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SILGA President Report

Dear SILGA Members,

Thank you very much for joining us in Vernon. We are so excited to be able to come back to this vibrant community after the unexpected cancellation of the 2020 convention.

This conference's theme is "ReNEWall", acknowledging the new faces at our council and board tables as well as the new reality that exists after the pandemic. Dr. Mark DeVolder, our keynote speaker, will speak to "Navigating Change with Confidence and Excitement" – giving us tools to deal with change - unhurried, composed, and confident instead of the usual frenzy, chaos, and uncertainty.



Our conference topics are in response to what our members have asked to learn more about. We've brought together several presentations on housing; we'll continue the discussion around economic development now that the pandemic is subsiding, and we'll provide lots of information on how YOU can be more effective in your role as a local elected official. And please keep speaking up. We value your perspective, your experience and of course, your questions. What is important for you and your community? In the past SILGA has offered sessions outside the convention that allow more in depth discussion of topics that will resonate with our communities.

I trust that throughout the convention you will take the opportunity to network with your fellow delegates, learn from our presenters and sponsors and relish in the lively discussions as we debate the many resolutions brought forward by our members. Check out our new website (www.silga.ca) , our Facebook page (Southern Interior Local Government Association) and keep your tweets coming during the next few days. #SILGA2023

On behalf of the SILGA Executive, we would like to extend our gratitude to each of you who have chosen to serve your communities. You have stepped up - you have chosen to serve.

In closing, I would like to extend thanks to the hardworking individuals on the host committee whose efforts have contributed to a robust agenda. We hope that this week will be not only informative but also thought provoking. I would also like to thank the SILGA executive for their hard work and dedication during the past year. Their knowledge and competencies when dealing with Provincial and Federal Ministries was greatly appreciated. We look forward to hearing from our members over the next few days and listening to the issues that are most important to you and your constituents.

Thank you again for joining us in Vernon.

Aimee Grice
Oliver Councillor and SILGA President

April 26, 2023

RE: Welcome to the 2023 SILGA Convention and AGM – April 25-April 28, 2023

On behalf of Council, staff and residents, I extend a warm welcome to the City of Vernon and the 2023 SILGA Convention. Vernon is the perfect place to visit, live and do business and we're glad we can share our community with you.

We have so much to offer year-round. Outdoor enthusiasts can ski, hike, bike, swim, play golf, and so much more. Enjoy the arts? Take in theatre, music, artisan markets and explore the 29 murals that grace our downtown buildings depicting our history, parts of our culture and local scenery. Explore our world class resorts, cidery, distillery, meadery, and restaurants. You can choose *your* own unique adventure in Vernon, whether in the valley or at the top of Silver Star Mountain.

Greater Vernon has recently been designated as the Trails Capital of B.C. We are so proud to be recognized for our extensive and diverse trail network that has been developed for everyone. While you are here, I strongly encourage you to take in the rich history of Vernon and experience a taste of what we have to offer, both indoors and outdoors.

This week while you are engaging in workshops, presentations and networking events, you will have the opportunity to hear about topics I am sure are affecting all local municipalities; some of which are Fair Taxation, Climate Change, Syilx Leadership and Economic Development. I am really looking forward to this time we'll have together and the opportunities to learn from each other and our experiences,

On behalf of myself and my team, we hope you enjoy your time here connecting and sharing.

We would like to thank the staff at SILGA, the organizing committee and presenters for their efforts on organizing and hosting this wonderful event.

We invite you to make our home your home away from home as you enjoy everything Vernon has to offer.

Sincerely,



Victor I. Cumming

Mayor



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Tuesday, April 25

Prestige Vernon Lodge
3914 32nd Street, Vernon, BC

12:30 pm – 4:00 pm	Registration opens (Vernon Lodge, 3914 32 nd St., Vernon BC)
1:00 pm	Golf at Spallumcheen Golf Course (executive) <i>transportation not provided</i> (9401 BC-97, Vernon, BC)
1:30 pm	Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment (50 min) <i>Graham Held, Manager Local Government Relations with BC Assessment</i>
2:45 pm	Climate Change and the Future for Water in the Okanagan (20 min) <i>James Littley, Deputy Administrator with the Okanagan Basin Water Board</i> Syilx leadership for Protecting siwłk^w (water) (30 min) <i>Tessa Terbasket and Scott Boswell with the Okanagan Nation Alliance and Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program</i>
1:30 pm 1:50 pm	Explore Vernon Tours 1. Okanagan Spirits Craft Distilleries <i>(transportation provided)</i> 2. Planet Bee Mead and Honey Tasting <i>(transportation provided)</i>
5:00 pm – 6:00 pm	Registration – Marten Brew Pub (2833A 30 th Ave., Vernon) <i>Busing provided- starting at 4:50 pm</i>
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Pub Night – Marten Brew Pub (2833A 30 th Ave., Vernon) <i>no elevator, only stairs</i> <i>Sponsored by Regional District North Okanagan</i> <i>Entertainment by the Elderly Brothers</i>

Wednesday, April 26

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7:00 am – 8:15 am	Full Breakfast
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	Trade Show set up
8:00 am – 4:30 pm	Registration continues
8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	Vernon Civic Tours 1. Okanagan Rail Trail bike tour 2. Vernon Water Reclamation Centre 3. Grey Canal walking tour
10:30 am - 10:45 am	Nutrition Break – <i>sponsored by CUPE</i> Reach for the Top begins – <i>sponsored by Enbridge</i>
10:45 am – 11:05 am	Opening Ceremonies
11:05 am – 11:10 am	ETSI-BC presentation <i>CEO Laurel Douglas</i>
11:10 am – 12:25 pm	Future Proof - Navigating Change with Confidence and Excitement Keynote Speaker Dr. Mark DeVolder <i>Sponsored by Lidstone & Co.</i>
12:25 am – 1:15 pm	Lunch with the Food Trucks
12:30 pm - 4:00 pm	Trade show opens
1:15 pm – 1:20 pm	TELUS Presentation <i>Jeff Cruickshank, General Manager, Okanagan and Kootenays</i>
1:20 pm – 2:05 pm	Forest Industry in Transition <i>Nick Arkle, CEO Gorman Group</i>
2:05 pm – 2:30 pm	Resolution session starts
2:30 pm – 2:45 pm	Nutrition Break <i>sponsored by CUPE</i> Reach for the Top – <i>sponsored by Enbridge</i>
2:45 pm	FCM Greetings - <i>Louise Wallace Richmond</i> Resolutions continue
5:15 pm – 8:00 pm	Busing from hotels to Welcome Reception 1516 Pub
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Welcome Reception 1516 Pub (7673 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon) Entertainment by Duane Marchand <i>Sponsored by Chandos</i> <i>Construction, North America Construction and Corix Utilities</i>

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7:00 am – 8:15 am	Full Breakfast
7:30 am – 8:05 am	Breakfast of Champions - Reducing Infrastructure Costs to Address the Housing Crisis <i>With Corix Utilities, North America Construction and Chandos Construction</i>
8:00 am – 3:30 pm	Trade Show Continues
8:15 am – 8:40 am	Annual General Meeting Opens President's Report – <i>Councillor Aimee Grice</i> Adoption of 2022 AGM Minutes Business Arising from the Minutes SILGA Financial Report – <i>BDO Canada Mario Piroddi</i> SILGA Five Year Plan – <i>Mayor Ward Stamer</i>
8:40 am – 8:50 am	Trans Mountain Project Expansion Presentation <i>Kate Stebbings, Community Liaison, North Thompson</i>
8:50 am – 8:55 am	AGM Continues - Nomination Report including nominations from the floor and speeches from candidates for Table Officers <i>Lori Mindnich, SILGA Past President</i>
8:55 am – 9:40 am	Canada Community Building Fund Renewal <i>Glen Brown, UBCM GM and Brant Felker, UBCM CCBF Manager</i>
9:40 am – 9:55 am	UBCM Address <i>UBCM President, Jen Ford</i>
9:55 am – 10:10 am	Nutrition Break – sponsored by COFI Reach for the Top – sponsored by Enbridge
9:55 am – 11:00 am	Voting for Table Officers – if needed
10:10 am - 11:05 am	Successful Elected Officials: The Survival Guide Jamie McEwan, Chair & Instructor, School of Public Administration, Capilano College <i>Sponsored by MFABC</i>
11:05 am – 12:00 pm	The Path to Recovery in the Housing Market <i>BC Real Estate Association Chief Economist Brendon Ogmundson and Ryan Fairburn with Acera Insurance</i>
12:00 pm – 12:55 pm	Lunch in the trade show – sponsored by BC Hydro
12:55 pm – 1:05 pm	AGM continues 1. Announcement of Table Officers election results 2. Nominations from the floor for Directors at Large <i>Lori Mindnich, Past President</i>

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1:05 pm – 1:15 pm	BCLC Presentation <i>Chris Fairclough, Director, Social Purpose and Community & Stakeholder Engagement</i>
1:15 pm – 1:25 pm	AGM continues Speeches for Directors at Large
1:25 pm – 1:55 pm	Planning and Response to Climate Related Events <i>Kady Hunter, IH Lead for Climate Change and Health and Andre Bloemink, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with Health Emergency Management BC and Sue Pollock, Medical Health Officer with Interior Health</i>
1:55 pm – 3:15 pm	Voting for Directors at Large
2:00 pm – 2:55 pm	The Elected Official Role in Planning and Development <i>Jamie McEwan, Chair & Instructor, School of Public Administration, Capilano College</i>
2:55 pm – 3:10 pm	Nutrition Break – sponsored by COFI Reach for the Top – sponsored by Enbridge
3:10 pm – 4:00 pm	Breakout Sessions 1. Planning for the Future - Using 2021 Census Data on the Statistics Canada Website (Columbia) - Desiree Ng, Acting Regional Engagement Manager 2. The 13 Things Local Governments Need to Know for Successful Economic Development (Ballroom) Dale Wheeldon and Colleen Bond, BC Economic Development Association 3. Partners in Action -Working Together to Affect Change (Okanagan) Annette Sharkey, Executive Director - Social Planning Council
5:45 pm start	Busing to Prestige Lodge from Prestige Hotel
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	Cocktails, cash bar 50/50 draw – proceeds to the Starfish Backpack Program
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	Banquet – Vernon Prestige Lodge <i>Sponsored by FortisBC with BDO Canada wine sponsor</i>
7:30 pm – 7:35 pm	Draw for 50/50
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Entertainment - Dancing to Shawn Lightfoot Band
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	Busing to Vernon Prestige Hotel and Sandman Hotel

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7:00 am – 8:20 am	Full Breakfast <i>SILGA Branding Discovery session – what does SILGA mean to you?</i>
8:30 am – 8:50 am	Overview of Property Assessment & 2023 Assessment Roll <i>Graham Held, Manager Local Government Relations with BC Assessment</i>
8:50 am – 8:55 am	Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers Presentation <i>Jack Middleton Advisor, Community Engagement</i>
8:55 am – 9:00 am	Announcement of SILGA Directors at Large , <i>Aimee Grice, SILGA President</i>
9:05 am – 10:00 am	Breakout Sessions <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Media 101: Setting Yourself Up For Success (Ballroom) <i>Christy Poirier, City of Vernon Manager, Communications and Grants, Richard Rolke, former local government reporter and Kevin Rothwell, journalist and business editor</i> Power of Collaboration in Times of Health Care Human Resource Scarcity (Okanagan) <i>Tracey Kirkman, Executive Director and Dr. Mark Ansdell, Shuswap North Okanagan Division of Family Practice</i> How To Manage Difficult Constituents (Ballroom Rear) <i>Marisa Cruickshank, Partner with Lidstone & Company</i>
10:00 am – 10:15 am	Nutrition Break – <i>sponsored by ILMA</i>
10:15 am – 10:20 am	Greetings from the BC Liberal Official Opposition <i>Dan Ashton, MLA Penticton</i>
10:20 am – 10:35 am	Community Excellence Awards – <i>Sponsored by Urban Systems</i>
10:35 am – 11:05 am	Minister of Municipal Affairs Address <i>Honorable Anne Kang</i>
11:05 am – 11:35 am	Tourism and Community Health <i>Ellen Walker Matthews CEO and Mike Overend, Director of Destination Development Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association</i>
11:45 am – 11:50 pm	SILGA President Address <i>Aimee Grice, Oliver Councillor</i>
11:50 am – 11:55 pm	2024 Host – City of Kamloops <i>Mayor Reid Hamer-Jackson</i>
11:55 pm – 12:00 pm	Grand Prize Draw – <i>sponsored by Shaw Communications</i> <i>Vernon Mayor Victor Cumming and Kiersten Enemark, Government and Regulatory Affairs, BC with Shaw Communications</i>
12:00 pm	Convention closes

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FRESH TAKES. MOVING FORWARD.

Keynote Speaker Dr. Mark DeVolder Future Proof - Navigating Change with Confidence and Excitement (Wednesday 11:10 am)

Imagine a new way to change - unhurried, composed, and confident instead of the usual frenzy, chaos, and uncertainty. The Empowered Change strategy presented in this high-impact keynote equips participants to transform the pace of change and drive sustainable success by providing a clear roadmap for navigating the stages of change.



Dr. Mark 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, helped Colombian business leaders adapt to the NAFTA Free Trade Agreement and has coached industry leaders in mergers and acquisitions, some as large as \$50 billion dollars.

He is a change management and employee engagement specialist with over 19 years of experience in education and research. His doctoral studies focused on the issues of unity, diversity, and synergy. With this experience, he brings extensive knowledge and understanding about human characteristics to each highly customized presentation, backed up by impressive business acumen.

Mark reveals why many change initiatives fail to achieve their stated goals. With straight-forward strategies and convincing business examples, he shows leaders how to drive results to improve the bottom line.

Mark's mission and passion is to help people and organizations adapt boldly, nimbly and quickly in the midst of exponential change.

Tuesday, April 25th
Afternoon

Preconference Sessions
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

Fair Taxation and the Fundamentals of Property Assessment

**Graham Held, Manager Local Government
Relations with BC Assessment**

The session will provide a background on the history of BC Assessment and our link to property taxation in the province, including the products and services BC Assessment offers and the role BC Assessment plays in supporting the development of vibrant communities in B.C. New



and returning elected officials and senior staff will have the opportunity to learn more about fair taxation and property assessment, equip themselves best to support their communities, and be a part of the continued conversation about building and strengthening our relationships. Topics that will be covered include:

- History of property taxation in British Columbia
- Principals of fair taxation
- Detailed overview of BC Assessment:
 - o History
 - o How we value and classify properties
 - o Relationship between assessments and taxes
 - o Assessment appeals process
- Region-specific information regarding assessment values and market trends

Preconference Session
2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Climate Change and the Future for Water in the Okanagan

**Anna Warwick Sears, Executive Director with the
Okanagan Basin Water Board**

The B.C. Interior has experienced many extreme weather events in the last several years, with more expected in the future as a result of climate change. The Okanagan Basin

Water Board, a local government watershed agency, has been working with local communities, the Okanagan Nation and other levels of government to move forward on climate adaptation. This talk will detail the collaborative projects and studies being undertaken by the Board and its partners – ranging from flood mapping to drought planning, stream flow monitoring, and public education. These made-in-the-Okanagan solutions are leading examples for B.C. and beyond.



