

SILGA

2022 January
Newsletter



Winter in Gold Bridge

2022 SILGA AGM and Convention, Salmon Arm BC April 26th – 29th Prestige Harbourfront Resort, Salmon Arm, BC

Exciting news! We're still on target for an in-person AGM and Convention. While it may be run a little differently this year, we've got a fantastic line up of speakers and panels to educate and bring awareness to topics key to local governments. We will wait to open up registration until later in February, pending any new PHOs. Vaccination passports and masks will be mandatory at this event.



Our Keynote Speaker is CBC personality Jesse Wenthe. Mr. Wenthe has appeared on CBC Radio's Metro Morning as film and pop culture critic for 20 years. He's currently Chair of the Canada Council for the Arts and he previously served as Director of Film Programmes at TIFF Bell Lightbox, where he oversaw theatrical, Cinematheque and Film Circuit programming. A self-described 'Ojibwe dude' with a national and international lens, he encourages audiences to consider diversity and inclusion into the future view of their organization, industry and country.

Tours: Innovation Centre/Food Hub, Art Gallery and Robotic Dairy Farm
Panels: Movie Industry, Attainable Housing, Integrated Project Management
Speaker Topics: Wildfire Communications, Airport Service Development, Organization Resilience, Liability and Evacuations (legal), Flood and/or Fire Mitigation, Cultural Mapping.

SILGA Deadlines/AGM information

February 1 st	Community Excellence Awards
February 25 th	Nominations for SILGA Board
February 25 th	Resolutions for AGM
April 26 th -29 th	SILGA AGM and Convention, Salmon Arm

Late Resolutions: Please note that at the 2022 SILGA AGM only emergent resolutions of a regional nature as determined by the Resolutions Committee will be accepted for debate and that a rationale must be included in the submission as to why the resolution is emergent.



BC Achievement
Foundation

The 2022 Community Award is open for nominations! Now, more than ever, we are grateful for those who lead the way, showing us the importance of strong, engaged communities.

Communities where we care for each other. Deadline is January 31st and for more information on how to nominate [click here](#).

Seeking candidates for the SILGA Board of Directors

Are you interested in joining a regional local government board that focusses on advocacy and education for mayors, councillors and directors?

Contact the SILGA office @ yoursilga@gmail.com for more information and how to apply.

Hell or High Water Benefit Concert for Flood [March 13th](#)

This online concert will raise money for the people of the fire and flood ravaged communities in BC, including the most devastated areas of Merritt, Lytton, Princeton and Abbotsford.

Proposed Internet Infrastructure for the Coq

Shaw and Rogers are working together to build a new high-capacity fibre optic line from Hope to Kamloops following Highway 5 (Coquihalla). The new fibre will improve access to broadband services, including high speed internet service, cellular service along the highway and public WiFi at rest stops. The new high-capacity fibre optic cable is being designed as an Open Access Network, where local governments, First Nation communities and local service providers will have the opportunity to access the fibre to deliver new services to residents and businesses.



This new fibre will provide underserved communities like Lac Lejeune, Nicola, Brookmere, Kingsvale and Coquihalla Summit Recreation Centre the ability to access to the fibre optic cable to help provide

high speed internet and other broadband services, like video streaming, phone and access to new business products. It will also promote safety and improve access to emergency services along the corridor.

SILGA Student thoughts from the 2021 UBCM Convention

In his report to the SILGA Board, Jacob Wilson, a Grade 11 student from Sahali Secondary in Kamloops, thanked SILGA for allowing him to attend the virtual convention. A computer nut, he was very interested in the cyber security presentation and the best practices to prevent an attack from happening. He now has a greater appreciation for the role of local governments and how they can improve the lives of their citizens, along with the interconnectivity of different levels of government.

If your community has a deserving student that wants to attend the 2022 UBCM convention, the nominations will open in April. All the information on how to nominate a student and the criteria for selection can be [found here](#).

Pathways to Action on a BC Watershed Security Fund

The need for major investments in B.C.'s watershed security has never been more urgent. Catastrophic flooding following a summer of historic drought and forest fires has brought to light the serious challenges we are collectively facing. Local governments, Indigenous nations, and stewardship groups have long called for increased provincial government support to conserve, protect and restore our shared watersheds.

With its current mandate, the B.C. government is committed to creating a B.C. Watershed Security Fund. Broader public consultations about the Fund are about to be launched.

The webinar, hosted by Climate Caucus, will share proposed directions for the Fund from a new paper released by the Sustainable Funding Working Group, an independent group of Indigenous and non-Indigenous experts. It will provide an opportunity for interactive discussion between participants and members of this Working Group on the importance of the Fund and its potential to be a game-changer for watersheds and community health and security into the future. Webinar is on February 25th at 3.00 pm.

[Link to the Invitation to the Webinar](#)



Some Convention fun to look forward to!

1. 9 holes of golf -Executive course Salmon Arm Golf Club
2. Tours of Cideries
3. Pub night

AND Reach for the Top – LG vs LG
Get your team together to see who is the smartest!

Community Excellence Awards

Are you proud of your community or regional area's accomplishments? Would you like it to be recognized at our convention and more broadly through social media and the news?

To promote the environmental, social, and economic well being of our member communities and to share ideas and best practices throughout the SILGA area, we have created awards to showcase a community in each of these categories.

To nominate your local government, please provide a letter describing a fantastic project, event, or activity that you are proud of. A winner will be chosen in each category and presented an award during our AGM. Submissions from previous years may be used again. Deadline is February 1st.