

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
April 26th and 27th, 2018 in Revelstoke, BC

1. Call to Order

President Shelley Sim called the meeting to order at 8:20 am on April 26, 2018.

2. President's Report

President Sim thanked the current executive and staff for their hard work and dedication. She also thanked the Revelstoke Mayor Mark McKee and the convention host committee for their efforts in putting on a successful convention. She commented that your issues drive our agenda and joint advocacy with our members makes things happen at higher levels of government. Issues start as a murmur and grow into thunder. SILGA is all about speaking our voice, educating our people, coming together as a collective body. SILGA continues to advocate on education funding models, housing, disaster mitigation and quagga and zebra mussels.

The youth engagement initiative at UBCM has been a resounding success. In the SILGA area, there are now junior councils in Salmon Arm, Clearwater and Kamloops and School District #73 (Kamloops/Thompson) is looking at a youth advocacy board.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Mike Macnabb/Karla Kozakevich THAT:

The minutes of the April 27th and 28th, 2017 Annual General Meeting held at Sun Peaks be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Business Arising From the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Financial Report

Angie Spencer from BDO Canada presented the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2017. She commented that BDO was able to give a clean report for SILGA as a not for profit association. She noted that the assets and revenues are comparable to 2016 levels but expenses in 2017 were significantly lower creating a small loss of \$2,500.

Moved/Seconded by Akbul Mund/Arjun Singh THAT:

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2017 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Nomination Committee Report

Nomination Committee Chair Chad Eliason read out the nominations and after calling three times for nominations from the floor, the following results were announced for the 2018-19 term.

Table Officers:

President:	Shelley Sim, Clearwater (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Lori Mindnich, Lumby (acclaimed)
2 nd Vice-President	Karla Kozakevich, RDOS (acclaimed)

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

Councillor Charlie Hodge, Kelowna
Councillor Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm
Director Mike Macnabb, RDNO
Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
Councillor Keith Thom, District of Peachland

Past President Eliason then asked for nominations from the floor:

Councillor Toni Boot, Summerland
Mayor Andrew Jakobeit, Penticton
Councillor Barbara Roden, Ashcroft

Following the election for the Directors at Large, Past President Eliason announced that the following will be Directors at Large for SILGA for the 2018/19 term.

Councillor Toni Boot, Summerland
Mayor Andrew Jakubeit, Penticton
Councillor Tim Lavery, Salmon Arm
Director Mike Macnabb, RDNO
Councillor Barbara Roden, Ashcroft
Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland

Moved/Seconded by Tim Lavery/Karla Kozakevich THAT:
The ballots for the voting for the SILGA executive be destroyed.

CARRIED

7. Resolutions

Moved/Seconded by Mike Macnabb/Keith Thom THAT:

Lynda Shykora be appointed as the SILGA parliamentarian for the resolutions session.

CARRIED

(1) TITLE: SILGA Constitution Fee Amendment

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS SILGA's current budget is unsustainable based on current member dues, and whereas SILGA is providing additional services to its members;

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

In 2018	\$250 plus \$0.04 per capita*
In 2019	\$275 plus \$0.06 per capita*
In 2020 and beyond	\$300 plus \$0.075 per capita*

*based on most recently available Statistics Canada census information

Carried

(2) TITLE: SILGA Constitution – Member Billing Timing

SPONSOR: SILGA

WHEREAS SILGA's current constitution states that dues requisitions for each year shall be sent to Members on or before April 1st and shall be payable on or before July 1st of the same year.

AND WHEREAS SILGA is requesting an amendment to their fee structure in 2018 that will not be debated until after the April 1st deadline;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the SILGA Constitution Section 9.6 be amended as follows:

Dues requisitions for each year shall be sent to Members on or before June 15th and shall be payable on or before September 15th of the same year. Member Representatives of Members whose dues are in arrears are not eligible to speak or vote at any meeting of the Association or to sit on the Executive Committee.

