

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting - Wednesday, August 21, 2019
Meeting held at Keremeos Village offices, Keremeos BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
Directors	Councillor Akbal Mund, Vernon
	Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton (arrived 10:35)
	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Councillor Debbie Cannon, Salmon Arm
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm

Executive Director Alison Slater

Absent	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
	Councillor Shelley Sim
	Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake

CALL TO ORDER

President Mindnich called the meeting to order at 10:32 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The agenda be accepted with the following change:

Business Arising from Minutes:

2. MIABC appointment letter

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Spallumcheen on June 19, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

KEREMEOS UPDATE - Manfred Bauer, Mayor

- Excellent community to live in - good health care, good recreational facilities.
- Challenge is the size - 80% residential with only 20% business
- Hard to expand because of ALC
- Great relationship with the RDOS to share all services such as waste, water, recreation, building inspectors etc.
- Social media campaign to get young professionals from Vancouver to come to community.

REQUEST TO SILGA

- Federal government properties (ie RCMP and post office buildings) are partially exempt from payment of local government taxes.
- Federal Procurement office can revise the assessment from BC Assessment without notification to local government, causing discrepancies in the LG budgeting process. Also the federal government is generally late making payments and they never pay penalties. There is a lack of accountability.

Moved/Seconded THAT:

SILGA draft a letter to the Minister of Public Services and Procurement and Accessibility to request transparency and accountability on assessments on federally owned property to ensure certainty for Local Government budgeting processes.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**1. UBCM Minister Meetings**

- a) Health – Shelley to lead
- b) FLNRORD – Shelley to lead
- c) Agriculture – Ruth to lead
- d) Social Development – Karla to lead
- e) Premier – Lori to lead

2. MIABC – SILGA appointment

- Letter from MIABC confirming Ruth Hoyte is approved to be a board member

NEW BUSINESS**1. Lieutenant Governor Youth Advisory Council**

- Ages 17-24
- For youth that are part of local government youth councils or SILGA UBCM representatives.
- Applications closed for 2019

Committee Reports**1. Director Updates****Salmon Arm**

- Voted by Macleans Magazine #1 in BC and #6 in Canada as the best place to live
- 27th Roots and Blues went very well.
- Social housing – 90 new units coming
- Working on rail trail planning

Kamloops

- \$200 million permit for new hospital tower approved. City taxpayers to pay for 120 million
- West Victoria St (downtown) under an 18 month construction to replace water mains etc.
- Kamloops has had the most social housing built in a community outside the lower mainland but have empty units because the homeless don't want to live in them in the summer.

Lumby

- Just received first application for pot shop

Penticton

- Council remuneration passed
- OCP finished
- Hospital tower finished with 84 private rooms. Have live music in foyer.
- Challenging to keep dialogue open with PIB as their election was deemed illegal and their leadership is in flux.

Vernon

- Construction continues to be strong

Coldstream

- Women's' Institute and Rail trail head are projects on the go
- Considering a non-motorized area on Kal Lake.
- Childcare on campus.

2. Finance Report

- As at July 31, 2019 SILGA had \$40,391 in the bank and \$111,832 in the MFA account. Interest earned YTD is \$1,242.
- \$4,600 in membership dues are outstanding for 6 members

Moved/Seconded that:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

3. Convention Reports**a) Vernon 2020**

- All facility contracts signed including main convention space, banquet, welcome reception and pub night.
- Tours of water reclamation centre, cidery, foodie tour of downtown, rail trail are in the works.
- Mark Devolder – motivational keynote speaker is penciled in

b) Salmon Arm 2021

- Dates have been set aside at the Prestige Salmon Arm

c) Kamloops 2022

- Kamloops Council has agreed to host
- Dates have been set aside at both the Coast and the Delta (downtown)

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The 2022 SILGA convention will be held in Kamloops.

CARRIED

4. Resolutions

- Staff to send out to the membership an email the week before the UBCM convention with all of the SILGA resolutions that will be debated.
- List of the SILGA resolutions will be available at the UBCM luncheon tables.

5. Policy: Inclusion of Indian bands into SILGA

- UBCM currently accepts Indian Bands into their membership as does AKBLG and NCLGA.
- SILGA to have a panel at the Vernon convention which includes UBCM and member(s) of local first nation bands to discuss inclusion into SILGA.

Moved/Seconded THAT:

SILGA Executive present a resolution to its membership at the 2020 convention to amend Section 2.1 of the SILGA bylaws as follows:

To be eligible for membership in SILGA, local governments must have

1. Elected representation
2. Ability to tax
3. Ability to exercise regulatory power or provide local services

and must reside within the Okanagan, Thompson-Nicola, Columbia, Shuswap and Similkameen Valleys and Lillooet. Membership in the Association is confirmed upon payment of the annual membership dues set by the Association.

CARRIED

Adjournment**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

At 1:13 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of August 21, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED