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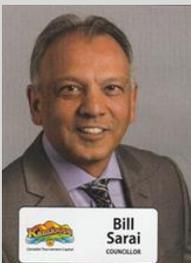
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SILGA Community News

NEW ELECTRIC ZAMBONI IN SUMMERLAND



The new Zamboni has been in use for the last month and arena staff have commented on how easy it is to operate. The machine uses about 13% of battery life per clean with arena running 18 hours a day, plugging it in halfway through the day and at the end of the night keeps it charged above 50%.

The Climate Action Reserve Fund provided some funds to support the project. This project helps support the District of Summerland's GHG emissions reduction goals and is in line with recommendations from both our Official Community Plan & the Corporate Energy & Emissions Plan.

"Once again Summerland scores in our efforts to transition to a low-carbon future," says Acting Mayor Doug Holmes. "There are also a hat-trick of financial benefits for going electric: the District saves on fuel, on maintenance costs, and on the reduced strain on the arena's ventilation system due to the elimination of carbon emissions."

100th ANNIVERSARY OF THE OLIVER IRRIGATION CANAL

The Town of Oliver unveiled a commemorative bronze plaque to formally celebrate the centennial anniversary of the irrigation canal; often referred to as the Ditch. "It is an amazing piece of infrastructure", stated Mayor Johanson, the engineering involved, using the tools that were available years ago is unbelievable. The irrigation canal has provided a sustainable and reliable water source for 100 years, and with continued maintenance and major repairs scheduled to re-route the siphon at Gallagher Lake, the canal will serve the area for many years to come".



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LET'S RETHINK BC'S ENERGY FUTURE

Submitted by Fortis

Last year, FortisBC announced our 30BY30 target- our plan to reduce our customers' Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions by 30 per cent by 2030. Throughout 2020, we've worked with communities throughout the interior to advance 30BY30 – whether that's a new electric vehicle charging station in Osoyoos or free energy efficiency consulting in the Okanagan.

We're also working to bring something new to communities that may be just as valuable: information. Communities across BC are faced with the challenge of having to find local solutions for the global issue of climate change. These are big decisions that can have a lasting impact on a community and its residents. To help arm local governments with more information, FortisBC has released a new report, Pathways for British Columbia to reach its GHG reduction goals, that examines two different routes forward – one based predominantly on electrification and another that takes full advantage of both natural gas and electric systems.



Both routes lead to the desired end point – the near 80 per cent greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction that aligns with provincial targets. But the end point is not all that matters as the examination of these routes provide key insights that policy makers should be aware of.

We're looking forward to presenting to the SILGA executive in coming weeks and look forward to future opportunities to present the report to SILGA members also. We'd invite SILGA members to contact us for more details about upcoming presentations.



2021 Canada Census

The federal government is hiring! [Click here](#) for all the information on available jobs.

City of Kamloops wins UBCM Community Excellence Award for Public Engagement During COVID-19

The City of Kamloops has been honoured with an Excellence in Governance Award for its efforts related to public engagement during the COVID-19 pandemic at this year's UBCM convention. The City accepted the award during the virtual Community Excellence Awards ceremony earlier this fall.

The City's submission, Adopting a Let's Talk Commitment Guides Kamloops' Engagement During COVID-19, outlined the organization's best-practice approach to sharing information with the public during the pandemic via LetsTalk.Kamloops.ca, its public engagement platform, and continually throughout the different phases of BC's reopening.

The approach was guided by strong City leadership and a variety of departments working together, including the Mayor's Office and Council, the City's Emergency Operations Centre, communications, civic operations, and many others to ensure timely, accurate information was getting to as many people as possible during these unprecedented times.

"This award represents how our organization worked together during an evolving and all-consuming situation in which people were relying on us to demonstrate leadership in keeping our citizens as safe, healthy, and informed as possible," said Mayor Ken Christian.

Since mid-March, the City has committed to regularly engaging with citizens through update videos from the Mayor's Office; news conferences; and the COVID-19 Let's Talk page, which shares news, facilities closures, essential services, resources, and reopening practices. It also encourages residents to share good news, provides health authority contact information, and has attracted hundreds of thousands of visitors. The City also took a leadership role in supporting the creation of the YKA Strong program. This group of 10 business and government partners has been working together to support the business community during the pandemic.



Mayor Ken Christian provided ongoing video updates to residents as part of the City of Kamloops' pandemic response.

SILGA 2021

Format for the Convention

Thanks to everyone who participated in the survey helping the SILGA board decide how to organize the 2021 Convention. Stay tuned!

Keynote Speakers

Dr. Mark Devolder

Harnessing the Hurricane: Adapting Faster to Extreme Change

Diane Kalen -Sukra

Save your City: How toxic culture kills community and what to do about it

Resolutions and Nominations

Just a reminder that the 2021 resolution and nomination deadline will be February 26th. Local Government staff will receive notifications in early December regarding submission procedures.

Community Excellence Awards

To promote the environmental, social, and economic wellbeing of our member communities and to share ideas and best practices throughout the SILGA area, SILGA has created these awards. For more information and how to submit an application please [click here](#).

For all the current information on the SILGA Convention, please visit the [SILGA website](#).

UBCM Board of Director Elections



Congratulations to Sadie Hunter, Kamloops Councillor, the newest member of the UBCM Board of Directors!



The Sun Peaks Grand Hotel is pleased to offer a **10% discount** off our Best Available Price to all SILGA Members and Staff.