Preconference Session

3:15 pm – 3:45 pm

Syilx Leadership for Protecting siwłk^w (water)

Tessa Terbasket and Scott Boswell with the Okanagan Nation Alliance and the Okanagan Collaborative Conservation Program



The syilx siwłk^w (water) Strategy is a call to action that outlines how the syilx Nation intends to care for their territory and work to ensure that siwłk^w is properly respected and available for all living things. This presentation will go over how the syilx siwłk^w Strategy came to

be and its key components and directives for working with the province and local governments. This presentation will also describe the planning and engagement process for klúšxnitkw (Okanagan Lake) Responsibility Planning Initiative, which is designed to reimagine water governance, use syilx traditional ecological knowledge in land use planning, and increase capacity-bridging between the syilx nation and local governments.



Tuesday, April 25th

Afternoon

Preconference Tours and Activities

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

Golf at Spallumcheen Golf Course 1:00 pm

Executive Course (9 holes)

Equipment and transportation NOT provided. Prizes awarded.



Okanagan Spirits Craft Distilleries

1:30 pm

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

After education, Okanagan Spirits encourages a visit to the tasting bar where a selection of our award-winning spirits can be tasted.



Planet Bee Honey Farm and Honey Meadery 1:50 pm

Guests can look forward to an informative presentation on species of bees, the lifecycle of a honey bee, and



the importance of pollination for our food supply. Afterwards, guests will be encouraged to ask questions and browse our self-guided learning center full of informative posters, signs, and even a live honeybee hive behind glass. There will be complementary honey tasting of over 15 floral varieties, plus some flavoured honeys. Guests will complete their visit by heading over to our mead tasting bar, where they will be served a historical alcoholic beverage made from fermented honey.

James Nowek will lead the presentation.

Evening

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm

Pub Night at Marten Brew Pub



kombucha from MBP.

Take this opportunity to kick off the convention and mingle with your peers in this unique brew pub. The Elderly Brothers will provide easy listening music while you sample the craft beers and

Sponsored by RDNO

Wednesday, April 26th

Morning Tours

Okanagan Rail Trail tour (8:00 am)

Friends of the Okanagan Rail Trail members will be your host.

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?



This tour includes riding bikes for approximately 1 hour. Participants must know how to ride a bike. If

you own your own bike please bring it but transportation will not be provided. Regular and e-bikes will be rented at the start of the tour. Bring water with you.

Laurie, Julie, Michelle and Deb present the approach taken by the Okanagan Rail Trail team that got this project off the ground. www.okanaganrailtrail.ca for information on the trail.

Vernon Water Reclamation Centre

Serge Kozin, Manager, Water Reclamation Services (8:00 am, flat, closed toe footwear required)

The Vernon Water Reclamation Centre treats approximately 4500 million liters of influent annually using a Biological Nutrient Removal process. The high-quality reclaimed water is then pumped 8 Km to MacKay reservoir located in the Commonage area near Predator



Ridge. The reclaimed water from the reservoir is used as a primary source of irrigation water on approximately 850 ha of agricultural lands, tree farms, sports fields, and three large golf courses. For over 40 years the City has managed to use almost 100 % of the treated water for the designated spray irrigation program.

Join Serge Kozin, your tour guide, as he takes you through the centre.

Grey Canal Walking Tour - A 'Game-Changer' for Vernon (8:00 am, runners / walking shoes required)

Hosts Ingrid Neumann and Mayor Victor Cumming



The Grey Canal Trail is a popular hiking route in Greater Vernon. Join Vernon Mayor Victor

Cumming and Ingrid Neumann, Ribbons of Green Trails Society director, on a guided walk along a section of the trail to learn the amazing history of this scenic trail.

Formerly an irrigation waterway, the Grey Canal sustained over 20,000 acres of orchards and farmlands in the Greater Vernon area from 1906 until 1970. At one time it was BC's longest gravity-fed irrigation system from a single water source, spanning 50 km from Lavington to Okanagan Lake.

Along this easy, level 1.5 km walk, you'll view several historical canal remnants with incredible vistas of Okanagan lake, orchards, vineyards, grasslands and Vernon.

Forest Industry in Transition

Nick Arkle, CEO Gorman Group

Coming out from England at the age of 18, Nick started what he thought would be only a simple summer job, working at the old 'Bin Plant' making apple bins.



Nick soon fell in love with the Forest industry and attended first BCIT, then UBC Vancouver, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Forestry and then

became a Registered Professional Forester. Two years later, he started working as a Forest Technician and in his words, marked trees for the next 15 years. Nick later became the Chief Forester, followed by CEO, and is a key member of building Gorman Bros. into the Gorman Group of Companies that we have today.

Wednesday, April 26th

Evening

5:30pm to 7:30 pm

Welcome Reception

1516 Pub (7673 Okanagan Landing Rd, Vernon)

Enjoy the beautiful views of Okanagan Lake at the 1516 Pub while you mingle with other locally elected officials from across the BC Southern Interior. Duane Marchand will provide background music. A selection of appetizers and local wine and beer will be served.

Sponsored by Chandos Construction, NAC and Corix

Thursday, April 27th

Morning Breakfast session

Reducing Infrastructure Costs as One Mechanism to Address the Housing Crisis

Ron Zink, Director Business Development Canada, Corix Utilities and Aleksi Makila, Project Director, Chandos Construction

Traditional infrastructure financing models rely on standardized development cost charges to fund essential infrastructure requirements. This model does not promote lowest cost housing by incentivizing developers to minimize the capital costs incurred by Local Governments. Participation of the private sector, through innovative low-cost solutions, such as IPD FOM, will facilitate the charging of actual costs for infrastructure which in turn will promote optimal solutions for housing developments.

Morning sessions

Canada Community Building Fund Renewal

Glen Brown, UBCM General Manager Victoria and Brant Felker, CCBF Manager

The current 10-year Canada Community-Building Fund program (formerly the Gas Tax Fund) – which includes the Community Works Fund and Strategic Priorities Fund programs – is set to expire in March 2024. UBCM, as the administrator of the CCBF program in BC, will be engaging with local governments in advance of renegotiating a long-term renewed agreement with the Government of Canada and the Province of BC. This session will provide delegates with an overview of the CCBF program and provide an update on the current status of renegotiations, including seeking input on elements of future programming that would best serve local communities in BC.

The session will also review a survey UBCM has launched requesting feedback on the CCBF program.



Glen Brown has been a 'sustainability' advocate for the past 20 years, working with the Province and now with the Union of BC Municipalities as General Manager, Victoria Operations. With UBCM, Glen oversees the delivery of various funding programs, including the Canada Community Building Fund and the Asset Management Planning Grant Program. His focus has been on supporting local government in their efforts to deliver services and manage infrastructure

sustainably by building awareness, educating and developing tools and resources. Glen is the co-chair of the Local Government Finance Working Group, working under the Provincial/UBCM MOU on Local Government Financial Resiliency. Glen also serves as the Chair of the Asset Management BC Partnership Committee.

Brant Felker has been involved in delivering government funding programs for over 15 years in both British Columbia and Australia – including his current role in overseeing the delivery of the Canada Community-Building Fund in British Columbia with the Union of BC Municipalities. Brant participates on the national Canada Community-Building Fund working group and is leading discussions with Canada and BC on a new long-term renewed CCBF program in British Columbia.



Address by the President of UBCM

Jen Ford, Whistler Councillor



Jen Ford is serving a second term as municipal councillor in Whistler and serving, as elected by her peers, as Chair to the Squamish-Lillooet Regional District. As a mother of an 8-year-old son, Jen brings a perspective that working families can relate to in terms of difficulties accessing reliable childcare, primary healthcare, and secure and affordable housing. For that reason, she

is committed to continued advocacy for actionable solutions in these areas.

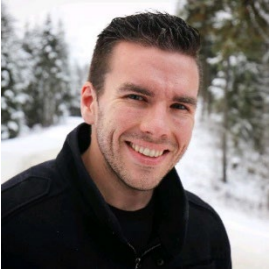
Since 2018, Jen has been representing Whistler's council at Whistler Community Services, Whistler Housing Authority, Whistler Healthcare Foundation and the Governance and Ethics Committee. As a citizen, Jen became a founding member of the Whistler 360 Health Care Collaborative. Jen holds a Graduate Certificate in Change Management from Royal Roads University and studied Political Science at York University.

Successful Elected Officials: The Survival Guide

Jamie McEwan, Chair & Instructor, School of Public Administration, Capilano College

Join Jamie for practical ideas that can help you in having a successful term – and leaving a positive legacy. In this interactive session, including a Q + A period, you will be provided with tips, advice, and questions to explore as you continue your journey as a member of a council and/or board.

Specific topics that will be covered include emerging issues in local government “from the field” as well as what Jamie contends is the number one issue today: trust.



Jamie McEwan is the Chair of Local Government Programs and an Instructor with Capilano University's School of Public Administration, as well as a Senior Local Government Advisor with Urban Systems Ltd.

In his professional past, Jamie has run his own Planning and development consulting business and has served a term on his hometown's municipal council. Following these roles, he contributed in a variety of executive leadership positions, including the Director of Planning & Development for the District of Lake Country, one of BC's fastest growing communities. Throughout his career, Jamie has served over 100 local governments and Indigenous communities across Western Canada. He has also worked with local governments in Jordan, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Belize.

Jamie is married to his partner Laura, and lives in BC's Okanagan Valley. He has two daughters, Morgan and Sullivan, which are daily reminders to work towards a positive future for the generations to come.

The Path to Recovery in the Housing Market

Brendon Ogmundson, BC Real Estate Association Chief Economist

The 2022 housing market slowed abruptly in the wake of sharply higher Canadian interest rates, but where will it go from here given the headwinds of elevated mortgage rates and a potential recession? Brendon will discuss his outlook for the economy and the housing market and describe what needs to happen over the next year for the housing market to get back on a path to recovery.

Brendon Ogmundson is the Chief Economist for the BC Real Estate Association. He holds an MA in Economics from Simon Fraser University and is a CFA Charterholder. Brendon specializes in housing market analysis and macroeconomic forecasting and is a member of the BC Ministry of Finance's Economic Forecast Council, a contributor to the Philadelphia Federal Reserve's Survey of Professional Forecasters. Brendon was also recently named one of the most influential economists in BC by Business in Vancouver.



Afternoon Sessions

Planning and Response to Climate Related Events

Dr. Sue Pollock, IH Medical Health Officer, Kady Hunter, IH Lead for Climate Change and Health and Andre Bloemink, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator with Health Emergency Management BC

Throughout the interior over the past few years, our communities have faced the effects of climate change and related events such as extreme heat events. If it was not evident already, the flooding, wildfire and heat events of 2021 have taught us that a collaborative approach for planning for and responding to climate change events is critical. This presentation from Interior Health and Health Emergency Management BC will provide an overview of the health co-benefits of planning for and responding to climate change events with a focus on extreme heat events. Learn more about the BC Heat Alert Response System, updates for the 2023 heat season and examples of collaborative community level action.



Sue Pollock is a Medical Health Officer with Interior Health (IH) and is the co-lead for the population health focused climate change and health program in IH. Sue is also a Clinical Assistant Professor with

the School of Population and Public Health, UBC, and regularly supervises medical students and residents on public health rotations. Prior to joining IH, Sue worked for the Public Health Agency of Canada, including two years as a Field Epidemiologist (“disease detective”) studying One Health, the intersection of human, animal and environment health. Sue is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada, and holds a MD from the University of Calgary and a MSc in Epidemiology from the University of Toronto. Sue has a longstanding interest in mitigation and adaptation related to the health impacts of climate change, and trained as a Climate Reality Leader with former US Vice President Al Gore.

Kady is the first Climate Change and Health Lead for Interior Health in a newly created position. She works closely with the Medical Health Officer and Population Health teams as well as with colleagues across the other regional health authorities, First Nation Health Authority, BC Centre for Disease Control and Ministry of Health to advance



health system climate adaptation and resilience actions.

Currently, Kady is co-leading projects with Interior Health to inform and guide future action including developing a Climate Change and Sustainability Roadmap for Interior Health.

Kady previously worked closely with local governments on a variety of projects ranging from poverty reduction and affordable housing to active transportation and climate action planning. She is familiar with the scope of work that local governments are responsible for and recognizes opportunities for collaboration.



Andre has been a member of Health Emergency Management BC (HEMBC) since February 2019. He was an integral support to the IH Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and regional IH Clinical Operations incident command during the 2021 BC Wildfires and Atmospheric River

events. He is currently part of the provincial HEMBC Inter & Intra Health Authority Relocation working group. As well, he is the current HEMBC liaison support IH's various climate change and sustainability projects.

Andre brings a broad base of emergency management experience through his 25+ years' service as an auxiliary firefighter, search and rescue technician and as a past professional member of the Canadian Avalanche Association. Additionally, Andre is a response team lead and instructor with the international disaster relief charity ShelterBox International having deployed to disasters in Asia, Africa, South America and the Caribbean.

The Elected Official Role in Planning and Development

Jamie McEwan, Chair & Instructor, School of Public Administration, Capilano College

It's been said that a "good land use plan is a good transportation plan." In this session, you'll be presented with a central point: a good land use plan is a good plan for all municipal services – and elected officials play a leadership role in establishing these plans.

This session will cover a variety of topics in Planning and make direct connections to your role as an elected official. What are the emerging topics in the field today? How can you avoid some common pitfalls? What should you be aware of for the future? Please join Jamie McEwan for this session which includes a Q+A on the roles that elected officials play in Planning.

Jamie McEwan is the Chair of Local Government Programs and an Instructor with Capilano University's School of Public Administration, as well as a Senior Local Government Advisor with Urban Systems Ltd.



In his professional past, Jamie has run his own Planning and development consulting business and has served a term on his hometown's municipal council. Following these roles, he contributed in a variety of executive leadership positions, including the Director of Planning & Development for the District of Lake Country, one of BC's fastest growing communities. Throughout his career, Jamie has served over

100 local governments and Indigenous communities across Western Canada. He has also worked with local governments in Jordan, Saint Lucia, Dominica, Jamaica, Guyana, Trinidad and Tobago, and Belize.

Thursday, April 27th

Afternoon Breakout Sessions

Planning for the Future - Using 2021 Census Data on the Statistics Canada Website

Desiree Ng, Acting Regional Engagement Manager

Need help finding 2021 Census results on Statistics Canada website? This introductory session will help participants navigate the Statistics Canada website and locate data, reference material and analyses from the 2021 Census of Population.



Desiree Ng is an Acting Regional Engagement Manager with the Statistical Information Service (SIS) of Statistics Canada in the Western and Northern Region. For the past 15 years with Statistics Canada, Desiree has held a number of different positions. For the 2021 Census, she worked as a Field

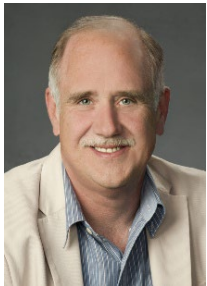
Operation Manager, where she oversaw enumeration on First Nation reserves in the Northern British Columbia. After the 2021 Census, Desiree worked as a Consulting Analyst, where she provided advice to major data users across the Western region in Canada. In her current role, Desiree actively participates in various outreach activities to promote Statistics Canada's products and services.

