

SILGA

Spring 2019 Newsletter



VERNON BC

2019-20 SILGA Executive Board



We are pleased to announce the new 2019-20 SILGA Board. Five new councillors have stepped on board members – Councillor Akbal Mund (Vernon), Councillor Ruth Hoyte (Coldstream), Councillor Bill Sarai (Kamloops) and Councillors Debbie Cannon and Louise Wallace Richmond (Salmon Arm). Congratulations to all five! Here's the complete listing of the SILGA board who will always want to hear any issues you may have.

President Lori Mindnich, Lumby
1st VP Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
2nd VP Toni Boot, Summerland
Past Pres. Shelley Sim, Clearwater

Directors

Debbie Cannon, Salmon Arm
Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
Akbal Mund, Vernon
Bill Sarai, Kamloops
Judy Sentes, Penticton
Robin Smith, Logan Lake
Louise Wallace Richmond, SA

Please visit the SILGA website (www.silga.ca) for their contact information.

SILGA would also like to give a big thank you to Councillor Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm, Mayor Barbara Roden, Ashcroft, and Councillor Chad Eliason, Salmon Arm for their insights and contributions during the board meetings.

2020 SILGA
AGM and
Convention
Vernon, BC

*Save these
dates!*

April 28th to
May 1st, 2020
Prestige Vernon
Lodge and
Prestige Hotel

2019 Penticton Convention Wrap up

What a fantastic convention! The venue was superb, the keynote speakers were fabulous, and the City of Penticton shone brightly all week. We heard great things about the Wednesday Food Truck lunch and the Vernon convention committee is considering making it a tradition.

We heard that the keynote speakers were the best ever, and that the membership continues to want more interactive sessions.

At the AGM, the SILGA membership debated 27 resolutions, 24 of which were received prior to the deadline date. Of those debated, 26 passed and 1 was defeated. While we heard the resolution session went smoothly, the membership was disappointed that there was no debate on the resolutions, yet some resolutions passed by a small margin. Don't be shy next year – let your voice be heard!

We start our planning for session topics within the next couple of months, so if you have any suggestions, please let the SILGA office know. We will use the feedback in the evaluations we received.

2019 Community Excellence Awards

SILGA started the Community Excellence Awards in 2018 and we are proud to announce the winners for 2019. The selection committee was very hard pressed to determine the winners as all the submissions this year were excellent. If you didn't win in 2019, or if you have a new project to boast about, the submission deadline for 2020 will be at the end of March.



Social Responsibility
Town of Oliver
Food Secure



Economic Development
District of Logan Lake
Community Forest



Environmental Sustainability
District of Clearwater
Bio Energy

UBCM NEWS

SILGA Youth at UBCM

SILGA is excited to announce the following students will be attending the UBCM convention in September. After receiving four excellent submissions, the board approved these individuals and their nominating councils:

- Emma Brennan, Salmon Arm
- Vivian McLean, Ashcroft
- Zachary Naish, Salmon Arm
- Cadence Taron, Vernon

These students will be shadowing their councils by attending presentations, tours and minister meetings. Please keep an eye out for them during the SILGA luncheon!

SILGA Minister Meetings

SILGA will be requesting the following meetings with Ministers at UBCM:

- a) Agriculture – to discuss secondary suites/seasonal worker housing on farmland, along with the impact of Bills 15 and 52 in the SILGA region.
- b) FLNRO – to discuss caribou recovery and back country access, economic recovery for those communities affected by mill closures and milfoil prevention and control.
- c) Health – to discuss physician recruitment along with new health care models.
- d) Social Development and Poverty Reduction – to discuss Homelessness and library funding and outreach.
- e) Premier – to introduce the SILGA students and discuss any provincial plastic bag ban policies.



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LGLA Leadership and Electoral Area Forums

*First week of
February*

Richmond BC

Southern Interior Local Government Association

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