

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held virtually on April 28, 2021

1. Call to Order

President Lori Mindnich called the virtual meeting to order at 10:02 am on April 28, 2021.

2. President's Report

President Mindnich thanked the current executive for their patience and dedication. She acknowledged the disappointment in addressing the delegation via zoom again and hopes that the Public Health Orders will be rescinded in time to hold the 2022 AGM in person.

SILGA pivoted this year and hosted a series of eight speakers, starting in February and running every Wednesday at lunch until early this month as an alternative to a regular three-day convention. The line-up was fantastic – with sessions on university-government collaboration, connectivity issues and solutions, community planning and learning how to become future ready.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Aimee Grice THAT:

The minutes of the September 29th, 2020 Annual General Meeting held virtually 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, 2020. He commented that the 2020 statements show fairly the results of the operations of the association for the year. The board had a strong response to the pandemic and kept losses minimized, despite much lower revenues as a result of the cancellation of the convention. The convention reserves have been drawn down to reflect the expenses that were not able to be recouped from the cancelled convention.

The 5-year plan was presented by President Lori Mindnich which showed SILGA again tightening their belts and keeping expenses to a bare minimum. SILGA pivoted and offered the speaker series this year and were fortunate that most of the speakers presented for free which definitely reduced the costs. SILGA successfully applied for the CEBA grant, which if SILGA repays \$40,000 of the \$60,000 loan by December 31, 2022, the remaining \$20,000 will be forgiven by the Government of Canada. This grant is not reflected in the 5-year plan as the plan was approved by the board prior to receiving confirmation of the grant funding.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Aimee Grice THAT:

The Financial Statement for the period ending December 31, 2020 along with the 5-year plan be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Nomination Committee Report

With no nominations accepted from the floor during the virtual AGM, Past President and Nomination Committee Chair Shelley Sim confirmed the following positions were filled by acclamation for the 2020-21 term.

Table Officers:

President	Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
First Vice-President	Toni Boot, Summerland
Second Vice-President	Aimee Grice, Oliver

For the 7 positions of Director at Large Past President Sim read out the names recorded in the nomination package:

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Jamie Howe, Lillooet
Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Councillor Barbara Wiebe, Lillooet

Past President Sim announced that the following will be Directors at Large for SILGA for the 2020/21 term.

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Councillor Barbara Wiebe, Lillooet

The SILGA scrutineer, Lumby CAO Tom Kadla, certified that the voting results were accurate.

7. Resolutions

(1) Title: Provincial Changes in Emergency Management

Sponsor: City of Vernon and City of Enderby

Whereas the provincial government is modernizing elements of the emergency program that directly affects local authorities' ability to meet legislated emergency management responsibilities;

And whereas Emergency Management BC's publication of the Financial Assistance for Emergency Response Costs, A Guide for BC First Nations and Local Authorities (2020), demonstrates the need for and lack of meaningful consultation with, and consideration of, local authorities' role in emergency management and of the relationship as defined in the *Community Charter*:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM establish a permanent committee for emergency management and request the Province direct all emergency program initiatives affecting local authorities through this committee as part of their final review;

And be it further resolved that the Province postpone implementation of the revised Financial Assistance for Emergency Response Costs Guide, and all other proposed Emergency Program administrative and financing amendments until such times as affected municipalities are meaningfully consulted.

DEFEATED

(2) Title: 5.25 Percent Provincial Collection Fee on Rural Area Property Taxes

Sponsor: Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

Whereas rural area property taxes are collected from the Province's Surveyor of taxes on behalf of Regional Districts;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia charges a 5.25 percent administration fee on the taxes collected which the property owner pays as part of their property taxes, and this increases the tax burden on electoral area residence:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia reduce the provincial collection fee on rural area property taxes, so that the tax burden on the rural property owners may be reduced.

CARRIED

(3) Title: Primary Care Network Funding

Sponsor: Town of Oliver

Whereas many British Columbians in the province do not have appropriate access to primary care services;

And whereas the Province introduced team based primary care clinics to serve and build interdisciplinary primary care teams in each community to ensure patients are at the center of health care delivery:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to provide additional Primary Care Network Funding to communities with approved primary care network growth plans to facilitate the establishment of team based primary care clinics.

CARRIED

(4) Title: Long Term Care Homes – COVID-19

Sponsor: Town of Oliver

Whereas long term care services are for people who can no longer be cared for in their own homes or in an assisted living residence in a protective and supportive environment;

And whereas the significant coronavirus death rate of long-term care residents is attributed to residing in facilities with shared rooms/spaces, inadequate ventilation systems, limited access to isolation rooms, and limited supports for residents with dementia or complex cognitive and physical needs at the expense of their health safety, privacy and dignity in their end of life care:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Government of BC put a moratorium on the construction of new long term care facilities that do not offer single rooms which will support and care for residents to ensure that the spread of COVID-19, flu like viruses and other diseases are minimized;

And be it further resolved that current long-term care facilities be renovated to accommodate patient care in single rooms.

CARRIED

(5) Title: Funding Maintenance of Community Halls and Recreation Centres

Sponsor: District of Lillooet

Whereas there is insufficient tax base in small, rural communities to fund the adequate maintenance of community halls, recreation centres, and other major, aging municipal infrastructure;

And whereas regional districts may be well positioned to fund the maintenance of municipal infrastructure in small, rural BC communities;

And whereas the availability of municipal infrastructure such as community halls and recreational centres is integral to the health and wellbeing of residents in small, rural communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia fund regional districts to enable them to maintain municipal infrastructure including community halls and recreational centres.

DEFEATED

(6) Title: COVID-19 Funding Allocation Deadline

Sponsor: Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

Whereas regional districts must fully allocate COVID-19 safe restart grant for local governments funds to an appropriate regional and local service before December 31, 2021, but municipalities do not have the same allocation deadline requirement;

And whereas regional districts would like the discretion to hold back some COVID-19 safe restart grant for local governments funding for allocation to an appropriate regional or local service in a future year:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province provide regional districts the same COVID-19 safe restart grant for local governments allocation and reporting requirements afforded to municipalities.

CARRIED

(7) Title: Flood Mitigation Response

Sponsor: Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

Whereas current funding programs for flood mitigation requires 1/3 of project funding from local government as well as requiring that the local government assume ownership of the works for a period of 10 years, in some cases resulting in an unrealistic burden on affected taxpayers;

And whereas the financial inability of residents to meet the requirements of the current funding program often precludes a planned proactive approach to known flood issues to minimize environmental impacts associated with mitigative works and instead results in a reactive approach when an imminent threat occurs, resulting in greater costs and greater environmental damage, in addition to the traumatic and sometimes devastating impacts on affected residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to develop programs that take a proactive approach to flood mitigation rather than continuing to try to download additional responsibilities on local governments that are ill-equipped and lacking in financial capacity to address these situations in a proactive manner that best respects the residents and the environment.

CARRIED

(8) Title: Detox and Treatment Beds, and Sobering Centres

Sponsor: City of Kamloops

Whereas local governments across BC work with business and neighbourhood associations, health authorities, social service providers, and provincial organizations to identify resources or programs that will support a safe and secure community for all;

And whereas many local governments are in need of more detox beds, treatment beds and a sobering centres in their communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Minister of Health and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions address the need for an increase in detox beds and treatment beds, and sobering centres that include treatment for addictions and mental health issues.

CARRIED

(9) Title: Outcomes of Supportive Housing

Sponsor: City of Kamloops

Whereas BC Housing develops, manages, and administers a wide range of subsidized housing options across the province. BC Housing works with the ministry responsible for housing to address critical gaps across the housing continuum, which range from emergency shelter to rent assistance in the private market to affordable home ownership;

And whereas a number of non-profit and charitable organizations support communities across BC as housing providers for vulnerable populations;

And whereas many BC communities are working with the Province and BC Housing to determine if sufficient wrap-around services are being implemented to support those in need of housing and the impacts of these housing projects on the community:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Attorney General and Minister for Housing, the Minister of Health, and the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions engage a third-party consultant to review the outcomes of the current supportive housing projects, the impacts of the housing projects on communities, and the outcomes of individuals who have accessed these housing options and associated support programs;

And be it further resolved that the consultant review opportunities for building a stronger partnership between communities and BC Housing for future, long-term housing projects.