Carried

(1) TITLE: Community Gaming Grant Funded by eGaming Revenues

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

WHEREAS the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC), pursuant to its Corporate Social Responsibility Charter, was created to benefit the lives of British Columbians;

AND WHEREAS according to the 2016/17 BCLC Annual Service Plan Report the provision of gambling services through traditional channels such as casinos and community gaming facilities is maturing and close to meeting existing market demand while eGaming business performance was very strong with double digit growth in revenue;

AND WHEREAS host local governments received \$95.8 million and non profit community organizations received a further \$134.8 million from gambling revenue in fiscal year 2014/15;

AND WHEREAS small communities are unlikely to be host local governments and have proportionally fewer non-profit community organizations that may not have the sophistication to apply for community gaming grants creating a structural inequality between large urban communities and small rural communities with respect to the sharing of gambling revenues;

AND WHEREAS eGaming is an activity engaged in province wide and not restricted by geography.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the province of British Columbia be encouraged to establish a Community Gaming Grant program to financially support communities with populations of less than 25,000 to be funded from BCLC eGaming revenues.

Carried

(2) TITLE: Provincial Funding for Volunteer Fire Departments

SPONSOR: Thompson Nicola RD

WHEREAS volunteer fire departments provide emergency firefighting response services to communities throughout British Columbia while struggling to meet the increasing costs driven by expanded regulations and compliance requirements, increasing demand for services and changes in the legal environment;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC does not contribute directly to the delivery of fire services by local volunteer fire departments making service delivery very challenging for small fire departments and communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia set up a program to provide ongoing funding to all volunteer fire departments to assist in the annual operating costs associated with purchase and maintenance of capital infrastructure and equipment, training, and administration of the fire service.

Carried

(3) TITLE: Mutual Aid Agreements between Regional/Local Fire Departments and BC Emergency Health Services

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

WHEREAS British Columbia Ambulance Service (BCAS) is the sole ambulance service and provider of pre-hospital emergency care in the province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia Ambulance Service is managed by British Columbia Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) and falls under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Health Services Authority (PHSA);

AND WHEREAS Local or Regional Fire Departments are funded by local governments who have limited financial resources;

AND WHEREAS calls from B.C. Ambulance for assistance have increased over the years and come at a cost to local governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT B.C. Emergency Health Services initiate and enter into mutual aid agreements with paid on call regional/local fire service authorities so that each party can be fairly compensated when called upon for support.

Carried

(4) TITLE: Transportation Equity

SPONSOR: City of Vernon

WHEREAS a range of transportation options should be available to all British Columbians – including those who live in smaller communities, as well as children, older adults, people of diverse abilities, non-drivers, and people with low incomes;

AND WHEREAS providing world class transit and active transportation options throughout BC will greatly facilitate access to education, employment, shopping, health services, recreation, culture, and social connections by a diversity of British Columbians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Interior Local Government Association urge the Province of British Columbia to ensure transportation funding is allocated more equitably across the province recognizing the infrastructure deficits for pedestrian, cycling and transit modes as well as recognizing limitations faced by rural, remote, geographically isolated and small communities, as outlined in the Communities on the Move Declaration.

Carried

(5) TITLE: Transportation Services

SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

WHEREAS the availability of transportation services provided to many small, rural and remote communities across BC has declined;

AND WHEREAS there exists a need for a socially-mandated intercity bus transportation program to provide essential transportation services for small, rural and remote citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government initiate a “Connecting Communities Fund”, made available to eligible municipalities, to address significant transportation challenges for citizens and taxpayers who reside in small, rural or remote communities with a view of providing them with access to transportation hubs located on primary transportation corridors.

Carried

(6) TITLE: Cyber Security Program and Funding

SPONSOR: City of Penticton

WHEREAS Local Government has become reliant on use of information technologies including the internet, wireless technology and smart devices to advance communications and citizen services and create operational efficiencies;

AND WHEREAS protection of privacy and security of digital and physical assets and services is critical to local government in a situation where rapidly evolving technology poses significant risk of theft and damage to hardware, software and information;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Province of British Columbia establish a program that supports local government and provides grant resources for information technology security audits and information technology security system upgrades.

Carried

(7) TITLE: Cannabis Tax Revenue Sharing Model

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna/SLRD

WHEREAS legalization of recreational cannabis sales is occurring in 2018 in Canada and the Federal Government has committed to sharing tax revenues collected as a result of those sales with Provincial Governments;

AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia will create its own framework model including the role of local governments leading to additional resources needed to regulate land use, to monitor businesses and respond to bylaw issues, and for RCMP and fire department resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Provincial Government to establish a revenue sharing ratio of 50% of the tax revenues received from Cannabis Sales with local governments.

