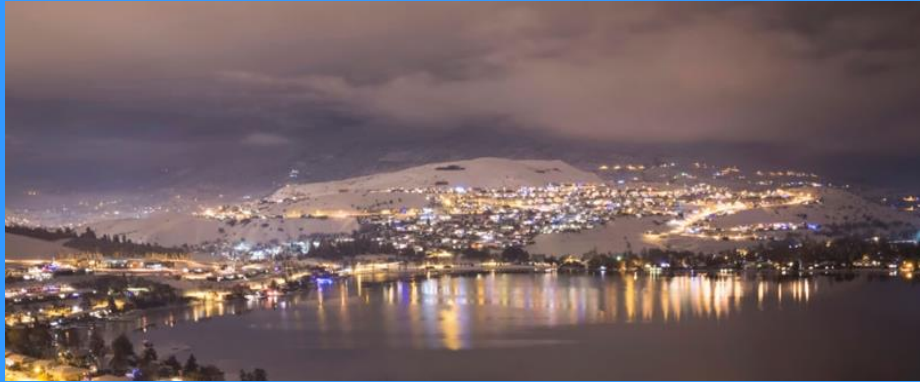


SILGA

2020 Winter Newsletter



2020 SILGA Convention – Keynote Speakers

Dr. Mark DeVolder



Dr. DeVolder distinguishes himself as a change management specialist and is one of today's original thinkers and motivators on transitions. Often in the spotlight for high profile transitions, Mark offered guidance for the ending of the NASA Space Shuttle Program and helped Colombian business leaders adapt to the NAFTA Free Trade Agreement. Mark's mission and passion is to help people and organizations adapt boldly, nimbly and quickly in the midst of exponential change.

Dr. Gord McIntosh



Gordon McIntosh has 37 years of management, educator and consultancy roles with local government. As President of the Local Government Leadership (LGL) Institute, he provides governance development, strategic facilitation and leadership training services. He has conducted 1,200 workshops involving 140,000 elected and appointed officials. Gord will be facilitating one plenary session and two breakout sessions during the convention.

Diane Kalen-Sukra



Toxic culture is eroding our sense of belonging, community and well-being. Our capacity to collaborate and innovate together is also being undermined by the rising incivility and divisiveness. We need each other to address the complex challenges facing our cities and communities -- from the infrastructure deficit to climate change, homelessness, mental health and addiction issues. In order to thrive, our local democracies depend on our ability to revive the art of living and working well together. In her talk, Diane will help you navigate these challenges.

Tuesday Afternoon Tours

Okanagan Spirits Craft Distilleries and BX Press Cidery and Orchard tours

Okanagan Spirits Craft Distillery offers visitors an opportunity to learn about our production with a complimentary education on the art of craft distilling.

BX Press invites you to walk among their trees and enjoy their ciders crafted from the apples grown on their limbs. Their heart is in connecting – with the space their food (and drink) is grown.

Vernon Foodie Tour

On this 3-hour walking "Downtown Discovery" tour, guests will taste the tantalizing flavours of award-winning eateries while learning about the oldest community in the Okanagan – Vernon. Murals larger than life, parks, unique shops, galleries, heritage sites, and delicious food are all part of the experience in this historic part of the city. Make sure you come hungry!

Emergency Management BC Session Modernizing BC Emergency Management Legislation

This session was held on December 6th in Kamloops with 6 Ministry representatives addressing the participants. 45 local government leaders and staff attended the session, which was the only one put on by an area association. Feedback was very positive with invaluable information made available from both directions. Staff and local government leaders on the front lines learned what the Ministry is planning while Ministry staff received feedback on how to improve the processes and what is needed from communities dealing with emergencies. The “world café” style of meeting was very effective and allowed excellent transference of information as the participants changed groups when they moved to different tables. The Okanagan Basin Water Board has also submitted numerous recommendations in response to this session. Ministry staff commended SILGA for hosting this important dialogue, adding that we were the only Area Association to do so.