CARRIED

(10) Title: Residential Tenancy Act – Landlord Protection

Sponsor: Town of Oliver

Whereas the *Residential Tenancy Act* is intended to establish and protect the rights of landlords and tenants from unwarranted eviction;

And whereas a landlord may seek early termination of a tenancy agreement for cause and the protections contained within the Act enable the occupant to refuse vacating the premises, which have been enhanced due to COVID-19:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to undertake a broad review of landlord protections to increase confidence in entering the rental market to grow the number of rental properties better suited to families.

CARRIED

(11) Title: Vacant Land Property Tax

Sponsor: District of Lillooet

Whereas some municipal councils in jurisdictions have the authority to set tax rates on vacant land at a higher rate than non-vacant land (such as the authority provided for in the s. 616 vacancy tax provision of the *Vancouver Charter*);

And whereas some municipal councils with the requisite authority choose to set tax rates on vacant land at a higher rate to encourage owners of vacant property to either develop the property or sell the land which may result in the development of the property under new ownership:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia conduct a review of the *Community Charter* to amend the legislation to grant municipal councils' authority to add a 'vacant land' property tax.

CARRIED

(12) TITLE: Fire Apparatus Maintenance for Small Geographic Fire Departments

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas the Fire Underwriters has deemed that all fire apparatus from all municipal and regional district Fire Departments in British Columbia be in service for 20 years, providing annual testing and inspections are performed;

And whereas there are local governments that utilize their fire apparatus much less frequently than those of other local governments, and small geographically sized communities do not put nearly as much distance on their fire apparatus as do larger geographically sized communities, and all fire apparatus are annually tested and maintained to the highest standard of operation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Provincial Government to urge the Fire Underwriters to allow small municipalities with small geographic areas to operate their well maintained and low mileage fire apparatus beyond 20 years as their first response apparatus.

CARRIED

(13) Title: Provincial Maintenance of Arterial Roads Within Municipalities

Sponsor: City of Merritt

Whereas the Provincial Ministry of Transportation (MOTI) is responsible for the clearing of snow off arterial highways across British Columbia, including within municipal boundaries;

And whereas the Provincial MOTI has signed contracts with external companies to fulfill this responsibility, each of which is to last for ten years from signing;

And whereas residents of municipalities expect their city authorities to promptly and appropriately deal with snow removal:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government work closely with municipalities to identify any flaws or deficiencies in snow-clearing on arterial routes, and to relay an expectation to their contractors that reasonable municipal requests be heeded through the duration of the contract;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government involve municipal authorities in setting standards for snow clearance when the contracts are renewed.

CARRIED

(14) Title: Use of All-Terrain Vehicles during Snow Events

Sponsor: City of Merritt

Whereas the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* prohibits private owners from driving all-terrain vehicles on municipal streets;

And whereas heavy snowfall can render municipal streets and sidewalks impassable by ordinary vehicles and pedestrians for several days;

And whereas residents of municipalities wish to aid their fellow residents by clearing snow expeditiously including with the use of all-terrain vehicles:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government amend the *Motor Vehicle Act* to allow the use of all-terrain vehicles on municipal streets during snow events, solely to aid in clearing snow.

DEFEATED

(15) Title: Extreme Weather Response Shelters

Sponsor: Town of Oliver

Whereas the Province of British Columbia no longer supports extreme weather response shelters that open during the winter when a local community declares an alert under the *Assistance to Shelter Act* - that sleeping outside could threaten health and safety, and during an alert are open every night;

And whereas the Province, through BC Housing, now supports year-round emergency shelters and temporary winter shelters that are generally open November to April that challenges smaller communities with the ability to open these types of emergency shelters:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province re-establish extreme weather response shelters funding to enable small communities to open an extreme weather response shelter for the homeless and vulnerable population;

And be it further resolved that extreme weather response shelters be activated when Environment Canada issues an extreme weather alert.