Proposed amendment:

Add “at least” after revenue sharing

Vote on motion as amended:

Carried

Vote on resolution as amended:

Defeated

(8) TITLE: BC Conservation Services

SPONSOR: Town of Princeton

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is responsible for managing Conservation Service. Underfunding is having a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of the communities served; the British Columbia Conservation Service has not been able to adequately address public safety; focus on natural resource law enforcement; off road vehicle enforcement; illegal dumping; human wildlife conflicts prevention and respond to wildlife human conflict.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be required to provide adequate funding, offices and staffing to fully support the BC Conservation Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing conservation services.

Carried

(9) TITLE: Medicines for Life Threatening Conditions

SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

WHEREAS thousands of British Columbia residents face life threatening conditions which can trigger imminent death if not treated immediately, such as allergic reactions, asthma and type 1 diabetes, creating a hardship for many families that must choose between meeting their basic needs and paying for these lifesaving medications;

AND WHEREAS Naloxone and other drug overdose reversing medications are covered free of charge by the Province;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government develop an equitable system which would make available, free of charge, all medications which could halt immediate death.

Carried

(10) TITLE: Emergency Management Incident Commander

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

WHEREAS Emergency Management BC is the Province of BC's lead coordinating agency for all emergency management activities, including training, testing and exercising, to help strengthen provincial preparedness;

AND WHEREAS Emergency Management BC works in collaboration with local governments, First Nations, federal departments, industry, non-governmental organizations and volunteers during emergency response efforts;

AND WHEREAS Villages, Towns and Districts with a population under 5,000 people, make up more than half of the 162 municipalities in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS Villages, Towns and Districts with a population under 5,000 often do not have the capacity during an emergency event to coordinate with Emergency Management BC and also cannot afford to incur a financial obligation that is later disputed and not reimbursed through the Provincial Emergency Program administered by Emergency Management BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Emergency Management BC make available to small, micro communities with populations under 5,000 Provincial Incident Commander(s) to make the critical on-site decisions during emergency events.

Carried

(11) TITLE: Development of Ongoing Provincial Funding Programs for First Nations Reconciliation and Relationship Building Efforts

SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet RD

WHEREAS current provincial programs offer some financial assistance to advance reconciliation and relationship building efforts, they generally support “one off” events as opposed to more systemic and sustained engagement efforts;

AND WHEREAS funding under such provincial programs is far less than the actual cost of convening multi-party collaborative processes, resulting in the contribution of funding by local governments;

AND WHEREAS funding under such provincial programs is not stable, on-going funding and results in large amounts of staff time to apply for these programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia develop stable, ongoing funding programs with systemic, inclusive, and collaborative approaches to assist with First Nations reconciliation and relationship building efforts.

Carried

(12) TITLE: Local Police Services – Amendments to Service

SPONSOR: City of Vernon

WHEREAS the Local Government Contract Management Committee (LGCMC) is intended to be a “forum for consultation, analysis and communication between local government and the province regarding the management of the Municipal Policy Unit Agreement”;

WHEREAS the LGCMC is to “receive and disseminate information to local governments about issues that may impact the cost, quality, governance or capacity of the RCMP to deliver local police services”;

WHEREAS the LGCMC is to “consider changes proposed by the Province, the Federal Government and/or the RCMP in relation to **any aspect of the delivery of local government police services**”;

WHEREAS the RCMP British Columbia (“E”) Division consistently makes unilateral changes to the costs and delivery means of police services for local governments, with little or no consultation and clearly without advising the LGCMC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM appeal to the Solicitor General to require the RCMP “E” Division to provide one calendar year notice to local municipalities when there will be a change in means of service delivery that will have a substantial budget impact greater than 0.5% of the total RCMP Service Contract to the local municipality beyond historical costs.

Carried

(13) TITLE: Business Licensing

SPONSOR: RD North Okanagan

WHEREAS regional districts do not have business licensing powers;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative to regulate and manage businesses to enhance economic development, fire fighter safety and community planning within electoral areas of regional districts;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing be requested to recommend an amendment to the Local Government Act to provide business licensing powers to regional districts.

Carried

(14) TITLE: Business Case for a Provincial Police Force

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

WHEREAS local governments contract with the province of BC for law enforcement services using the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP);

AND WHEREAS the current arrangement has resulted in escalating contract costs, unanticipated budget requests, lack of local priority setting and unbalanced municipal to provincial integrated unit ratios and is no longer a sustainable or affordable solution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General to undertake a business case for a BC Provincial Police Force.

Defeated

(15) TITLE: Fiber Optic Infrastructure Funding

SPONSOR: Village of Keremeos

WHEREAS many small and rural communities lack the financial resources to invest in the infrastructure to provide fiber optics;

AND WHEREAS fiber optic infrastructure is increasingly necessary to provide advanced technology in community-sustaining sectors such as business development, health, education, government, and emergency response management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM ask the Province to provide funding programs that enable small and rural communities to invest in fiber optic infrastructure.

Carried

(16) TITLE: Expanding the Definition of Utility (In Section 275 of the Local Government Act) to include Telecommunications

SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet RD

WHEREAS the federal government, through the Connecting Canadians program, has the goal of providing high speed internet to an additional 280,000 underserved Canadians by 2021; AND WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia has the goal of 100% of its residents having access to high-speed internet services by the end of 2021;

AND WHEREAS when approached by local internet providers for assistance with capital costs associated with expanding their internet services to underserved communities, local governments are constrained by the statutory prohibition on providing assistance to industrial, commercial or business undertakings (section 273 of the Local Government Act);

AND WHEREAS local governments wish to have the flexibility to consider providing capital funding to initiatives that support the development of high speed internet and cell coverage across their regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia consider an amendment/update of Section 275 of the Local Government Act so as to specifically list telecommunications (i.e. internet, broadband, cellular) as a utility for which a Regional District may operate the service of providing capital financing.

Carried

(17) TITLE: Exception to the Prohibition against Assistance to Broadband Service Providers

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

WHEREAS a purpose of the Community Charter is to provide municipalities and their councils with the authority and discretion to address existing and future community needs and the flexibility to determine the public interest and to respond to the different needs and changing circumstances of their communities;

AND WHEREAS the availability of high speed broadband service has become critical to economic development, education and communication, and has recently been declared a ‘basic’ service by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC);

AND WHEREAS there may not be a viable business case for a commercial or business undertaking to provide high speed broadband service to a community; and in particular, to rural communities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be encouraged to amend the Community Charter to create an exception to the general prohibition against assistance to permit municipalities to operate the service of providing capital financing for services provided by a broadband service provider.

Carried

(18) TITLE: Commitment to Road Safety

SPONSOR: City of Vernon

WHEREAS the design and rules of the road should ensure that all British Columbians can arrive at their destination safely and recognizing that traffic fatalities and serious injuries are preventable;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC has the goal of having the safest roads in North America by 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Interior Local Government Association urge the Province of British Columbia to prioritize safety measures for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, cyclists and those in wheelchairs and mobility devices as outlined in the Communities on the Move Declaration.

Carried

(19) TITLE: Parkland DCC Reserve Expenditure Expansion

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

WHEREAS the Local Government Act legislates the manner in which local governments may collect, hold and use Development Cost Charges (DCC) for the capital costs of park land;

AND WHEREAS the Local Government Act permits the use of DCC money for landscaping on parkland allowing for the construction of playing fields including such items as levelling ground, planting grass and other plant material, the legislation does not contemplate different forms of playing field surfaces such as manufactures surfaces and artificial turf which promotes water conservation is environmentally friendly and requires less maintenance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to broaden the allowable uses of DCC reserve funds to include alternate recreation and field surfaces.

Carried

(20) TITLE: RecycleBC

SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen

WHEREAS rural areas within the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen have unique challenges associated with curbside collection of recyclable materials including many long rural driveways, concerns of animals getting into unsecured materials and higher than average senior population;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen has determined that the use of clear bags and other customer supplied containers allows for the most efficient collection of residential

recycling in their existing collection areas by increasing ease of use, increasing the volume of materials collected, reducing total program costs, reducing contamination as compared to cart collection, limiting windblown litter and protecting recycling from rain and snow;

AND WHEREAS RecycleBC intends to require that all participating local governments ban the use of clear bags and other customer supplied containers for their residential recycling by July 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment intervene with RecycleBC in allowing clear bags and other customer supplied containers to remain an option for existing local government collection programs.

