mayor Mark McKee invited all the delegates to join him in his community and showed a short PowerPoint presentation promoting his community.

**9. President's Closing Remarks**

Shelley Sim addressed the delegates and expressed appreciation for all the hard work of the Sun Peaks Convention Committee for putting on such a great convention. She thanked outgoing President Chad Eliason for all the work and vision that he did with SILGA and welcomed directors Tim Lavery and Toni Boot to the SILGA team.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded by Chad Eliason/Tim Lavery THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 12:10 pm on April 28, 2017.

**CARRIED**

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Alison Slater, Secretary Treasurer