CARRIED

(16) Title: Provincial Authorization and Compliance of Landfills in British Columbia

Sponsor: Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Whereas the *Environmental Management Act* authorizes a regional district to manage solid waste in accordance with its Solid Waste Management Plan, which is approved by the Ministry of Environment;

And whereas the Authorizations Division of the Ministry of Environment is responsible to review and receive a landfill facility's design and operation plan and issue the operational certificate required for a local government to operate a landfill facility to receive solid waste;

And whereas the Compliance Division of the Ministry of Environment is responsible to inspect a local government operated landfill facility to ensure it is operating in accordance with its issued operational certificate;

And whereas the Authorizations Division of the Ministry of Environment works through a necessary application to update an existing Operational Certificate, the Compliance Division of the Ministry of Environment holds local government owned landfill facilities out of compliance against the existing Operational Certificates and issues landfill non-compliance letters to local governments containing threats of significant monetary penalties and even imprisonment:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to request that the Ministry of Environment Compliance and the Authorizations Divisions act proactively and reasonably with each other and local government landfill owners to ensure landfill compliance with Operational Certificates without threats of imprisonment or substantial monetary fines.

CARRIED

(17) Title: Abandoned Vehicles on Crown Land

Sponsor: Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

Whereas enforcement of abandoned vehicles on Crown Land, Provincial rights of way and road dedications may involve a number of agencies but little coordinated action;

And whereas members of the public have difficulty knowing who to contact to initiate a complaint of an apparent abandoned vehicle:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to designate one Ministry or coordinating body to be responsible for abandoned vehicle complaints on Crown Land, Provincial rights of way, and road dedications.

CARRIED

(18) Title: 911 Dropped Calls

Sponsor: Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

Whereas statistics indicate an increased number of identified abandoned 911 calls in the South Okanagan;

And whereas the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) do not have access to current personal information to respond effectively to abandoned 911 calls;

And whereas the RCMP response to abandoned 911 calls is labour intensive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Ministry of Justice work with the Federal Government of Canada to make available current personal information collected by provincial and national telecommunication carriers to police communications centres and 911 public safety answering points within British Columbia to assist with tracking dropped 911 calls.

CARRIED

(19) Title: Invasive Asian Clams

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

Whereas invasive Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) are known to threaten the natural biodiversity of lakes by competing with native species for sustenance and space, cause biofouling to water treatments systems, alter water chemistry, and potentially reduce the quality of drinking water;

And whereas the spread of Asian clams will have significant environmental, social, and economic consequences for our waterways, wildlife and communities;

And whereas the Controlled Alien Species Regulation exists under the *Wildlife Act* to enforce controls for species that pose a risk to people, property, wildlife, and wildlife habitat:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to designate invasive Asian clams (*Corbicula fluminea*) as a Prohibited Aquatic Invasive Species under the Controlled Alien Species Regulation under the *Wildlife Act*.

CARRIED

(20) Title: Protection of Waterways from Aquatic Invasive Species

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

Whereas Canada is home to 20 percent of the world's fresh water, and the spread of aquatic invasive species (AIS) poses irreparable environmental, social and economic threats that will cost Canadian taxpayers billions of dollars in lost tourism and economic opportunities, and other unknown costs;

And whereas the spread of AIS is largely connected to human activity, including the unsafe transport of watercraft and floatplanes between bodies of water;

And whereas current government efforts through fines for failing to stop at a BC watercraft inspection station, there is a lack of specific provincial or federal regulation and enforcement that is directed at

watercraft owners who fail to prevent the spread of AIS by cleaning, draining, and drying their watercraft before transport:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial and federal governments adopt increased and stricter enforcement measures for watercraft and floatplane owners including the introduction of a significant fine for watercraft and floatplane owners that fail to clean, drain and dry their watercraft or floatplane before transporting it to another body of water and an increase in the fine issued to motorists who fail to stop and a watercraft inspection station.

CARRIED

~~(21) Title: Recreation Sites and Trails BC Partnership Agreements—(rescinded by Sicamous council)~~

Sponsor: District of Sicamous

Whereas many local governments and communities rely on the snowmobile industry for economic stability and development and, at the same time, those local governments and communities care about maintaining existing Recreation Sites and Trails Management Plans and Partnerships with the Province of BC for respectful stewardship of the lands;

And whereas some communities, user groups, and clubs within the BC Snowmobile Federation (BCSF) find their management plans undermined and disregarded without notice or consideration due to industrial use of these recreation sites and trails during peak operating season:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the provincial government to ensure that the BCSF, its partnering snowmobile clubs and recreational user groups, are awarded sole user status on the aforementioned trails and forest service roads for which corresponding Management Plans are in place, from December 1 through to March 31 of each year.

(22) Title: UBCM Resolutions Session

Sponsor: Village of Lumby

Whereas UBCM is the primary way that all local governments in BC interact with the provincial government as a unified group;

And whereas resolutions brought forward from area associations to UBCM have been debated at area association AGMs, as well as reviewed by the UBCM resolutions committee prior to convention:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM convention focus on allowing enough time for all resolution debate and voting as a priority over plenary sessions and presentations so that ALL resolutions can be debated and voted at convention;

And be it further resolved that the UBCM convention schedule resolution debate and voting times to not be concurrent with ministerial meeting schedules so that all delegations bringing resolutions can be present when their resolution reaches the convention floor.

CARRIED

(23) Title: Off-Site Tasting Rooms

Sponsor: City of Penticton

Whereas BC wineries and liquor manufacturers are not able to sell their products at an owner-operated secondary or offsite location;

And whereas land-based wineries are required to locate their tasting room and retail facility at their manufacturing establishment, which in turn must be located on the agricultural land where their vineyard is located; while commercial wineries may locate their tasting room and retail facility in a town or city only if their manufacturing facility is located on the same property;

And whereas allowing BC wineries and liquor manufacturers to establish off-site tasting room and retail facilities would attract visitors who are increasingly interested in regional, craft and artisanal products to communities around the province, creating significant economic development opportunities for smaller rural communities and limiting pressure on the development of agricultural land for non-agricultural uses:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General revise Division 5 of the BC Liquor Control and Licensing Regulation (dealing with Manufacturer's Licenses) and the Manufacturer License Terms and Conditions such that manufacturers may apply to establish a tasting room and retail facility off-site, either on an individual basis or in concert with one or more other manufacturers; together with associated lounge, patio and picnic-area endorsements.

CARRIED

(24) Title: Dilapidated Z240 Mobile Homes Disposal Fee Two-Year Reprieve

Sponsor: District of Lillooet

Whereas there is insufficient attainable housing availability for those who seek to live and work in rural BC Communities;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has acknowledged the lack of attainable housing as a "Housing Crisis";

And whereas there is an abundance of dilapidated Z240 mobile homes in rural BC Communities that if removed could benefit the property development, economic growth and visual aesthetics of various communities;

And whereas the cost of responsibly disposing of these dilapidated Z240 mobile homes is prohibitive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to grant a two-year reprieve on the cost of disposing dilapidated Z240 mobile homes in landfills to free up developable land for improved and additional housing.

DEFEATED

(25) Title: Public Sector Essential Service Personnel Housing

Sponsor: District of Lillooet

Whereas there is insufficient attainable housing availability for those who seek to live and work in many communities;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has acknowledged the lack of attainable housing as a “Housing Crisis”;

And whereas there is both a great need for, and lack of, housing for various personnel such as Royal Canadian Mounted Police and medical staff in communities in BC;

And whereas the cost and availability of housing is prohibitive for needed personnel that would otherwise move for work:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia fund public sector essential service personnel housing.

CARRIED

(26) Title: Criminal Justice Reform for Repeat, Convicted Offenders

Sponsor: District of Lillooet

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed in the Province of BC;

And whereas many BC residents are frustrated with the low sanction sentences imposed by the Provincial Court criminal justice system;

And whereas criminals may not choose the path to recovery as provided for by various Provincial, Federal, or First Nations government-created mental health programs, Indigenous court systems, reform programs, safe injection sites, methadone, or Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) clinics;

And whereas many thefts and drug-related crimes are perpetrated by criminals who are “well known to police” and have multiple or long criminal records:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC and the BC’s Attorney General immediately begin working with the Government of Canada to address issues with Canada’s and British Columbia’s justice system including the proposed imposition of weightier consequences and greater accountability for repeat offenders, thereby supporting the rights of all Canadians to live in safe communities.