The 13 Things Local Governments Need to Know for Successful Economic Development

Dale Wheeldon and Colleen Bond, BC Economic Development Association

This interactive workshop covers the new resource manual launched in the summer of 2017 by BCEDA. Recognizing the impacts of COVID-19 this session has been updated to incorporate how the “13 Things” have changed but still must remain as top priorities for a strong economy. The reasons why a community will engage in economic development activities varies greatly. Each community has unique characteristics and its own reasons for actively engaging in economic development. Communities understand to create economic diversity, maintain and expand infrastructure, create a sustainable economy and to increase their ability to meet the needs of residents and businesses; they need to develop their economic development focus and goals. The more you understand about economic development, the more effective you can be in supporting your community’s

economic development efforts. This session is directed to all elected leaders including Mayors, Chiefs, council members and regional directors as well as economic development boards and team members. All participants are provided with a complimentary copy of the resource manual.



Dale joined the BCEDA team in 2007. As the President and CEO he is responsible for leading the association through the development of programs and initiatives to support communities and economic development organizations. With over 25 years of economic development experience, Dale has successfully developed several award winning economic development programs, developed strategies and other initiatives in small and large communities. His excellent working relationships with all levels of government and industry associations have helped to ensure that BCEDA is well positioned to provide member services. Dale works extensively with other organizations including the International Economic Development Council as a course instructor, and with other Provincial economic development associations developing partnerships across Canada.

Colleen is a partner with EDCD and has over 25 years economic development experience. She has her diploma in Economic Development from the University of Waterloo and is a certified Economic Developer. Colleen has extensive knowledge in building economic development programs and delivering practical and realistic strategic plans.



Colleen’s skills, practical guidance and results-oriented approach have helped clients across Canada develop innovative economic development solutions. She has facilitated workshops on economic development essentials including strategic planning, business retention and expansion, business attraction, and economic recovery from disasters.

Economic development troubleshooting and community development strategies have become a specialty for Colleen and she specializes in providing elected officials and community leaders with the right information to make decisions for their businesses and communities to grow.

Partners in Action: Working Together to Affect Change

Annette Sharkey, Executive Director Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan

This is a solution-oriented, community driven committee that addresses social issues with a community development approach. The role of the coordinating committee is to identify problems and/or solutions and then create and oversee action teams. Members of the coordinating committee are recruited from the community based on the skills and knowledge they bring to the table, in addition to representation of an agency, support group or a municipal service including RCMO, Bylaw Compliance and Planning.



Annette has been the Executive Director for the Social Planning Council for the North Okanagan since 2006. The City of Vernon provides funding for her position to facilitate social planning and community development for the municipality. Currently, as part of her role at the Social Planning Council, she is the coordinator of the Partners in Action Committee and a member of the City of Vernon’s Affordable Housing Committee and Economic Development Advisory Committee. In conjunction with the Partners in Action Committee, she oversees the implementation of Vernon’s: Homeless and Housing Strategy; Harm Reduction/Opioid Overdose Response Strategy; and Immigration and Settlement Strategy.

Friday, April 28th

Morning sessions

Overview of Property Assessment & 2023 Assessment Roll

This session provides a brief look at property assessment in British Columbia, including the products and services BC Assessment offers, and the role BC Assessment plays in supporting the development of vibrant communities in British Columbia. This session will also include area-specific highlights of the 2023 assessment roll.

- About BC Assessment
- Valuation
- Classification
- Assessment cycle and key dates
- Relationship between assessments and taxes
- 2023 assessment roll overview
- Assessment appeals process



Graham Held has been with BC Assessment since graduating from UBC with a B.Com. in 1993. Graham spent 15 years as a Deputy Assessor, starting in the Surrey office in 2004 and moving to the Kamloops office in 2007. Most recently, Graham has been the Manager – Assessment Appeals from 2019 to 2022.

Graham has spent over a decade as a member of the Board of Directors of the Appraisal Institute of Canada - British Columbia, including two years as the President. He has also been a Tutor for the Real Estate Division of the Sauder School of Business since 2007.

Morning Breakout sessions

Media 101

Setting Yourself Up For Success

Christy Poirier, City of Vernon Manager, Communications and Grants, Richard Rolke, former long-time local government reporter and Kevin Rothwell, journalist and business editor

You've been elected. You're living in the public eye, helping to make tough, complex, community-shaping decisions. And now you're being asked to answer big questions by a local reporter. What do you say? What don't you say? How do you keep your foot out of your mouth?

Join three long-time journalists and communication

professionals to hear the good, the bad, and the ugly moments they've shared with elected officials and other reporters as they've covered local government affairs over the years. Learn key tips and tricks to prepare yourself for your next

interview (or casual conversation) and walk through it with success... instead of distress.

Richard Rolke was a senior journalist in the North Okanagan for 28 years, specializing in municipalities, regional districts, school boards and Indigenous governance, as well as provincial politics. For the last four years, he has been the communications and program coordinator at the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, where he continues to engage with elected officials and attends local government meetings. Born and raised in the Okanagan, Richard is extremely committed to the region, and his previous volunteer activities included 18 years on the Vernon Jubilee Hospital Foundation board. He is presently on the board of directors of the Friends of Kalamalka Lake Provincial Park, and he also volunteers with the Canadian Mental Health Association in Vernon.



Christy Poirier is an award-winning journalist, a former News Director, television station supervisor, and radio and television host, and most recently, a strategic communications specialist. With nearly 20 years' experience in broadcast media and communications, she has a diverse background in building strong community connections

and helping organizations and individuals share their stories in creative and effective ways.

In 2019, Christy graduated from Royal Roads University (RRU) with a Bachelor of Arts in Professional Communication and joined the City of Vernon as Manager, Communications and Grants. She has since returned to RRU as a teaching assistant and guest speaker for various classes and has also assisted Okanagan College's Department of Communications as a guest speaker.

Kevin Rothwell is a veteran journalist with over 30 years' experience writing for radio, television, newspapers, magazines and online, across the Western provinces and Britain. Kevin has worked in small, mid and major market radio news. Kevin is a British Columbia Association of Broadcasters Journalist of the Year award winner.



He has covered local, provincial and national politics for much of his career. As a talk-show host in both Vernon and Kelowna many of his guests were politicians dealing with questions on the fly from listeners.

Kevin is currently the Fund Development and Communications Officer for the North Okanagan Hospice Society, The Business Editor for the local Pattison Media online news portal Vernon Matters / Beach Radio 107.5 and a Benefit Auctioneer, publicist and MC.

Power of Collaboration in Times of Health Care Human Resource Scarcity

Tracey Kirkman, Executive Director Shuswap North Okanagan Division of Family Practice



The Shuswap North Okanagan Division of Family Practice (SNO) includes family physicians from Vernon, Lumby, Armstrong, Enderby, Sicamous, Salmon Arm and Sorrento. We are a community-based group of family physicians working together – and with health authorities and community partners – to achieve

common goals.

We are a member-driven non-profit society, created by and for doctors, who understand the needs and realities of serving a diverse community. Through our membership, we strive to provide professional support and work collaboratively to improve health care.

How to Manage Difficult Constituents – from a legal perspective

Marisa Cruickshank, Lidstone & Company

Marisa will discuss the pros and cons of various tools that local governments have at their disposal, taking into account the unique position of elected officials and the fact they are not ‘workers’ under the WCA.



Marisa Cruickshank assists local government clients with a wide range of workplace matters, including preparation and review of employment contracts and policies, sick leave and disability issues, human rights, and labour relations matters, including discipline, grievances and interpretation of collective agreements. Marisa also assists clients with privacy and FOI matters, governance issues, and bylaw enforcement matters. Marisa has represented clients before all levels of court in British Columbia and boards and tribunals, including arbitration boards, the Human Rights Tribunal, the Information and Privacy Commissioner, and the Labour Relations Board. Prior to joining Lidstone & Company, Marisa clerked for two justices at the British Columbia Court of Appeal and articulated at the Vancouver office of a leading national law firm.

BC Liberal Official Opposition

MLA Dan Ashton

Dan Ashton was elected MLA for Penticton in 2013, 2017 and re-elected in 2020. Dan now serves as the Shadow Minister for Municipal Affairs, and previously served as Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation critic.

Previously, Dan was the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Finance and the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister Responsible for Core Review. He has also served as the Chair of the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services, was a member of Treasury Board and was the vice-chair of the Cabinet Working Group on Core Review.



From 2014 to 2017, Ashton was the Premier's representative to the Pacific Northwest Economic Region (PNWER). Before being elected as an MLA, Dan served two terms as Mayor of the City of Penticton following three consecutive terms as a councillor. He served ten terms as Chair of the Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen, and spent four years as a trustee on the Municipal Finance Authority.

Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs and MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake



Anne Kang was elected as the MLA for Burnaby-Deer Lake in 2017 and re-elected in 2020. Anne serves as the Minister of Municipal Affairs and previously served as the Minister of Advanced Education and Skills Training and as Minister of Citizens' Services as well as the Parliamentary Secretary for Seniors.

Anne was a three-term Burnaby City Councillor before becoming an MLA, and has been a leader in many organizations that build community and support those who are vulnerable. Anne's commitment to community was recognized when she was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in 2012 for her contribution to Canada.

Anne has a passion for life-long learning. She completed her post-secondary education at UBC, receiving a Bachelor of Music, a Bachelor of Education – Elementary, a Diploma in Special Education – Learning Disability, and a Masters degree in Special Education - Gifted and Creative Learner, and completed two levels of Montessori Certification. Before being elected MLA of Burnaby-Deer Lake, Anne was a music teacher

in the Burnaby school system.

Anne lives and works in Burnaby and has two young children, who attend school in Burnaby.

Tourism and Healthy Communities

**Ellen Walker Matthews, CEO and Mike Overend,
Director of Destination Development with
Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association**

TOTA will present how Tourism can play an important role in the overall health of a community by creating a place that fosters active lifestyles and vibrant businesses while prioritizing resident well-being. Through a sustainable tourism lens, TOTA is helping shape healthy communities throughout the region.



Ellen Walker-Matthews, TOTA's Chief Executive Officer (CEO), has held several roles with the organization over the past 14 years before taking on the lead role in 2021. Prior to joining TOTA in 2009, Ellen had a long career in the tourism industry, specifically in the

accommodation sector, since initially joining CP Hotels (Fairmont) in 1979, eventually working with Delta Hotels and Resorts and later as the Vice President for Tepic/Rim Hospitality Management.

Mike Overend is the Director of Destination Development & Stewardship with the Thompson Okanagan Tourism Association (TOTA). He has been with TOTA for 6 years and has spent the majority of his time working on the destination



development portfolio. His primary objectives are to help facilitate and fund experience development projects and sustainable development programs. A few examples would be the continued development of the Kettle Valley Rail Trail and the implementation of Biosphere Commitment Initiative.

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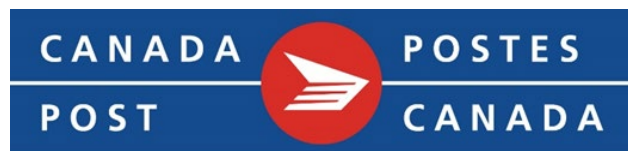


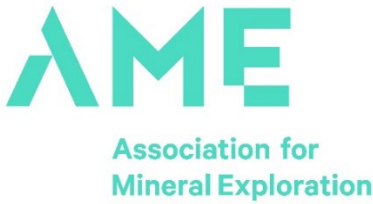
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SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
April 28th and 29th, 2022 in Salmon Arm, BC

1. Call to Order

President Karla Kozakevich called the meeting to order at 8:17 am on April 28, 2022.

2. President's Report

President Kozakevich acknowledged that she and the rest of the SILGA board are so excited to be able to bring delegates together after a three year hiatus. Even the SILGA board is looking forward to meeting each other in person for the very first time!

2021 was a very difficult year for many communities in SILGA. Not only was the pandemic still raging, but Mother Nature battered numerous communities with both fires and floods. Our thoughts continue to be with Lytton, Merritt, Princeton, and the smaller communities within our regional districts that saw devastating destruction and losses. You are resilient; you will rebuild.

The conference's theme is "All Together Now", to acknowledge the ability to meet in person and return to connecting normally with one another. The conference is also about connections and fostering a network that catalyzes various experiences that can be drawn upon when faced with issues or problems or the need for innovative thoughts. In short, together we are stronger.

On behalf of the SILGA Executive, we would like to extend our gratitude to each of you who have chosen to serve your communities. You have stepped up - you have chosen to serve. In this election year I hope you will consider putting your name forward again; but if you do not, know that you've had an impact during the past four years.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Bill Sarai THAT:

The minutes of the April 28th, 2021 Virtual Annual General Meeting 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, 2021. BDO Canada gave a clean report for SILGA as a not for profit association.

With no income generated from an in-person convention, SILGA had a small loss in 2021. With the losses over the last two years, SILGA needed to readjust their reserves in 2021. SILGA received the Canada Emergency Business Account (CEBA) loan for of \$60,000, of which only \$40,000 is repayable.

The 5 year plan was presented by General Manager Alison Slater who commented that SILGA will continue its austerity program established in 2020 when the 2020 Convention was cancelled because of the pandemic. SILGA has included only essential costs to show a balanced budget to its members. At the time of the preparation of the budget it was unknown how much revenue the 2022 convention would generate so the

numbers are conservative. If possible, SILGA would like to build back their reserves to pre-pandemic levels as it became very apparent that these reserves are necessary to ensure SILGA is able to continue its operations.

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Judy Sentes THAT:

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2021 be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

6. Nomination Committee Report

Nomination Committee Chair Lori Mindnich read out the nominations and after calling three times for nominations from the floor, the following results were announced for the 2022-23 term.

Table Officers:

President:	Karla Kozakevich, RDOS (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Toni Boot, Summerland (acclaimed)
2 nd Vice-President	Aimee Grice, Oliver (acclaimed)

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

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Councillor Barb Wiebe, Lillooet

Past President Mindnich then asked for nominations from the floor:

Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
Councillor Jen Leach, Lillooet

Past President Mindnich announced that the following will be Directors at Large for SILGA for the 2022/23 term.