Networking Events at the Vernon Convention

Tuesday - Pub Night at Marten Brew Pub

Wednesday - Welcome Reception at O’Keefe Ranch



Thursday – Banquet and Dance at Prestige Hotel

Registration Information

Registration is now open!

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2020/silga>

New for 2020! Youth rate of \$200

Important Deadlines/Dates

February 28th

Resolutions and Nominations

March 13th

Early Bird Registration closes

April 3rd

No refunds on registrations

April 28th

Convention begins

Wednesday morning Tours

Vernon Water Reclamation Centre

The Centre treats approximately 4500 million liters of influent annually. The high-quality reclaimed water is then pumped 8 km to a reservoir and used as a primary source of irrigation water on approximately 850 ha of agricultural lands, tree farms, sports fields, and three large golf courses.

Okanagan Rail Trail tour

Rail trail opportunities are presenting themselves across the province, but how can local governments position themselves to work together and across jurisdictional boundaries to successfully capture the opportunities that they can present?



Planet Bee Honey Farm and Meadery

View live honey bees working in our glass observatory hives, numerous educational posters and displays, tastings of over 20 varieties of honey and several Meads (honey wines).

ALC Information Update

Extended grandfathering of Manufactured Homes for Family in the ALR

The deadline to receive all required authorization to locate a manufactured home for family members in the ALR has been extended from February 22, 2020 to December 31, 2020. On January 28th, the Provincial Government deposited Order in Council 28/2020 (OIC 28/2020) which amended s 32. (3)(c) and (d) of the ALR Use Regulation as it relates to the date authorizations must be granted by to place a manufactured home for family. Please refer to [OIC 28/2020](#) as the ALR Use Regulation has not been updated yet.

Manufactured Homes – ALC Policy L-25

The Commission has adopted a definition of a manufactured home in ALC Land Use Policy L-25. Policy L-25 can be found in the Land Use Policy dropdown of the [ALC Policies and Bulletins](#) page on the ALC website.

Farm-Related Commercial and Farm-Related Industrial Uses – ALC Policy L-24

The Commission has adopted Land Use Policy L-24 as it relates to the site coverage of farm-related commercial and farm-related industrial uses in the ALR. Policy L-24 can be found in the Land Use Policy dropdown of the [ALC Policies and Bulletins](#) page on the ALC website.

Ministry of Agriculture’s Residential Flexibility Policy Paper

In a news release dated Monday, January 27th, 2020, the Province is proposing more residential flexibility for people living in the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) as outlined in a new policy intentions paper released January 27th, 2020, by the Ministry of Agriculture. The news release contains a link to the Ministry’s Policy Intention Paper and their “What We Heard” report from the 2019 public engagement. People are being asked to provide their feedback by April 17th, 2020, on the residential options via email: ALR_ALCRevitalization@gov.bc.ca.

New ALC Phone Numbers

The ALC general office number (604-660-7000) will remain the same. <https://www.alc.gov.bc.ca/alc/content/contact-us>

Giving homeless and marginalized peoples support and assistance through libraries.

From the 2019 UBCM meeting with the SILGA board, a Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the Okanagan Regional Library and the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction to fund Community Integration Specialists. These part-time workers provide outreach services to marginalized individuals who are clients of the Employment and Assistance program and recipients of assistance under the Acts. The downtown Kelowna, Rutland and Westbank libraries will be used in this pilot project. Outreach services provided will be information and help completing applications on the Employment and Assistance programs.



Inviting our Neighbours!

We are looking forward to continued conversations with the Indigenous governments within the SILGA region and looking for broader engagement. As you may recall, the SILGA executive did a ‘travelling road show’ in early 2019 to update member municipalities and regional districts (both returning and newly elected officials) on the benefits of SILGA membership. Over the upcoming months we will be asking Indigenous governments to allow executive members to present to their Councils, then consider accepting our invitation to also enjoy the learning, decision-making, networking and engagement, and advocacy benefits of membership. We are looking for Councils and Regional Boards to invite their Indigenous neighbours to the SILGA convention. It is the hope of SILGA to expand membership to all communities within our boundaries. For more information, contact Alison at yoursilga@gmail.com for registration details.