Carried

(21) TITLE: Resourcing Collaborative Planning on Provincial Crown Land

SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS cumulative development pressures and conflicts on provincial Crown land continue to escalate in a context of outdated land use management plans; most of which have not been updated for approximately 15 or more years;

AND WHEREAS the provincial government has recently stated its intent to modernize land-use planning and sustainable management of BC ecosystems in collaboration with stakeholders:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be urged to take a leadership role and immediately provide sufficient funding and resources to enable effective, community-based, collaborative land use planning for Crown land which includes First Nations, local governments, provincial government agencies, industry sectors, interest groups, and local residents.

Carried

(22) TITLE: Active Transportation Corridors and Greenway Plans – Highway Projects

SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap RD

WHEREAS it is believed that adding active transportation corridor and greenway plans into all current and future highway projects would greatly benefit communities, residents and visitors as the corridors can be used for non-motorized forms of transportation or recreation such as cycling and walking;

AND WHEREAS pre-planning of highway and bridge designs that incorporate bike lanes and sufficient road rights-of-way for paved shoulders, sidewalks, or pathways to

- (1) allow for the safe movement of pedestrians and cyclists, and improve public safety,
- (2) provide opportunities for more physical activity, and social and health benefits, and
- (3) be more cost effective than adding this type of infrastructure afterwards:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure incorporate active transportation corridors and greenway plans into all future highway planning projects.

Carried

(23) TITLE: Incorporation of Active Transportation Corridors in all Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure Current and Future Highways Projects

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia and Local Governments continually encourage people of all ages to be more physically active;

AND WHEREAS the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) promotes active transportation and healthy living by encouraging cycling, and contributing funds to cycling infrastructure projects such as bike lanes, separated bike paths, shared roadways, shoulder bikeways, and bicycle/pedestrian overpasses;

AND WHEREAS the 2017/2018-2019/2020 MOTI Service Plan includes a commitment to make life more affordable for British Columbians, and to build a strong, sustainable, innovative economy that works for everyone:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be compelled to retain and improve existing active transportation corridors and incorporate new active transportation corridors into all current and future highways projects.

Carried

(24) TITLE: 3 Year Civic Term of Office

SPONSOR: Village of Lytton

WHEREAS the term of office was increased to a four year term at the last election cycle and that membership was not united in that decision and in previous conventions had defeated such change;

AND WHEREAS the four year term is viewed by many as a barrier to participation in that three years may be a more attractive time commitment for candidates especially in smaller and rural communities and that a four year term provide electors less opportunity to express opinion on the performance of their local elected officials

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM ask the provincial government to return the interval between civic elections to three years.

Defeated

Moved/Seconded by Mike Macnabb/Catherine Lord to allow the emergent issue resolution to be debated.

CARRIED

(1) LATE: Payroll Tax

Sponsor: City of Vernon

WHEREAS the Province of BC has unveiled a new payroll tax to take effect on January 1, 2019, entitled the “Employers Health Tax” to offset the loss in revenue from medical services premiums (MSP);

AND WHEREAS the new “Employers Health Tax” takes effect in 2019, some businesses that already pay Medical Services Plan premiums on behalf of employees face the prospect of paying both MSP premiums and the new tax for a year, before the BC government promises to eliminate MSP in 2020;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC be requested to defer implementation of the newly proposed Payroll Tax to January 1, 2020.

Carried

The remaining resolutions were not allowed for debate; the 2/3 majority vote was not received.

(2) LATE: Information Requirement – Real Estate Board

Sponsor: Township of Spallumcheen

WHEREAS municipalities and regional districts within the province of British Columbia have large areas located within the Agricultural Land Reserve where many properties are impacted by farming operations without the full understanding of the impacts of the farming industry on a rural or urban lifestyle;

AND WHEREAS the Page 11 Community News pamphlet attached and the Countryside and You pamphlet from the Ministry of Agriculture are great examples of documents that communicate the impacts of farming in a rural municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) lobby the Real Estate Board to be required to provide to residents moving into agricultural communities either on to or next to Agriculturally zoned properties farming information pamphlets, including but not limited to, the Countryside and You pamphlet.

Not admitted for debate

(3) LATE: Firearms

Sponsor: District of Peachland

WHEREAS municipal authority to regulate the discharge of firearms and bows and arrows is limited by the provisions of the Farm Practices Protection (Right to Farm) Act on properties with farm status under the BC assessment Act;

AND WHEREAS local authorities would like to enact such measures necessary in order to adequately protect personal safety in their communities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the applicable Provincial and Federal ministries consider amendments to the various Acts regulating such matters to further permit local authorities to adopt and complete prohibition on the use of firearms and bows and arrows for “the protection of crops, livestock or domestic animals” in their respective jurisdictions based on local context.

Not admitted for debate

LATE (4) Title: Passenger Rail Service from North Vancouver to Prince George

Sponsor: District of Lillooet

WHEREAS the loss of BC Rail service in 2002 was economically devastating to many communities in the B.C. Interior and the current reduction of Greyhound Bus service further reduces transportation options to these communities;

AND WHEREAS remaining transportation options, such as personal vehicles and airlines are unaffordable for many of the most vulnerable members of these communities;

AND WHEREAS Council for the District of Lillooet believes that public rail transportation will improve public safety, reduce greenhouse gas emissions and enhance economic development opportunities throughout the former BC Rail corridor:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia be encouraged to work in partnership with VIA Rail to fund and conduct a feasibility study for VIA Rail passenger rail service between North Vancouver and Prince George B.C.

Not admitted for debate

LATE (5) Title: Need for Improved Snow and Ice Removal Services in Rural Areas

Sponsor: CSRD

WHEREAS there are increased issues in terms of timeliness and quality of snow and ice removal in rural areas, particularly during the past 2017/2018 winter snow season;

AND WHEREAS the deteriorating level of winter maintenance in rural areas is creating a public safety issue in regards to emergency response vehicles (fire, police, ambulance) having the ability to access streets and roadways in the event of emergency, and affecting school bus routes, leading to unsafe situations for drivers, passengers and pedestrians;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to immediately undertake a review of their contractor obligations, and agreement specifications for snow and ice control in the rural areas, including a review of minimum equipment standards and staffing requirements.

Not admitted for debate

LATE (6) Disaster Response

Sponsor: Vernon

WHEREAS many areas across the Province have suffered through a range of natural disasters that require the resources and response from all levels of government and;

AND WHEREAS some natural disasters, such as flooding, can be reasonable predicted in advance of the actual disaster, and municipalities require Provincial and Federal approvals to mitigate potential impact;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM approach the Province of BC to ensure sufficient Provincial staff are in place to administer necessary permitting processes, and to work with local jurisdictions such that imminent disasters are mitigated in advance of potential loss of life and serious destruction of private and public property.

Not admitted for debate

LATE (7) Private Sewer Utilities

Sponsor: RD of North Okanagan

WHEREAS private water systems are governed under the *Water Utility Act*, which ensures that the public interest is protected from a monopoly that has no competition in the area of service it provides;

AND WHEREAS the *Water Utility Act* provides for the appointment of a Comptroller of Water Rights with the authority to ensure that the rates charged to customers of water systems are not excessive, but reasonably allow only for operating costs, a contribution for capital replacement and upgrade, and a provision for management fees;

AND WHEREAS no similar regulations exist to ensure the same level of transparency, responsibility and protection for private sewer utilities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province establish legislation to govern private sewer utilities to ensure that the same level of accountability found in the *Water Utility Act* is afforded to customers of private sewer utilities.

Not admitted for debate

LATE (8) Title change request for small to medium size emergencies

Sponsor: City of Penticton

WHEREAS Declaring a State of Local Emergency enables local authorities to exercise emergency powers to evacuate residents from their homes, prohibit travel and enter private property when an emergency threatens lives, property or the environment;

AND WHEREAS Declarations of State of Local Emergency used for small and medium scale incidents that affect very few people can cause unnecessary fear, panic and avoidance of areas;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of British Columbia change the wording in relation to "State of Local Emergency" for small and medium sized events to better reflect emerging issues without causing concerns and ensure residents and tourists know that the community continues to be safe to enjoy.

Not admitted for debate

8. 2019 Convention – Penticton

The 2019 Convention will be held at Revelstoke from April 30th – May 3rd. Mayor Andrew Jakubeit invited all the delegates to join him in his community and showed a short PowerPoint presentation promoting his community.

9. President's Closing Remarks

Past President Chad Eliason addressed the delegates and expressed appreciation for all the hard work of the Revelstoke Convention Committee for putting on such a great convention. He thanked the Revelstoke Host Committee and welcomed new directors Andrew Jakubeit, Barbara Roden and Robin Smith to the SILGA team.

10. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Chad Eliason/Tim Lavery THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 11:55 am on April 27, 2018.

CARRIED