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
Councillor Jen Leach, Lillooet
Councillor Tony Luck, Merritt
Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm

7. Resolutions

Moved/Seconded by Sylvia Lindgren/Steve Scott THAT:

Keri-Ann Austin be appointed as the SILGA parliamentarian for the resolutions session.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded by Sue Peters/Sylvia Lindgren THAT:

Debate to be allowed on late resolutions

CARRIED

2022 SILGA RESOLUTIONS

LEGISLATIVE

1. Summerland Local Elected Official Benefits

COMMUNITY SAFETY

2. Lillooet Criminal Justice Reform for Repeat, Convicted Offenders
3. Lake Country RCMP Population Thresholds for Cost Sharing
4. Salmon Arm Rural Policing
5. Chase Fuel Mitigation outside Community Boundaries
6. Lillooet BC Forest Management and Wildfire Prevention Reform
7. Keremeos/RDOS Flood Mitigation Service
8. Lillooet Emergency Management Program Reform
9. Chase Emergency Evacuation Transportation
10. Chase Highway Rescue Funding

TRANSPORTATION

11. RDOS Safety and Speed Mitigation Measures on Provincial Roads
12. RDOS Reprioritizing Snow Clearing
13. Merritt On Road Use of Off-Road Vehicles for Snow Clearing
14. Lake Country Mandatory Winter Tires for Rental Vehicles
15. RDOS Ride Sharing

FINANCE

16. RDOS Sustainable Funding for Libraries

ASSESSMENT

17. Ashcroft Reclassification of Properties Ancillary to Railway Operations

ENVIRONMENT

18. Coldstream Exterior Lighting Pollution

LAND USE

19. RDOS Retroactive Development and the Riparian Area Protection Regulation
20. SLRD Local Governments to have Legislated Input into Cutting Permits

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 21. Lake Country | Family Physician Funding |
| 22. RDOS | Physician (Specialist) Recruitment in Rural Areas |
| 23. Spallumcheen | BC Emergency Health Services Funding |
| 24. Chase | First Responders Program Funding |
| 25. RDOS | BC Emergency Health Services (BCEHS) – Partnership with Local Government |
| 26. Penticton/RDOS | Provincial Car Program |
| 27. Spallumcheen | Regional Food Supply Feasibility Study |

HOUSING

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| 28. Lumby | Home Affordability & Transfer Tax Levels |
| 29. Oliver | Tiny Homes |
| 30. Lumby | Bare Land Strata Development Minimum Standards |

SELECTED ISSUES

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| 31. Sicamous | Paid Protestors |
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| 1. Clinton | Reverse PST On Fossil Fuel Heating |
| 2. Logan Lake | Thresholds for Disregarding Access Requests |

LEGISLATIVE

(1) TITLE: LOCAL ELECTED OFFICIAL BENEFITS

SPONSOR: District of Summerland

Whereas one barrier to attracting a diversity of candidates to local government participation is the low compensation received by local government elected officials;

And whereas benefits typically available to public servants at all levels of government are not readily available to local government elected officials, further widening the gap between elected officials and other public servants or private sector employees:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to establish an accessible benefits program for local government elected officials to support attracting diverse local government candidates.

Proposed Amendment: change “establish” to “investigate” in the TBIR clause

1st Penny Gambell, Lake Country

2nd Bill Scarrow, Lake Country

Vote on Amendment: DEFEATED

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

COMMUNITY SAFETY

(2) TITLE: CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM FOR REPEAT, CONVICTED OFFENDERS

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas the RCMP are overworked and understaffed in the Province of BC;

And whereas many BC residents are frustrated with the low sanction sentences imposed by the Provincial Court criminal justice system;

And whereas criminals may not choose the path to recovery as provided for by various provincial, federal, or First Nations government-created mental health programs, Indigenous court systems, reform programs, safe injection sites, methadone, or Opioid Agonist Treatment (OAT) clinics;

And whereas many thefts and drug-related crimes are perpetrated by criminals who are “well known to police” and have multiple or long criminal records:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC and the BC’s Attorney General to immediately begin working with the Government of Canada to address issues with Canada’s and British Columbia’s justice system including the proposed imposition of weightier consequences and greater accountability for repeat offenders, thereby supporting the rights of all Canadians to live in safe communities.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(3) TITLE: RCMP POPULATION THRESHOLDS FOR COST SHARING

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas during the 1992 negotiations between the federal Solicitor General and the provincial negotiating team it was agreed that the Province of BC would be responsible for 90 percent of the share of the RCMP costs in communities with more than 15,000 residents and for 70 percent of the costs in communities with less than 15,000 residents;

And whereas there have been significant increases in RCMP costs as a result of the collective bargaining process that municipalities must pay since the thresholds were set in 1992;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial and federal governments to consider increasing the population thresholds to recognize the increased burden on emerging municipalities and inability for the current population thresholds to support the increasing costs of policing.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(4) TITLE: RURAL POLICING

Sponsor: City of Salmon Arm

Whereas public safety is of equal concern to both municipal and regional district residents;

And whereas rural populations are growing steadily;

And whereas provincial policing complements have not been increased at the same rate as municipally funded positions;

And whereas lack of police resources affects rural safety and is putting a strain on municipal budgets:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the province increase the provincially funded positions immediately;

And be it further resolved that future resource allocations accurately reflect the rural demands for policing services.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(5) TITLE: FUEL MITIGATION OUTSIDE COMMUNITY BOUNDARIES

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas climate change is real and causing significant changes in the way local, provincial, and federal governments do business and provide services;

And whereas the Province of BC has provided funding for Community Wildfire Protection Plans and Fire Smart programs for local governments;

And whereas the continual drying and heating of our forests in British Columbia causes wildfires to ignite much more readily and to travel at higher speeds across the forested areas:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Wildfire Service to take action to reduce fuel loading around the perimeter of communities in British Columbia which will work in conjunction with initiatives undertaken in communities to protect themselves from wildfires.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(6) TITLE: BC FOREST MANAGEMENT AND WILDFIRE PREVENTION REFORM

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas the residents of BC are calling for our provincial government to provide better forest management and wildfire prevention by assessing the current policies and guidelines to enhance those that are working and to re-evaluate and change those that are not;

And whereas Ontario created an 'All Hazards Agency' that employs people to manage fire, flood, and slides year-round;

And whereas the trickle effect of lumber prices and availability along with jobs, mill closures, current and future mudslides, damage to critical habitat, and house insurance will continue to increase and have an alarming effect on BC's future if we do not change the current forest practice procedures:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC immediately create an "All Hazards Agency" that employs people full time, year-round to manage fire, flood and slides as part of a comprehensive forest restoration and management program;

And be it further resolved that the Province of BC be requested to empower local people, working with licensees, industry and contractors, Indigenous communities, ranchers, and boots-on-the-ground workers such as fire fighters, forestry workers, and all those that see day to day issues and have the frontline knowledge to provide feedback on inconsistencies in forest management and offer recommendations to the "All Hazards Agency" with the aim of improving forest management practices and preventing wildfires in BC.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(7) TITLE: FLOOD MITIGATION SERVICE

SPONSOR: Town of Keremeos/Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas climate change has accelerated the frequency and intensity at which high water events occur in the Province British Columbia;

And whereas orphan dikes in British Columbia no longer adequately protect BC communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to implement a flood mitigation service in consultation with local governments, including Indigenous partners.

Motion for Amendment:

1st Tim Palmer, Revelstoke

2nd Karla Kozakevich, RDOS

Amend the TBIR to read:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to implement a flood mitigation service, **with particular focus on the ongoing provincial maintenance of orphan dikes**, in consultation with local governments **and** Indigenous partners.

Motion for Amendment:

1st Ken Gillis, TNRD

2nd Wendy Coomber, Cache Creek

Amend the TBIR amendment: add “and dams” after the orphan dikes

Vote on amended amendment: CARRIED

Vote on the resolution as amended: CARRIED

(8) TITLE: EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM REFORM

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas local governments and other local authorities in rural British Columbia are under-resourced to effectively respond to ever-increasing climate related disasters;

And whereas the elected officials and staff of local governments and other local authorities are often themselves personally and tragically impacted by these disasters;

And whereas the emergency management program provides provincially administered funding for on-the-ground efforts that largely rely on the victims of the disaster to be responsible for disaster response and recovery:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of BC offer on-the-ground provision of the emergency management program for local governments that opt-in to this service to ensure that adequate resources are always available and can be dynamically allocated throughout the province based on capacity and need.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(9) TITLE: EMERGENCY EVACUATION TRANSPORTATION

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas many small local governments not in close proximity to larger centres do not have publicly provided or privately provided bus service available;

And whereas in the event of an emergency evacuation, the provision of one or more busses would be an integral part of the evacuation of individuals particularly those vulnerable, mobility challenged and without their own or supportive transportation;

And whereas most small local governments have school bus services provided by the school districts to transport children to and from school but the buses are not stationed in the local governments in the summer which is the critical time particularly for wildfire risk and potential evacuation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to require school districts to keep some buses in the local government they serve during summer months to provide for the evacuation of vulnerable individuals if required.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(10) TITLE: HIGHWAY RESCUE FUNDING

Sponsor: Village of Chase

Whereas many small local governments provide highway rescue services in large geographic areas outside of their jurisdictions;

And whereas the Province of BC has increased funding to communities in the past several years to help offset the costs of the service provided;

And whereas costs continue to rise for components of the service including fuel, vehicle repairs, vehicle replacement and training:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to review the funding allowances to cover more costs associated with the provision of highway rescue services by small local governments.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

TRANSPORTATION

(11) TITLE: SAFETY AND SPEED MITIGATION MEASURES ON PROVINCIAL ROADS

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure does not install speed mitigation measures on provincial roads, giving the rationale that provincial roads belong to all the citizens of British Columbia as they serve to promote the economy and inter-provincial movement of people and goods;

And whereas the criteria provided by the Ministry of Transportation applies to all roads under the Province's jurisdiction, whether they are numbered highways, rural roads or local subdivision roads:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to develop a matrix to determine the primary use(s) of the provincial roads, and base safety and speed mitigation measures on the primary use(s) of provincial roads rather than a blanket criteria.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(12) TITLE: REPRIORITIZING SNOW CLEARING

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas there is increased concern about the state of public roads in rural communities during and after major weather events;

And whereas the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure's road classification system defines levels and response times for maintenance standards for each specific service area in order to prioritize service:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to work with local governments to review the existing road classification system to consider reprioritizing the order in which roads are cleared or maintained;

And be it further resolved that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure increase funding for maintenance of secondary roads to ensure safe and accessible transportation options for rural communities.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(13) TITLE: ON ROAD USE OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES FOR SNOW CLEARING

SPONSOR: City of Merritt

Whereas the provincial *Motor Vehicle Act* prohibits private owners from driving off-road vehicles on municipal streets;

And whereas Division 24 of the *Motor Vehicle Act* Regulations allows RCMP discretion to issue operation permits for non-standard vehicles, including off-road vehicles;

And whereas heavy snowfall can render streets and sidewalks impassable, requiring substantial effort to clear them, which residents sometimes wish to perform expeditiously using off-road vehicles:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government and RCMP work with local governments to develop transparent and consistent frameworks allowing the on-road use of off-road vehicles within a prescribed, permit-specific area, for the purpose of clearing snow.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(14) TITLE: MANDATORY WINTER TIRES FOR RENTAL VEHICLES

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas winters in many parts of British Columbia are subject to icy road conditions and snowfall accumulation;

And whereas most rental vehicles are only equipped with all season tires rather than winter tires:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to make it mandatory that winter rated tires be installed on rental vehicles during the winter months in those areas of BC that experience snow and ice conditions.

Proposed Amendment: Change " in those areas of BC that experience snow and ice conditions" to "in BC"

1st Rhona Martin, CSRD

2nd Blair Ireland, Lake Country

Vote on amendment: CARRIED

Vote on resolution: CARRIED

(15) TITLE: RIDE SHARING

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas ride sharing is a convenient, safe, and responsive service which benefits local residents and the tourism industry as well as fosters economic growth;

And whereas there exists a public need for the service and within smaller communities, ride sharing offers a more reliable option where traditional services are often inconsistent;

And whereas it has been shown that taxi companies can financially tolerate the introduction of ride sharing companies, and ride sharing has been proven as a benefit to impaired driving reduction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the BC Passenger Transportation Board to implement a viable ride sharing service regulation which will address passenger transportation issues outside of Metro Vancouver including small, rural, and remote communities.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

FINANCE

(16) TITLE: SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR LIBRARIES

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas libraries in British Columbia are largely financed by levies paid by local governments, and where provincial library funding has remained stagnant for the past 10 years;

And whereas public libraries are central to communities, providing equitable access to vital resources, including internet, computers, digital library tools, and in-person services from expert staff;

And whereas public libraries provide British Columbians with low-barrier services, that support job seekers and small businesses, that increase literacy in communities, that advance reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, and that promote equity and inclusion;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of BC to provide long-term sustainable funding for public libraries in BC;

And be it further resolved that the Province of BC ensure that BC libraries will henceforth receive regular increases to provincial government funding in subsequent years.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

ASSESSMENT

(17) TITLE: Reclassification of Properties Ancillary to Railway Operations

SPONSOR: Village of Ashcroft

Whereas land used for the purposes of extracting, storage of products manufacturing or transporting of goods are categorized as Class 5 Light Industry in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 with the exception of lands used or held for the purposes of, or for purposes ancillary to, the business of transportation by railway;

And whereas ancillary rail operations such as transloading facilities are a heavy burden on local government infrastructure through trucking activity and movement of product and require a higher level of government support including fire services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to review the assessment classifications in the BC *Assessment Act* – Prescribed Classes of Property Regulations BC Reg. 438/81 and that business for the purposes ancillary to railway operations including transloading facilities be reclassified as Class 5 Light Industry in order to create fair taxation from railway operations and further that, Section 5(e) be repealed from the Act.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT

(18) TITLE: EXTERIOR LIGHTING POLLUTION

SPONSOR: District of Coldstream

Whereas excessive lighting causes light pollution and glare;

And whereas light pollution may have a negative impact on quality of life, contribute to adverse health effects and pose potentially harmful consequences to the natural environment by disrupting ecosystems:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Building and Safety Standards Branch amend the BC Building Code to allow, facilitate and empower local governments to exercise control of lighting fixtures, including intensity and directionality, as part of their permitting and inspection process for all new construction and major renovations.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

LAND USE

(19) TITLE: RETROACTIVE DEVELOPMENT AND THE RIPARIAN AREA PROTECTION REGULATION

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the introduction of the Riparian Area Regulation (RAR) in 2006 was intended to improve the protection of riparian areas in British Columbia;

And whereas the transition to the Riparian Area Protection Regulation (RAPR) in 2019 whereby the Ministry reviews all assessments was not intended to create a burden on local governments;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend the Riparian Area Protection Regulation to allow the minister to issue a notification to a local government regarding an assessment report that has been prepared in relation to a “retroactive development”.

Motion to withdraw Resolution:

1st Mark Pendergraft RDOS

2nd Spencer Coyne, Princeton

Vote on motion to withdraw resolution: CARRIED

(20) TITLE: LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO HAVE LEGISLATED INPUT INTO CUTTING PERMITS

SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet Regional District

Whereas local communities currently have no legal avenue for providing input into forest land cutting permits before they are approved and issued by the Province;

And whereas communities are often impacted by harvesting and log hauling, with environmental impacts, visual impacts, road safety issues and little economic benefit:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to give local governments a legislated avenue for providing input before cutting permits for forest licensees and woodlot tenure holders are approved and issued by the Province.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(21) TITLE: FAMILY PHYSICIAN FUNDING

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas British Columbians are continuing to struggle to access primary care and establish relationships with a family doctor despite a Provincial commitment to a new primary care network model in 2018;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia offers limited alternatives with limited funding to the fee for service model for physician compensation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to consider, implement and adequately fund alternative physician compensation models to replace the fee for service model to better support continuity of care and encourage doctors to practice family medicine.

Proposed Amendment: Change TBIR clause to *“Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to consider implement and adequately fund alternative general practitioner compensation models to replace the fee for service model to better support continuity of care and encourage general practitioners to practice family medicine.”*

1st Toni Boot, Summerland

2nd Sally Watson, TNRD

Vote on Amendment: DEFEATED

Vote on Resolution as presented: CARRIED

(22) TITLE: PHYSICIAN (SPECIALIST) RECRUITMENT IN RURAL AREAS

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas the Ministry of Health and Health Authorities, in partnership with Divisions of Family Practice, have initiated programs to develop Primary Care Networks (PCNs) and Urgent and Primary Care Centres (UPCCs) throughout the province to respond to a shortage of general practitioners and to provide conditions to attract general practitioners to rural areas;

And whereas rural communities are extremely challenged to recruit and retain medical specialists in many fields:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to establish a long-term program to identify the root cause of the chronic shortage of physicians, including specialists, and that they initiate a program to remove obstacles and fill vacancies in this essential service.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(23) TITLE: BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES FUNDING

SPONSOR: Township of Spallumcheen

Whereas the high number of call volumes for volunteer fire departments to respond to medical calls far exceeds regular fire related needs;

And whereas the resources of volunteer fire departments and concerns for volunteer retention and burnout is a concern due to excessive medical calls:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to support additional funding and review any feasibility studies to ensure that provincial resources for BC Ambulance and 911 services are adequate to service local populations.

Motion for Proposed Amendment:

1st Cindy Fortin, Peachland

2nd Spencer Coyne, Princeton

Change the TBIR clause as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to support additional funding and review any feasibility studies to ensure that provincial resources for BC Ambulance and 911 services are adequate to service local populations with a minimum of one ambulance be available 24 hours a day in any one community where an ambulance service exists.

Vote on Amendment: DEFEATED

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(24) TITLE: FIRST RESPONDERS PROGRAM FUNDING

SPONSOR: Village of Chase

Whereas many small local governments provide First Responder Program services to assist the BC Emergency Health Services Ambulance services;

And whereas the provision of assistance to the BC Ambulance Services is very valuable;

And whereas some costs associated with providing the service on behalf of BC Emergency Health Services are paid for by BC Emergency Health Services while hourly pay for First Responders and all vehicle costs are paid by the taxpayers of the local governments that assist the BC Ambulance Services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the BC Emergency Health Services to increase the funding to local governments who provide First Responder Program to assist the BC Ambulance Service.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(25) TITLE: BC EMERGENCY HEALTH SERVICES (BCEHS) - PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT

SPONSOR: Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas BCEHS ground ambulances are designed and equipped to provide emergency care and patient transport throughout British Columbia;

And whereas BCEHS personnel work closely with local governments in emergencies and disasters;

And whereas the lack of consultation with local government in the development of BCEHS policy that impacts life and safety may be harmful to our mutual constituents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to require BCEHS to report regularly to local government prior to the initiation of a policy where that policy may have an impact on local government resources or the safety of our mutual constituents.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(26) TITLE: PROVINCIAL CAR PROGRAM

SPONSOR: City of Penticton and Regional District Okanagan Similkameen

Whereas Car 40 Programs, which aim to support the diversion of those suffering with mental health issues from the criminal justice system, and reduce patrol response and unnecessary hospital admissions have been successful in a variety of formats across the Province since 1978;

And whereas a Provincially integrated and funded Car 40 program would provide consistency to communities seeking new ways to support the health and safety of their residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province support an integrated Car 40 Program with appropriate and sustainable funding.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

(27) TITLE: REGIONAL FOOD SUPPLY FEASIBILITY STUDY

SPONSOR: Township of Spallumcheen

Whereas the effects of climate change, primarily flooding and wildfire events, have highlighted how fragile our food supply chain can be;

And whereas the need for a regional food supply system is greater than ever:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government, primarily the Ministry of Agriculture and the Premier of British Columbia, to support and fund local food supply feasibility studies, to ensure that as much food as possible can be grown, processed, and purchased within regional areas to sustain the local populations.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

HOUSING

(28) TITLE: HOME AFFORDABILITY & TRANSFER TAX LEVELS

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

Whereas in BC home buyers pay a provincial Property Transfer Tax (PTT) at a rate of 1% on the first \$200,000 of the purchase price and 2% on the remainder up to and including \$2 million;

And whereas according to the BC Real Estate Association the average single-family home increased 22% in value in the past 2 years since June 2020 to \$915,000;

And whereas the Property Transfer Tax is not related to the cost of services provided, the 2% tax on amounts over \$200,000 creates an additional cost to homeowners making affordability more out-of-reach for more homebuyers:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM request that the BC government reduce the tax burden on home purchasers by applying the 1% tax rate to the first \$700,000 of the purchase price and 2% on the remainder up to and including \$2 million.

Motion on Proposed Amendment:

1st Nicole Cherlet, Revelstoke

2nd Blair Ireland, Lake Country

Change the TBIR clause as follows:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM request that the BC government reduce the tax burden on home purchasers by applying the 1% tax rate to the first \$700,000 of the purchase price and 2% on the remainder up to and including \$2.5 million.

Vote on Amendment: CARRIED

Vote on Resolution as amended: CARRIED

(29) TITLE: TINY HOMES

SPONSOR: Town of Oliver

Whereas owning a home in British Columbia is becoming increasingly unaffordable. During the 2020/2021 fiscal year, BC Housing subsidized nearly 19,000 shelter spaces, housing units and rent supplements. It was reported by the Bank of Canada that in Quarter 3 of 2021, Canadian's needed to spend over 37% of their household income to service a mortgage;

And whereas tiny homes offer an affordable, quick to build and green alternative to standard housing;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to review the BC Building Code to address barriers such as, but not limited to, egress, headroom and window and door size, and to recognize, allow and provide building requirements for tiny homes;

And be it further resolved that the Province should incorporate these changes into Part 9 of the BC Building Code that would define tiny houses as allowable permanent dwellings, and thus permit them to be constructed where local government official community plans and zoning bylaws deem them appropriate.

Motion for Proposed Amendment:

1st Aimee Grice, Oliver

2nd Karla Kozakevich, RDOS

Whereas during the 2020/2021 fiscal year BC Housing subsidized nearly 19,000 shelter spaces and housing units and provided rent supplements and, further, it was reported by the Bank of Canada that in Quarter 3 of 2021 Canadians needed to spend over 37% of their household income to service a mortgage;

And whereas owning a home in British Columbia is becoming increasingly unaffordable and tiny homes offer an affordable, quick to build and green alternative to standard housing;

Vote on Amendment: CARRIED

Vote on Resolution as Amended: CARRIED

(30) TITLE: BARE LAND STRATA DEVELOPMENT MINIMUM STANDARDS

SPONSOR: Village of Lumby

Whereas bare land strata plan requirements for the strata's internal works and services are outside of local government purview;

And whereas it is recognized that municipalities should prescribe all developments standards as the municipality is concerned with how infrastructure is originally built and with the standards of living in its community;

And whereas current bare land strata developments do not have to meet minimum municipal standards, and as such may devolve into undesirable neighbourhoods that are inconsistent with other neighbourhoods, adversely affecting the land value beyond the area of the bare land strata subdivision:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM asks the BC Government to amend the Bare Land Strata Regulation to require that bare land strata developments meet the same minimum standards set by local governments, as required in their subdivision servicing bylaws, to ensure consistency across all developments throughout the community, in areas such as street lighting, sidewalks, curb heights, paved roads etc.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

SELECTED ISSUES

(31) TITLE: PAID PROTESTORS

SPONSOR: District of Sicamous

Whereas the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms provides that every person in Canada has the right to freedom of expression and freedom of peaceful assembly as part of a democratic nation;

And whereas lawful protests provide citizens the opportunity to express views and grievances for government to respond to;

And whereas individuals that are recruited and paid by organizations to protest on their behalf create a false perception of public opinion on matters of community interest:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to investigate and lobby for the prohibition of organizations paying individuals to protest of their behalf.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

LATE (1) REVERSE PST ON FOSSIL FUEL HEATING

SPONSOR: Village of Clinton

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia announced in the Provincial Budget on February 22, 2022, that Provincial Sales Tax would be added to all fossil fuel heat and hot water appliances to encourage British Columbians to revert to electric heat pumps and hot water heaters;

AND WHEREAS even though heat pump technology may be improving, currently heat pumps are not sufficient to heat homes and businesses in the British Columbia Interior and Northern Regions which would necessitate auxiliary heat sources to augment heat pumps during the coldest days of winter in those regions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request the Provincial Government of British Columbia to reverse this decision until such time as heat pump technology has improved sufficiently to adequately heat buildings in the Interior and Northern Regions of the Province.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

LATE (2) THRESHOLDS FOR DISREGARDING ACCESS REQUESTS

SPONSOR: District of Logan Lake

WHEREAS public bodies are responsible for the management and protection of personal information under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act;

AND WHEREAS under this Act, the requirements to meet the threshold to disregard a request because it is frivolous or vexatious or would unreasonably interfere with the operations of the public body because the request is excessively broad or is repetitive or systematic is unconscionably high and hard to obtain;

AND FURTHER WHEREAS public bodies can be subjected to harassment, defamation, accusations and abuse of staff time with little to no protection and a legal requirement to respond to malicious requests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM asks that the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner for British Columbia review its thresholds for disregarding requests submitted under Section 43 of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Vote on Resolution: CARRIED

8. Community Excellence Awards

Social Responsibility	District of Summerland	George Ryga Arts & Cultural Centre
Economic Development	City of Salmon Arm	Zest Food Hub
Environmental Sustainability	RDCO	Flood Mitigation Planning

9. President's Closing Remarks

President Karla Kozakevich addressed the delegates and expressed appreciation for all the hard work of the Salmon Arm Convention Committee for putting on such a great convention. She thanked the outgoing SILGA director Barb Wiebe and welcomed new directors to the SILGA team.

10. 2023 Convention – Vernon

The 2023 Convention will be held in Vernon from April 25th to 28th, 2023. Mayor Victor Cumming invited all the delegates to join him in his community and showed a short video promoting his community.

11. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Victor Cumming/Ward Stamer THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 12:05 am on April 29, 2022.

CARRIED

Alison Slater, Secretary Treasurer

Southern Interior Local Government Association

Draft Five Year Financial Plan

For the years 2023 - 2027

	2022 Budget	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget
Revenues							
Convention	\$ 150,000	\$ 162,655	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000	\$ 185,000
Memberships	57,043	57,043	57,972	59,131	60,314	61,520	\$ 62,751
Newsletter/Education Income	1,000	243	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	\$ 1,000
Sponsorships and Donation Income	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	\$ 1,000
Return on Investments	150	1,621	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	\$ 2,000
	\$ 209,193	\$ 222,062	\$ 246,972	\$ 248,131	\$ 249,314	\$ 250,520	\$ 251,751
Expenditures							
Administrative Expenses							
Contractor Fees	\$ 55,963	\$ 56,046	\$ 58,848	\$ 60,025	\$ 61,225	\$ 62,450	\$ 63,699
communication allowance	2,497	2,493	2,547	2,598	2,650	2,703	2,757
Travel Expenses	4,500	3,824	5,000	5,250	5,355	5,462	5,571
Director Expenses							
per diem allowance	8,000	9,400	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Travel Expenses	3,000	-	3,000	3,150	3,308	3,473	3,647
Meals	1,000	413	1,500	1,530	1,561	1,592	1,624
Convention	110,000	110,351	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	120,000
Donation	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Education (net)	2,500	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Executive Workshops (Retreat)	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Gifts	500	-	500	500	500	500	500
Interest and Bank Charges	250	140	250	250	250	250	250
Insurance	2,250	2,145	2,363	2,410	2,458	2,507	2,557
Office Expenses	2,000	1,258	2,040	2,081	2,122	2,165	2,208
Provincial Liaison/Meetings	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
Youth Initiative at UBCM	-	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Other	500	-	500	500	500	500	500
Accounting/Legal fees	6,600	5,476	6,798	7,002	7,212	7,428	7,651
Website	-	2,464	3,000	500	500	500	500
	\$ 200,560	\$ 194,010	\$ 228,345	\$ 227,795	\$ 229,641	\$ 231,530	\$ 233,464
Net Revenues (Expenditures)	\$ 8,632	\$ 28,052	\$ 18,627	\$ 20,336	\$ 19,673	\$ 18,990	\$ 18,287

2023 SILGA Nominating Committee Report

2023 SILGA
AGM & CONFERENCE
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Presentation of the results of a call for nominations for
the Southern Interior Local Government Association

Nominations

1. Appointment of Nominations Committee

(up to 3 members, to include the Past President, who will be chair)

Responsibility: President

Completion Guideline: 60 days before convention

2. Call for Nominations sent to the membership

Responsibility: Nominations Committee Chair

3. Nominations to be received by the Nominations Committee Chair, who consults with the Nominations Committee and prepares the Nominations Report with photographs and biographies.

Responsibility: Nominations Committee

Completion Guideline: 2 months before convention

4. Forward the Nominations Report to the Host Committee for inclusion in the delegate binders.

Responsibility: Nominations Committee

Completion Guideline: 1 month before convention

NOTE: If, at the close of the annual convention, there are not sufficient members elected to the Executive to constitute a quorum, the local government who has the President as one of its members shall be responsible to find sufficient members to serve on the Executive. If there is no President, the local government currently responsible for providing administrative arrangements to the Executive shall have the responsibility to find sufficient members to serve.

NOTE: In addition to the above mentioned, nominations can still come from the floor as has always been provided.

TO BE ELECTED

All positions are for a one-year term and those presently serving may run for another term if they so wish, except for the President who can only serve for two consecutive terms.

Offices to be filled are for President, 1st Vice-President, 2nd Vice-President and seven Directors, one of who must be an Electoral Area Director of a Regional District.

The Nomination Committee was formed under the bylaws and executive procedures of the SILGA Constitution.

Past President Lori Mindnich, Village of Lumby
Alison Slater, SILGA General Manager

The Nominations Committee authorized circulation of a call for nominations and preparation of associated material (see background appendix). The results of the call are summarized on the next page and full biographical materials submitted by nominees begin on the page following. It is important to recognize that the role of the committee is to review submissions and prepare this report. It is not the role of the committee to recommend anyone for nomination. We are to ensure nominations are complete, and according to policies and procedures.

Further nominations can be received at the convention from the floor as has always been provided. Please contact the nomination committee chair if there is any aspect of the procedures that you would like clarified.

Nominations and Election of Executive

- 7.1 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee. The Committee shall consist of up to three (3) Member Representatives, one of whom shall be a Past President.
- 7.2 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the Past President unless that position is vacant, in which case the Chair shall:
 1. be appointed by the Executive with consideration to a previous Past President; and
 2. not be a member of the Executive.
- 7.3 The Nominating Committee shall submit a proposed slate of Executive to the Members at the Annual General Meeting for consideration.
- 7.4 All Member Representatives shall be eligible to stand for election to the Executive.
- 7.5 If an election of the Executive is required it will be conducted by a secret ballot and, subject to subsection 7.11 below, those candidates receiving the most votes of the Members being elected to the Executive, and ballots shall be destroyed by resolution of the Members following the declaration of the successful candidate for office or directorship.
- 7.6 In the event of an equality of votes between two candidates, the successful Executive candidate will be chosen by lot between those two candidates. The name of each candidate will be written on a separate piece of paper, folded in such a way that the names of the candidates are not visible and placed in a container and shaken. One piece of paper will be withdrawn by the Chair of the Nominating Committee and that person declared the winning candidate.
- 7.7 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the Nominating Committee's candidates to the Association and will preside over the election process.
- 7.8 If the Chair of the Nominating Committee is unable to act, the Executive shall appoint a Member Representative, Officer or Director to undertake the duties and responsibilities as Chair of the Nominating Committee and to preside at the election.
- 7.9 The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the "Returning Officer" and may appoint other staff members in attendance to assist with the election.
- 7.10 The election of Officers to the Executive shall be held at the Annual General Meeting on a first ballot and that of the Directors at Large subsequently on a second ballot. Any candidate that is unsuccessful in obtaining an Officer position on the first ballot may become a candidate for a Director at Large position on the second ballot.
- 7.11 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is elected, the Director at Large positions will then be filled by the candidates with the most votes.
- 7.12 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is not elected, then in the election of the Directors at Large, the candidate - of those candidates that are Electoral Area Directors of a regional district - with the most votes will be elected as a Director at Large and the balance of the Director at Large positions will be filled by the remaining candidates with the most votes. If only one Electoral Area Director of a regional district candidate runs for a Director at Large position, that candidate will be acclaimed.

Summary of Nominations for Southern Interior Local Government Association Positions

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The Nominating Committee Chair will present the recommendations as the nomination for these positions. Other nominations can still come from the floor as has always been provided.

Candidates Speeches - Each candidate will have one minute to present themselves and their platform.

For Officer Positions:

Lori Mindnich, Village of Lumby will be Past President. (Elect one each)

President	Councillor Aimee Grice	Town of Oliver
1st Vice-President	Louise Wallace Richmond	City of Salmon Arm
2nd Vice-President	Councillor Bill Sarai	City of Kamloops

For Directors At Large:

(Elect seven. If no RD director on the table officer positions, one D-A-L must be a RD director)

Karen Cathcart	Director	CSRD
Spencer Coyne	Mayor	Town of Princeton
Adam Etchart	Councillor	City of Merritt
Isaac Gilbert	Councillor	City of Penticton
Charlie Hodge	Councillor	City of Kelowna
Ruth Hoyte	Mayor	District of Coldstream
Ward Stamer	Mayor	District of Barriere
Keith Thom	Councillor	District of Peachland
Barbara Wiebe	Councillor	District of Lillooet

Nominated for:
President

**2023 SILGA
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**Councillor
Aimee Grice**
Town of Oliver

AIMEE GRICE was elected as Councillor to the Town of Oliver in 2018 and re-elected in 2022. She is seeking a second term as President of SILGA.

Aimee is a wife and mother of two lovely children. She is currently the House Manager and Marketing and Promotions Coordinator at Venables Theatre in Oliver and has been there since 2016. She absolutely loves the arts and is grateful to be working in that field.

Aimee is a passionate advocate for the residents of the SILGA region. In the past four and a half years as a Councillor, she has taken many opportunities to expand her knowledge in the field of local government and earned her Level 1 (first term) Certificate in Local Government Leadership from LGLA. She aims to stay active in all levels of government and is a member of the constituency association for her MP. She also played a key role in the election of her current MLA.

Affordable housing is one of Aimee's passions. There are many in our region who are precariously housed, experiencing homelessness, couch surfing and dealing with unpleasant and even dangerous rental situations. It takes all levels of government working together, including service organizations in the conversation, and really listening to the needs of those who are under-housed to get to the root of the problem. Aimee has advocated for changes to the BC Building Code to allow municipalities to zone for tiny homes and for flexibility in Provincial funding so that communities can work creatively and within their means to provide housing for their residents.

As a member of a working class family, Aimee understands the needs and struggles of many of the residents of our region. She is passionate about this work and endeavors to represent our region with compassion and tenacity to ensure no one is left behind.

Nominated for:
1st Vice President

**2023 SILGA
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Councillor
Louise Wallace
Richmond
City of Salmon Arm

Louise was born in Quebec City and raised in Northern Ontario. She graduated from the University of Ottawa with a degree in Economics and enjoyed working on Parliament Hill first as a Page then as a Legislative Assistant for the Chief Opposition Whip. After relocating to the West Coast in 1990, she worked in publishing and completed her Masters degree at SFU. In 1999, she moved to Salmon Arm and established Mediability Corporate Communications, a design and marketing business. Louise is also a part time professor at the Okanagan College in the School of Business.

She is passionate about community-building, creativity and collaboration and is honoured to serve Salmon Arm as a second term city councillor in keeping with her long-standing interest in politics, public affairs and communications.

Her community committee work includes, the Housing Task Force, the Social Impact Advisory Committee and the Airport Commission. Louise was elected to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities in March of 2023 and looks forward to representing the region at the federal table.

SILGA, where she now serves as First VP, has been exemplary in its advocacy for the region and is a tribute to the power of collective impact.

Nominated for:
2nd Vice President

**2023 SILGA
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Councillor
Bill Sarai
City of
Kamloops

I am currently elected as 2nd Vice President after serving 3 years as Director at Large with SILGA. As well as being re-elected as a City Councillor with the City of Kamloops. I retired from Canada Post after 31 years of service and was fortunate to become elected as City Councillor for Kamloops in October 2018. I have been appointed by our Mayor to the position of President of the Kamloops Airport Authority Society, Chair of the Civic Ops committee and Chair of the Community Relations and Reconciliation Committee. Before being elected to City Council, I had volunteered to the following organizations:

- Norbrock Soccer Executive Committee
- A E Perry Elementary School PAC Executive
- Coached Girls and Boys Youth Soccer
- Kamloops Sikh Cultural Society Executive Committee
- City of Kamloops Social Planning Committee
- Western Canada Summer Games
- BC Winter Games

I was born in Abbotsford BC and then raised in East Vancouver and then finally settled in Kamloops in 1995, where my wife of 33 years and I raised our 3 kids and are now enjoying grandparenthood to our 2 grandchildren.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
A G M**



Director
Karen Cathcart
Columbia Shuswap
Regional District

Karen Cathcart's political experience is three terms as the Electoral Director for Area A – Rural Golden. It has been a tremendous experience working with local residents about addressing issues and opportunities that are a priority for them.

When Cathcart is not working with local residents, you can find her with her family, her son and daughter in-law and three grandkids, Trey and Lexi and Theo. One of her favourite pastimes is shopping.

"What I love about local government is taking the time to meet with residents, finding out what their concerns are, and then working to assist them through the process. I enjoy explaining to residents about how local government system works – so I spend a lot of time explaining to folks what local government is and what it is not."

Why SILGA?

After 30 years in the post-secondary education field as an administrator, I retired in October 2020. I have always felt local government is about educating folks, by doing this it makes for a more holistic approach to decision making. I am ready to expand my knowledge base throughout the local government systems and the various committees. SILGA is a network of committed folks working hard to move the platform of local government forward. I'll like to be part of that process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Karen Cathcart
Electoral Area A Director
Columbia Shuswap Regional District
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Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
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**Mayor
Spencer Coyne**
Town of Princeton

Spencer is running for a third term as Director at Large position with SILGA for the 2023/24 term.

Spencer believes that local government is the most effective form of government and that the day to day actions and decisions made by local policy makers have the most direct impact on citizens. He is a strong believer in partnerships and regional cooperation; this is why he has put his name forward for Director at Large.

In his role of Mayor of Princeton, he is the Chair of the Vermilion Forks Community Forest Corporation a partnership between the Town of Princeton, Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. He is the Chair of the Similkameen Valley Planning Society an economic development partnership that includes the Town of Princeton, Village of Keremeos, Lower Similkameen Indian Band and RDOS electoral Areas B, G, and H. Spencer believes that it is through these partnerships we can create a more prosperous Similkameen Valley for all who live there. Spencer is the Vice-Chair of the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen where he works with other area representatives and member municipalities of the RDOS on a regular basis to not only strengthen his community but the region as a whole.

Spencer is a father of three, a two, ten and thirteen year old. It is their future that brought him back into politics after a thirteen-year hiatus.

Spencer believes that regional cooperation makes us stronger and when we work together our collective voice carries more weight.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
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Councillor
Adam Etchart
City of Merritt

Adam Etchart is currently in his second term on Merritt City Council. Born and raised in Merritt, making the right decisions for the community is important to him.

After attending University College of the Cariboo/TRU he has spent over 20 years working in the insurance industry as a broker and also an appointed agent for the motor vehicle branch. Working with community and helping others is a passion of his and he has learned a lot within the first term on council. 2021 was a catastrophic year for our region with floods and fires and the need to network and plan for emergencies is more urgent with the effects brought on by climate change.

Adam was previously a board member of the Nicola Valley Food Bank and currently is a board member for the Phelan Senior's Citizens Society housing board. Other council committees include Finance Committee, Police Committee, Museum Committee, and liaison with other groups in the community as well.

Adam has enjoyed the sessions put on by SILGA over the last term and would be honoured to work with such a dedicated group as a Director at Large. Thank you for reading.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
A G M**



**Councillor
Isaac Gilbert**
City of Penticton

With a mixture of practical experience and innate curiosity in public policy, Isaac Gilbert can provide a strong voice for the south Okanagan as a Director-at-Large for the Southern Interior Local Government Association.

Born and raised in the automotive capital of Canada - Windsor, Ontario - Isaac's dad is an autoworker at Chrysler and his mother is a hairdresser and they taught him the lessons of hard work and co-operation are the key to success.

A love of the outdoors brought Isaac to British Columbia nearly 15 years ago, where he began work as an arborist before beginning work with BC Parks as a ranger. He's called Penticton home since 2016.

Isaac believes in being part of the community and giving back, which is why he's immersed himself in Penticton. He's acted in local productions, started a theatre co-operative and volunteers with a range of organizations. This desire to give back has allowed him a unique perspective into the challenges faces by the entire community.

Elected to council for the first time in November, Isaac spent the previous four years as the chair of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee and that provided insight into how local government works and the need to have strong and diverse voices at the table.

Isaac's background means he understands the complexity of public safety but he blends that boots on the ground knowledge with his interests in urban planning, policy writing, and human ecology.

Believing municipalities play an important role in a healthy, safe, and trusting community is what led Isaac to run for council along with wanting to help amplify the community's voice when dealing with other levels of government. As a Director-at-Large, Isaac would bring his knowledge of provincial government operations to bear to ensure the region is getting the support and resources it deserves.

With a reputation as a consensus builder and innovative thinker, Isaac looks forward to be able to serve the SILGA membership.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
A G M**



**Councillor
Charlie Hodge**
City of Kelowna

Charlie Hodge is seeking re-election as a SILGA director at large. A veteran Kelowna city councillor and regional board director, Hodge enjoyed three years as a SILGA director from 2014 to 2017 and would like to continue his positive contribution now that Kelowna is back involved with SILGA. A professional author/writer by trade Hodge was born and raised in the South Okanagan where he has resided most of his life. Hodge was born in Penticton and moved from Summerland to Kelowna in 1963 at age seven.

Charlie spent more than 30 years as a journalist in British Columbia including 10 years as an editor or assistant editor. During his journalism career he worked in Kelowna, Kamloops, Salmon Arm, and Parksville - Qualicum Beach on Vancouver Island. Hodge has written three books including last year's historical-fiction novel – Lost Souls of Lakewood - The History and Mystery of Blaylock's Mansion. He also penned Golly Gee - It's Me! - a Canadian best-selling biography on hockey legend Howie Meeker and Stop It There – Back it Up a 50 year look at the NHL.

Charlie is in his fifth term as an elected City Councillor. He is also currently a Director on the Regional District of Central Okanagan Director for his fifth term. During current and previous council terms Charlie's held numerous portfolios or committees including Okanagan Basin Water Board, protective services, tourism, chamber of commerce, environment, youth, accessibility committee, women's and community committee, public works and operations, parks and open spaces, regional library board, Downtown Kelowna Business Association and housing.

Hodge is well known for his knowledge and background in strategic planning, conflict resolution, as a skilled facilitator, a public speaker, Master of Ceremonies, and effective personal coach.

Charlie's creative promotional skills and strategic planning have been utilized for many years in the Canadian music industry, provincial, national, and international environmental fields, and municipal, provincial, and federal politics.

His hobbies include gardening and fishing. Charlie shares his Okanagan home with wife Teresa and five cats.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
A G M**



**Mayor
Ruth Hoyte**
District of
Coldstream

Ruth is currently serving her first term as Mayor for the District of Coldstream, after serving a previous term as Councillor. She previously served on the SILGA Board in 2019, as well as this previous term 2022. In addition to her mayoral duties, Ruth sits as a Director of the Regional District of the North Okanagan, Greater Vernon Advisory Committee and Regional Growth Committee and the Greater Vernon Cultural Centre Implementation Team.

As SILGA representative, Ruth serves on the MIABC Board as Director lending a hand to both the Finance and Claims committees. She brings vast experience in both business and community organizations to the table. Ruth has served in many leadership roles with the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, the Downtown Vernon Association, the Insurance Council of BC, the Insurance Brokers Association of BC, the Vernon Women in Business and as President of the Vernon Monashee Riding Association. She is also an active member in both community fundraising and catering operations of the Vernon Elks Lodge #45.

In 2013, Ruth was honored as Vernon's Woman of the Year for her passionate contributions to business and community organizations.

Ruth would like to ask for your continued support as a Director at Large for the upcoming term on SILGA, an organization she feels lends a voice to our area members.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

2023 SILGA
A G M



**Mayor
Ward Stamer**
District of
Barriere

I was first elected to office in Barriere in 2007 and have been re-elected every term with the past two terms as Mayor of the community. I was very involved in the incorporation of the District of Barriere prior to its 2007 incorporation.

Through my work experience as a logging contractor for 36 years and community involvement I have a strong understanding of our SILGA region and have positive working relationships with many residents, ranchers, forest industry and business owners, First Nations and multi-level government representatives. My 15 years of local government means I have experience in planning, budgeting and delivering services in my community and communities throughout the region.

I am on the board or a member of the following:

- Lions Club Member 30+ years
- TNRD Director
- Chair TNRD Regional Solid Waste Management committee
- SILGA Committees – Finance, Policy and Governance

Carleen and I have been married for over 30 years and have 2 adult girls and 2 beautiful granddaughters.

I was asked to join the SILGA executive after the fall election and have enjoyed working with everyone as a Director at Large. I would like to be able to continue in that capacity for SILGA and am seeking the position as Director at Large.

I look forward to working with all of you and thank you for your support.

Nominated for:
Director at Large

2023 SILGA
A G M



**Councillor
Keith Thom**
District of
Peachland

I have had 3 terms as a Director at Large on the SILGA executive board and would be delighted to serve another term.

My strengths lay in promotion and advocacy. SILGA is a critical step in having well-articulated resolutions from our membership and bringing them to UBCM and local MLA's and MP's. Many of us represent smaller communities within our catchment area and we need a strong voice. I would like to be a part of that team with SILGA.

There are two major mandates of the executive with the first been the facilitation of the yearly convention as well as providing educational opportunities throughout the year at locations across the southern interior. With education comes empowerment to face the day-to-day challenges that all of us face in local government.

The second mandate is the collection of resolutions from all our area members and ensuring they get on to the desks of the various ministers and then discussed in person at UBCM. We are much stronger as a collective voice.

I would like to continue to be that voice for you as a Director at Large, along with my colleagues on the Executive Board.

"Be the Change You Wish to See in the World"

Nominated for:
Director at Large

**2023 SILGA
A G M**



Councillor
Barbara Wiebe
District of Lillooet

I successfully ran my own business in Calgary until my husband and I retired and moved to Lillooet 16 years ago. We have three daughters and four granddaughters.

One of my first involvements in the community was to join the Royal Canadian Legion where I was on the Executive for five years - three of those as President.

I am currently in my third term as a Councillor for the District of Lillooet. My first term I was the Mayor's alternate and attended various committee meetings in the Mayor's absence.

During my second term I was our District's representative on the Thompson Regional Hospital Board, Explore Gold Country, Inter-Governmental Relations Committee, Ministry of Transport, Chair of the Miyazaki House Society as well as being appointed as Lillooet's Director on the Squamish Lillooet Regional District Board.

On my own initiative, with the support of Council, I have become the chair of the Lillooet Board & BMX Association. We are working tirelessly to build a concrete skatepark in Lillooet. This is an ongoing project and with an enthusiastic board we hope to accomplish this within the next two to three years.

I also spent some time on the SILGA Board as a Director in my second term during Covid and was appointed this year due to elections and loss of bodies.



*Southern Interior Local
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SILGA ANNUAL MEETING

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GENERAL RULES

1. The Annual General Meeting will begin at the scheduled time or as near thereto as is possible.
2. Delegates will use the floor microphones when speaking.
3. All elected officials of a Member municipality or regional board shall be entitled as the Member Representatives to have a voice and vote at the Annual Meeting of the Association. [Bylaw s. 8.7]
4. The Clerk, Secretary-Treasurer and/or Chief Administrative Officer of the Member local governments or Subject Matter Experts shall be entitled to attend the meetings but shall not be entitled to vote, nor to address matters placed before the Association unless requested to do so by the President. [Bylaw s. 8.9]
5. A quorum shall be twenty (20) Members present at the Annual Meeting. [Bylaw s. 8.6]

VOTING RULES and RULES OF PROCEDURE - GENERAL

1. Only elected representatives from member municipalities and regional districts are entitled to vote. [Bylaws. 8.7 & 8.9]
2. There is no proxy voting and each Member Representative present at the meeting is be entitled to one vote per question. [Bylaw s. 8.8]
3. All matters placed before a meeting of the Association shall be resolved by a simple majority vote, except for amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and annual dues which shall require an affirmative three-fifths (60%) vote of the Member Representatives present at the meeting. [Bylaw s. 8.10]
4. In all cases, where the votes of Member Representatives present, including the vote of the Chair, are equal for and against a question, the resolution fails. [Robert's Rules of Order, pp. 392-393]
5. The Chair shall enforce order and strict observance of the Bylaws. Subject to an appeal to the meeting sustained by a majority vote of Member Representatives present, the Chair shall have the right to decide all questions of order and the chair's rulings in this regard shall be final. [Robert's Rules of Order, pp. 625]
6. A Member Representative wishing to move, second or speak to a motion shall rise and address the Chair and shall wait until he or she is recognized before speaking. The delegate must announce his or her name, municipal or regional office and municipality or regional district, or other qualifications each time he or she rises to speak. [Robert's Rules of Order, p. 28]
7. Member Representatives must confine their remarks to a maximum speaking period of 2 minutes.
8. No Member Representative may speak more than once on any one question unless and until all other delegates desiring to speak have been heard. [Robert's Rules of Order, p. 30]
9. The fundamental principles of Roberts Rules of Order shall govern the proceedings of the Association so far as they may be applicable without coming in conflict with the Constitution and Bylaws. [Bylaw s. 13.1]

VOTING PROCEDURES – RESOLUTIONS SESSION

1. For each resolution, the Chair of the Resolutions Committee will introduce the resolution by reading the title and identifying the local government sponsor. [Bylaws 11.1]
2. A member of the Resolutions committee will read the “*therefore be it resolved*” clause. The resolution will now be before the membership and will not require a mover or a seconder.
3. The Chair will then call for discussion from the floor. [Bylaws 11.1]
4. A member of the local government sponsoring the resolution will be given the first opportunity to speak using the “Yay” microphone. Reminders (a) before speaking on the resolution, you must give your name, title and where you are from; (b) only elected officials are eligible to address the convention.
5. Members wishing to speak against a resolution should address the assembly from the “Nay” microphone.
6. No one may speak until they have been acknowledged by the Chair.
7. Each speaker will have 2 minutes to address the assembly.
8. If there is no speaker at the “Nay” microphone after the local government sponsor has spoken, the Chair will call the question.
9. Any amendment or any motion to withdraw a resolution from consideration of the meeting must be moved and seconded from the floor. [Bylaw s. 11.2]. If possible, provide a written copy of a proposed amendment in advance to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee.
10. Voting will be by show of the assigned voting card and the Chair will determine if the motion has been *Carried* or *Defeated*. [Bylaw s. 11.3] The voting result will be by a simple majority. Proxy voting is not permitted.
11. Any member may call for a formal count of the votes and, if seconded, the Chair will call for voting cards to be raised again and local government staff volunteers will conduct a count and report the numbers to the Chair who will then announce the result. [Bylaw s. 11.3]
12. Reconsideration of a resolution is permitted as long as the assembly agrees by a 60% approval that reconsideration is warranted because of relevant additional or clarifying information having come to the attention of the assembly. A resolution may only be reconsidered once. A resolution to be reconsidered may only be brought to the floor after all other resolutions have been considered. [Bylaw s. 11.4]
13. Resolutions considering amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and annual dues may only be considered at the Annual meeting if the proposed amendments have been given to the Members of the Association at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Annual Convention. [Bylaw s. 12.1(3)]
14. If discussion continues on any resolution for an undue length of time without reasonable agreement being reached, the resolution may be cleared from the floor by a majority vote and the resolution referred back to the Resolutions Committee for further consideration and report.
15. Late resolutions will be considered only after all other resolutions have been debated.

SUBMISSION OF RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolutions submitted by the normal deadline date, no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual Meeting, shall be considered first at the Annual Meeting.
2. Resolutions submitted after the normal deadline date (late and emergency resolutions) shall be introduced at the Annual Meeting [Bylaw s. 10.5] only if:
 - the resolutions are of a subject matter which could not have been submitted by the normal deadline date;
 - the resolutions have been received by the Resolutions Committee Chair at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the commencement of an Annual Meeting and enough copies are supplied in order that they may be circulated to all Member Representatives at the Meeting Registration Desk at the time of registration;
 - consideration has been given to all resolutions submitted by the normal deadline date; and
 - a resolution to allow its debate receives an affirmative vote of two thirds (66%) of the Member Representatives in attendance at the meeting.
3. A resolution to be reconsidered may only be brought to the floor after all other resolutions have been considered.
4. No other resolutions other than those referred to in Sections 1, 2, and 3 may be brought forward from the floor. Any member of the Association may submit a resolution directly to UBCM without endorsement of the Association. [Bylaw s. 11.5]

NOTES:

- Discussion and voting shall proceed in accordance with the Voting Rules and Rules of Procedure – General and Voting Rules and Rules of Procedure – Resolutions.
- Debate and voting are on the resolution, NOT on the recommendation of the Resolutions Committee.
- All references to Robert's Rules of Order are taken from Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th Edition)

2023 SILGA RESOLUTIONS

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 1. Investment in Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery | City of Kelowna and
City of Kamloops |
| 2. Primary Care Clinic Funding | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
| 3. Increasing Rural Health Center Autonomy | District of Logan Lake |
| 4. Resolve Health Care Shortages in Rural Communities | City of Merritt |
| 5. Funding for Rural and Remote Volunteer Fire Department
First Responder Programs | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
| 6. Transitional Housing with Supports | City of Kelowna and
City of Kamloops |

HOUSING

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| 7. Short-Term Vacation Rental Listing Platforms | City of Revelstoke |
| 8. Rural BC Building Code | District of Lillooet |
| 9. 1.0 Hectare Policy/Guidelines | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
| 10. Provincial Matching of Local Government Land
Investments in Affordable Housing | City of Penticton |

COMMUNITY SAFETY

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| 11. <i>Cannabis Control and Licensing Act</i> | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
| 12. Rural Fire Department Compensation for
Attendance at Traffic Incidents | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
| 13. FireSmart and Wildfire Mitigation Funding | City of West Kelowna |
| 14. Commercial Semi Truck Dash Cam | District of Barriere |

ENVIRONMENT

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| 15. Recycle BC Stewardship Plan Proposed Community
Eligibility Criteria | Columbia Shuswap RD |
| 16. Invasive Species – Amendment to the <i>Weed Control Act</i> | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
| 17. Water Sustainability Act | District of Lake Country |
| 18. Greater Enforcement for Provincial Invasive Mussel
Defence Program | District of Sicamous |
| 19. Riparian Areas Protection Regulation Compliance | District of Sicamous |

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

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| 20. Protection of Trees | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
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FINANCE

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| 21. Provincial Government Funding | Town of Oliver |
| 22. Senior Levels of Government – Oversubscribed Funding | District of Summerland |
| 23. BC Hydro Beautification Grant | District of Lake Country |

LAND USE

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| 24. Agricultural Land Commission Expansion of
Non-Farm Usage on Farmlands | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
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25. Jurisdiction of Surface Rights Board of British Columbia	Squamish-Lillooet RD
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TRANSPORTATION

26. BC Transit Share of Expenses on Rural Routes	Okanagan-Similkameen RD
27. Trans-Canada Highway Improvements	District of Sicamous
28. Improved Information Sharing Between Local Governments and Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure	Squamish-Lillooet RD
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30. Public Hearing Notice Requirements	Okanagan-Similkameen RD
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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

31. Expediting Forestry Approvals	City of Merritt
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HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(1) TITLE: INVESTMENT IN MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE USE RECOVERY

SPONSOR: City of Kelowna and City of Kamloops

Whereas additional mental health and substance use programs and associated funding is needed to meet the complex needs of people living with challenges in BC communities that has contributed to an unprecedented level of deaths, poverty, criminal activity, social disorder, stress on first responders and health care professionals contributing to increased pressure on hospitals;

And whereas the lack of innovative models to treat patients with severe, complex mental health and substance misuse conditions has contributed to a health care and safety crisis in communities, urban and rural, throughout British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to further increase investment into 'on demand' mental health treatment, withdrawal management and substance use programs throughout the province, that meets the diverse needs of the people suffering from severe substance misuse and mental health challenges;

And be it further resolved that an update to "A Pathway to Hope" strategy includes a plan to fully fund and establish regional campuses of care, similar to the innovative model of Red Fish Healing Centre, to provide a safe, stable and compassionate environment for people requiring highly specialized mental health support with severe mental illness diagnoses.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse
*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed many resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2022-SR2, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB57, 2020-SR8, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

(2) TITLE: PRIMARY CARE CLINIC FUNDING

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas the investment in primary care is consistent with the strategic direction of the Ministry of Health and supports a team-based primary care model;

And whereas new physicians are choosing team based health and provincial incentives are targeting new graduates who want to work with teams of other clinicians;

And whereas the approval of new Rural Growth Plans and expansion of their Primary Care Networks includes capital funding to help streamline access to primary care for patients and families:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to provide additional funding, on a case by case basis, for expansion of existing Primary Care Networks to address regular health care needs closer to home.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with amendment**

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to provide additional funding, ~~on a case by case basis~~, **according to regionally defined needs**, for expansion of existing Primary Care Networks to address regular health care needs closer to home.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for more resourcing and strengthening of Primary Care Networks (2022-EB15, 2022-NR6, 2021-EB63, 2016-B44).

The Committee also notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking improved and more equitable access to health care services in rural and remote areas of the province and funding for medical travel if services are not available near a patient's home (2022-EB15, 2019-B62, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2016-B124, 2014-B130, 2013-B43, 2013-B44, 2013-B45, 2013-B46, 2013-B47, 2012-B38, 2012-B39, 2012-B91, 2012-B93, 2012-B103, 2011-B60, 2011-B61, 2010-B43, 2010-B44, 2010-B112, 2009-B148, 2008-B49, 2006-B48, 2006-B50, 2006-B154, 2006-B156, 2005-B146). The UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR64 which asked the Province for a strategy to expand rural and remote community health care services.

(3) TITLE: INCREASING RURAL HEALTH CENTER AUTONOMY

SPONSOR: District of Logan Lake

Whereas the Ministry of Health works together with a provincial health authority, five regional health authorities, and a First Nations health authority to provide high quality, appropriate and timely health services to British Columbians;

And whereas most British Columbia Hospitals are over capacity and demand for hospital care is at an all-time high;

And whereas all hospitals care for many types of injuries and emergency conditions ranging from minor to severe, but not all Health Centers are designated as a Trauma Center resulting in patients travelling long distances for minor trauma and experiencing long waiting periods in those Centers:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to look at granting more autonomy to rural and remote health care centers in order to be able to administer minor trauma care and alleviate pressure on Emergency Room wait times.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Ministry of Health to grant more autonomy to rural and remote health care

centers in order to be able to administer minor trauma care and alleviate pressure on Emergency Room wait times.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions seeking improved and more equitable access to health care services in rural and remote areas of the province and funding for medical travel if services are not available near a patient's home (2022-EB15, 2019-B62, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2016-B124, 2014-B130, 2013-B43, 2013-B44, 2013-B45, 2013-B46, 2013-B47, 2012-B38, 2012-B39, 2012-B91, 2012-B93, 2012-B103, 2011-B60, 2011-B61, 2010-B43, 2010-B44, 2010-B112, 2009-B148, 2008-B49, 2006-B48, 2006-B50, 2006-B154, 2006-B156, 2005-B146). The UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR64 which asked the Province for a strategy to expand rural and remote community health care services.

(4) TITLE: RESOLVE HEALTH CARE SHORTAGES IN RURAL COMMUNITIES

SPONSOR: City of Merritt

Whereas the Ministry of Health committed in 2020 that supporting local health care is key to improving life in rural British Columbia in response to resolution 2020-NR64 (Kaslo);

And whereas Emergency Departments in communities across BC have had multiple short notice closures due to staff absences since that reply was issued;

And whereas a shortage of physicians and nursing staff has led to residents being unable to register for primary healthcare and become reliant on Emergency Departments for both emergencies and also issues that could not be dealt with earlier;

And whereas rural and/or non-centralized communities are particularly affected by healthcare shortages due to the distance to another community with healthcare provision and the additional time required to access healthcare can be the difference between life and death:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to investigate and take immediate action on healthcare shortages in rural and/or non-centralized communities, and support Health Authorities to ensure that Emergency Departments across BC have the necessary resources to avoid temporary, short-notice closures.

SILGA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution, 2022-SR1 that asked the Province to take urgent steps to ensure hospitals, emergency rooms, and ambulance services are open and available 24 hours a day, and to increase funding and training opportunities for health care professionals so that all residents of British Columbia can access an appropriate and necessary level of care.