CARRIED

(27) Title: Organ Donation – Presumed Consent

Sponsor: Okanagan Similkameen Regional District

Whereas the population of British Columbia is 5.071 million but only 1.555 million British Columbians have registered their organ donor decision;

And whereas one organ donor can save up to 8 lives:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia enact provincial legislation whereby an individual is deemed to consent to the individual's organs and tissues being used for transplantation activities, similar to the *Presumed Consent Organ Transplant Act* passed by the Province of Nova Scotia.

DEFEATED

(28) TITLE: SILGA Constitution –Section 2 – Purposes

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS SILGA's scope of purpose has broadened to achieve the associations' goals of "Connect – Educate – Advocate";

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SILGA Constitution Section 2.3 amended as follows:

- 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;

Amended to read:

to support and advance to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and/or Provincial Ministries on behalf of the membership proposed changes in legislation, regulations or Government policy;

CARRIED

(29) TITLE: SILGA Constitution –Section 4 Amendment - Officers

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS SILGA staff is paid as an Independent Contractor with the job title of General Manager;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SILGA Constitution Section 4.2 be amended as follows:

- 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.

Amended to read:

The Secretary-Treasurer will be the General Manager of SILGA, to be paid a contracted fee in the amount and on the terms and conditions authorized by the majority of the Directors.

Proposed amendment

Moved/Seconded by Christine Fraser/Rhona Martin THAT:

To change “authorized by the majority of the Directors” to “authorized by the 2/3 majority of the Directors”

Vote on amendment **CARRIED**

Vote on resolution as amended **CARRIED**

(30) TITLE: SILGA Constitution –Section 8 Amendment – Meeting of the Members

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS if under Public Health Orders the SILGA convention is unable to be held in person;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SILGA Constitution Section 8.2 be amended as follows:

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.

Amended to read:

One general meeting shall be held every year in the month of April or May which shall be known as the Annual General Meeting. If a virtual Annual General Meeting is deemed necessary by the SILGA board, the SILGA board or staff will choose a third-party virtual meeting platform as well as a third party electronic voting platform to allow confidential online voting for all aspects of the Annual General Meeting. Member Representatives will be provided in advance with detailed instructions on how to access the virtual platform and the voting procedures.

CARRIED

(31) TITLE: SILGA Constitution –Section 10 amendments – Submission of AGM resolutions

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS the SILGA bylaws need to be updated to reflect more clearly the current procedures for submitting and vetting resolutions by member local governments.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SILGA Constitution Section 10 be amended as follows:

10.2 The President shall appoint a Resolutions Committee of three Members of the Executive at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

Amended to read:

The President shall appoint a Resolutions Committee of three or more Members of the Executive at least sixty (60) days prior to 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;

Amended to read:

Each resolution shall be prepared on the sponsoring Member local government's letterhead and shall bear a short descriptive title;

10.6 Resolutions Submitted Prior to the Annual Meeting

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

Amended to read:

The Executive will have the resolutions available on the SILGA website as well as circulated to Member Representatives via email.

CARRIED

(32) TITLE: SILGA Constitution Fee Amendment – Appendix A

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS SILGA's membership fees do not have a provision for inflation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request an amendment to the SILGA Bylaws to reflect the following fee structure for each member:

2021 and beyond \$300 plus \$0.075 per capita* with a 2% annual increase

*based on most recently available Statistics Canada census information

CARRIED

8. Address by the Incoming President

Karla Kozakevich thanked Lori Mindnich for so capably leading the association through these pandemic times and is grateful that Councillor Mindnich will remain on the board to provide direction for the next couple of years. She commented that technology is definitely here to stay and SILGA will try to connect with the delegates through these means. Saying that, she is hopeful that SILGA will be able to host an in-person AGM and convention in 2022.

9. President's Closing Remarks

President Lori Mindnich thanked Lee's Music from Kamloops who helped put together this virtual AGM, as well as the SILGA Speaker Series. She congratulated the new board and looks forward to working with them to address the challenges in the upcoming year.

10. 2022 Convention – Salmon Arm

The 2022 Convention may be held in Salmon Arm from April 26th to April 29th if the BC Provincial Health Officer will allow meetings of more than 50 at that time.

11. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Louise Wallace Richmond/Rhona Martin THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 3:06 pm on April 28, 2021.

CARRIED

Alison Slater, Secretary Treasurer