While Special Resolution 2022-SR1 made a province-wide request, the current resolution has a rural focus. As such, the Committee notes that the membership has supported many resolutions seeking improved and more equitable access to health care services in rural and remote areas of the province

and funding for medical travel if services are not available near a patient's home (2022-EB15, 2019-B62, 2017-B43, 2016-B44, 2016-B124, 2014-B130, 2013-B43, 2013-B44, 2013-B45, 2013-B46, 2013-B47, 2012-B38, 2012-B39, 2012-B91, 2012-B93, 2012-B103, 2011-B60, 2011-B61, 2010-B43, 2010-B44, 2010-B112, 2009-B148, 2008-B49, 2006-B48, 2006-B50, 2006-B154, 2006-B156, 2005-B146). The UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2020-NR64 which asked the Province for a strategy to expand rural and remote community health care services.

(5) TITLE: FUNDING FOR RURAL AND REMOTE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAMS

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas in rural and remote areas ambulances are not able to get to medical calls in a timely manner because of distances travelled and members of community fire departments are able to arrive on scene much more quickly;

And whereas when first on scene first responders of community fire departments can assist the ambulance team by accessing the patient, gathering information, taking vitals and packaging the patient prior to the ambulance's arrival;

And whereas community fire departments are funded through local government taxes while BC Emergency Health Services are funded through provincial monies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Health to provide funding for pre-hospital care equipment, training, and call out pay for rural and remote volunteer fire department first responder programs.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**, but concerned about the larger issue of downloading ambulance services (paid by Province) to local governments.*

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions seeking fair compensation for local government provision of first responder services (2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26).

(6) TITLE: TRANSITIONAL HOUSING WITH SUPPORTS

SPONSOR: City of Kelowna and City of Kamloops

Whereas there is a lack of publicly funded, evidence-based and accredited treatment options and outpatient services, including managed withdrawal (detox) and aftercare supports, while ensuring a variety of treatment options to support individual and family needs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to urgently provide a substantial increase and investment into affordable, accessible on demand withdrawal management and substance use treatment programs with diverse, culturally sensitive, recovery driven transitional housing options (including abstinence and faith based) to support their commitment to wellness;

And be it further resolved that residents committed to a path to recovery, be eligible to participate in an provincially wide expanded version of the Addiction Recovery Program and/or the 'Single Parent Initiative' while being connected with the program coordinators who encourage optimal recovery by assisting with counselling, life skills, job training and more to help individuals to build confidence, hope as well as a sense of purpose, all while living in safe, affordable transitional housing.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: Endorse with suggested amendment

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to urgently provide a substantial increase and investment into affordable, accessible on demand withdrawal management and substance use treatment programs **building on existing community supports** with diverse, culturally ~~sensitive~~ **appropriate**, recovery driven transitional housing options (including abstinence and faith based) to support their commitment to wellness;

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered the specific request for transitional housing residents to participate in an Addiction Recovery Program and/or the 'Single Parent Initiative' while being connected with the program coordinators who encourage optimal recovery by assisting with counselling, life skills, job training and more to help individuals to build confidence, hope as well as a sense of purpose, all while living in safe, affordable transitional housing.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2022-EB9, 2022-NR4, 2021-EB54, 2021-EB55, 2021-EB56, 2021-EB59, 2021-EB60, 2020-SR8, 2020-EB79, 2020-NR62, 2019-B60, 2019-B61, 2019-B171, 2019-B172, 2018-B52, 2017-B70, 2017-B71, 2016-B43, 2015-A2, 2014-B34, 2013-B52, 2010-B42, 2008-A1, 2007-B89, 2007-B153, 2006-B50, 2006-B51, 2005-B3).

HOUSING

(7) TITLE: SHORT-TERM VACATION RENTAL LISTING PLATFORMS

SPONSOR: City of Revelstoke

Whereas resolution 2018-A4 – Short-Term Vacation Rental Listing Platforms' Responsibility in Compliance asked the Province to negotiate a province-wide agreement with Airbnb and other regionally-active short-term rental platforms to assist local governments with compliance checks, whereby the short-term rental (STR) platforms agree to require their hosts to provide proof of a valid business license, where applicable, in order to advertise using their service, was endorsed by UBCM;

And whereas the provincial response was to continue to closely monitor the issue of STRs and their impact on communities across BC;

And whereas the local governments continue to recognize the impact of short-term rentals on the long-term rental market by reducing the amount of available long-term rentals for permanent residents and increasing the speculative value of traditional residential properties;

And whereas the required staffing resources to pursue active and reactive enforcement of illegal short-term rentals is beyond the ability of smaller local governments to be able to effectively respond to;

And whereas the tracking of illegal short-term rentals requires significant resources (time and capital) from small local governments as booking platforms are designed to withhold location details of rental properties:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Housing to expedite the drafting and subsequent consideration of provincial legislation that would accomplish the following:

- Require short-term rental booking platforms to verify that local government approvals have been obtained, and those that are advertising without appropriate approvals would be removed from the booking platform;
- Require short-term rental booking platforms to list the civic address of the rental property to support with local municipal tracking and verification of compliance; and
- Provide additional enforcement mechanisms for local governments with respect to noncompliant operators including, but not limited to, the issuance of municipal tickets that, should they not be challenged or paid, could be placed on property taxes.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No recommendation**

Note: The Whereas clauses seem to be dealing with wider issues than the TBIR clauses

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking for all three of the requests listed in the enactment clause.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions addressing regulation of short-term rentals, including:

- 2022-NR11 which asked the Province to develop short-term rental enforcement solutions for all local governments, such as broadening authority to enforce compliance through simplified ticketing procedures, collection of evidence and the establishment of proof based on online investigation of accommodation listings, and expanding options to compel payment of unpaid fines through alternative mechanisms such as applying uncollected ticket fines to property taxes; and
- 2018-A4 which asked the Province to negotiate a province-wide agreement with Airbnb and other regionally-active short-term rental platforms to assist local governments with compliance checks, whereby the short-term rental platforms agree to require their hosts to provide proof of a valid business license, where applicable, in order to advertise using their service.

UBCM's housing strategy included a recommendation that the Province should investigate, in consultation with local governments, options for regulating short-term rentals with the goals of:

- enforceability;
- retaining local government choice; and
- providing local governments with more clarity, and regulatory power where needed.

UBCM's housing strategy also put forward the model of 'platform accountability' as one option for the Province to consider, because it places the onus on short-term rental platforms such as Airbnb for enforcement, alleviating the burden on local governments. The 2021 Report of the Joint UBCM-Province Advisory Group on Short-Term Rentals makes a range of recommendations consistent with past UBCM policy that are intended to give local governments greater flexibility and supports towards effective regulation of short-term rentals.

(8) TITLE: RURAL BC BUILDING CODE

SPONSOR: District of Lillooet

Whereas the lack of affordable housing has been identified as a crisis in British Columbia;

And whereas the Government of British Columbia has identified development approvals as having "a major impact on how quickly housing projects are built" in the 2019 "Development Approvals Process Review" (DAPR) report;

And whereas strict requirements in the British Columbia Building Code, specifically, but not limited to, the required implementation of Step Code and other regulations aimed at the impact of climate change have caused a hardship for construction in rural and remote areas where materials, labour, and expertise are not as abundant, but housing needs are still critical;

And whereas the density in rural and remote British Columbia communities does not have the same impact on energy usage and carbon emissions as cities and urban centres:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia acknowledge the complexity and cost that the BC Building Code and Step Code adds to the construction of housing and commercial occupancies, and that the limited availability of materials, labour, and expertise in remote and rural communities has created stagnate construction environments;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia consider the creation of a Rural and Remote BC Building Code with less strict prescriptions, focusing on Fire and Life Safety minimums only, with optional energy and environmental prescriptions.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse**

Note: The complexity of two building codes would be too difficult to manage.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to acknowledge the complexity and cost that the BC Building Code and Step Code adds to the construction of housing and commercial occupancies, and that the limited availability of materials, labour, and expertise in remote and rural communities has created stagnate construction environments. Nor has the membership considered a resolution asking the Province to

consider the creation of a Rural and Remote BC Building Code with less strict prescriptions, focusing on Fire and Life Safety minimums only, with optional energy and environmental prescriptions.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions addressing the difficulties that rural and remote communities face in trying to meet Step Code requirements, including:

- Province to secure additional Energy Advisors make grants available and review implementation timelines for the northern, rural and remote communities (2022-EB49);
- Province to provide greater support of resources, training, and capacity-building for northern, remote, and rural communities as they work towards meeting the CleanBC Plan goals, in particular the aspects of Cleaner Transportation and Better Buildings (2021-EB40); and
- Province to assist communities with Energy Step Code implementation in an equitable way by working with communities to address barriers (2020-EB87).

While the membership has recognized the challenges and sought additional support for rural and remote communities, the membership has not previously asked for a separate Building Code for rural and remote communities. Would having two Codes not create confusion; different standards for different regions / communities, and how would this be defined? As a result, no recommendation is offered.

(9) TITLE: 1.0 HECTARE POLICY/GUIDELINES

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas the 1.0 hectare policy/guideline, which prevents the construction of additional housing on properties of less than one hectare without attaching to a community sewerage system, is nearly twenty years old;

And whereas technology and construction standards for septic systems has advanced since the policy/guideline was put into place;

And whereas there are many rural area small holding properties that lend themselves to densification without harming the delicate agricultural balance, which in time could assist to reduce the critical housing shortage:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to amend the 1.0 hectare policy/guideline to allow for additional housing on small holding properties with suitable septic systems.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the 1.0 hectare policy/guideline to allow for additional housing on small holding properties with suitable septic systems.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2016-B93 which asks that s. 10 (1)(c) of the Agricultural Land Reserve Use, Subdivision and Procedure Regulation be amended such that the minimum parcel sizes created through boundary adjustment be reduced from no parcel in the

reserve of less than one (1) hectare to no parcel in the reserve of less than one-half (0.5) hectare or smaller.

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2002-B58 which asks the Province to amend section 946 of the *Local Government Act* to allow local government to set a minimum and maximum size for a parcel created by a subdivision, pursuant to this section. The Committee acknowledges that this is a dated reference.

(10) TITLE: PROVINCIAL MATCHING OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT LAND INVESTMENTS IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING

SPONSOR: City of Penticton

Whereas local governments across the Province of BC faces an unprecedented housing crisis;

And whereas local governments have limited revenue and capability to address the crisis;

And whereas the Province of BC has made it their priority to provide attainable and affordable housing for all BC communities:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government of British Columbia to work collaboratively with local governments and establish a model that provides provincial funding equal or greater in value to any donated land a local government contributes for the purpose of attainable and affordable housing projects.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide funding equal or greater in value to any donated land a local government contributes for the purpose of attainable and affordable housing projects.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to work to provide affordable housing for all Canadians (2022-EB25, 2022-EB26, 2021-EB75, 2019-B30, 2018-B55, 2018-B56, 2017-B17, 2015-B47, 2013-B53, 2011-B67, 2011-B175, 2008-B158, 2006-A2, 2006-B162, 2005-B48, 2005-B50, 2004-B128, 2003-B40).

COMMUNITY SAFETY

(11) TITLE: CANNABIS CONTROL AND LICENSING ACT

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas Section 33(1) of the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* indicates that the British Columbia Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) must not issue or amend a cannabis license without a positive recommendation of the affected local government or Indigenous nation;

And whereas the *Liquor Control and Licensing Act* does not require the LCRB to receive a positive recommendation from an affected local government in order to issue or amend a liquor license;

And whereas the public consultation requirements under Section 33(3) of the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* are seen to result in lengthy referral processing times:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* to allow local governments the ability to “opt-out” of providing comment to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Branch with respect to applications for cannabis licenses.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the *Cannabis Control and Licensing Act* to provide local governments the ability to opt out of providing comment to the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) with respect to applications for cannabis licenses.

As part of the Province's liquor licensing framework, local governments have the authority to opt out of the review and public input process. If a local government decides not to participate, the LCRB will assume responsibility for gathering public input.

(12) TITLE: RURAL FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPENSATION FOR ATTENDANCE AT TRAFFIC INCIDENTS

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas there is an increasing need for fire departments to attend traffic incidents; And whereas this is unfairly increasing the tax load on rural residents;

And whereas continued downloading on volunteer fire departments is adding to the potential failure of these small departments as taxation costs are starting to overtake house insurance benefits:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to require ICBC to compensate rural fire departments for first responder attendance at traffic incidents at a per call out rate plus use of expendables/consumables.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide funding for road rescue and vehicle extrication, including 2022-EB40, 2022-EB41, 2020-EB9, 2019-B9, 2018-B5, 2015-B17, 2014-B15, 2013-B8, 2011-B4, 2011-B5, 2010-B6, 2009-B28, 2009-B69, 2009-B88, 2007-B10.

In response to resolution 2020-EB9, the Province responded that it "recognizes and appreciates the invaluable life-saving service that communities provide to motorists throughout British Columbia and is committed to developing a sustainable funding model."

The Committee also notes that some of the endorsed resolutions specifically identify ICBC in their request for compensating local governments and fire departments for highway rescue services (2022-EB40, 2022-EB41, 2013-B8, 2011-B5 and 2009-B88). The Province has previously rejected the idea of involving ICBC in a road rescue funding model, primarily due to potential impacts on insurance rates for BC motorists.

(13) TITLE: FIRESMART AND WILDFIRE MITIGATION FUNDING

SPONSOR: City of West Kelowna

Whereas the Province of BC faces ongoing and increased risk of wildfire, with more aggressive fires, that grow larger and threaten more lives and property each year;

And whereas the Province spends hundreds of millions of dollars on wildfire suppression (\$263 million/year - 10-year average);

And whereas the amount dedicated to local governments for wildfire prevention via the Community Resilience Investment Grant is exponentially smaller (\$13 million in 2022);

And whereas the existing grant process is onerous and resource intensive, whereby local governments must apply every year and compete for limited dollars, and does not allow for long term planning:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province to dedicate additional grant funds to wildfire prevention and further ease and simplify the program, changing the process from a competition-based application process to an allocation-based formula to reduce red tape, and allow for future planning and more effective prevention-based response.

*SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse***

Note: Program works as designed. If we go to an allocation based formula, the smaller communities could be underfunded.

*UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse***

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to dedicate additional grant funds to wildfire prevention and further ease and simplify the program, changing the process from a competition-based application process to an allocation-based formula to reduce red tape, and allow for future planning and more effective prevention-based response.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking provincial support and funding for carrying out wildfire mitigation activities (2022-NR26, 2021-NR10, 2020-EB12, 2020-NR21, 2019-B13, 2019-B76, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2018-B22, 2018-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114, 2008-B59, 2007-B75).

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2022-EB37 which sought improvements to the Firesmart Program by asking the Province to review the guidelines restricting reimbursement maximums to 50% of eligible costs, to a maximum of \$500 per property, with

consideration to increasing these financial incentives to motivate more property owners to participate in the Firesmart rebate programs offered by local governments.

The FireSmart Funding & Supports programs received \$90 million of additional funding in 2022. Annual approved funding is based on the eligible applications that are received; there is not an annual funding cap and applicants do not compete for the funds. For the 2023 program, the funding maximum per high-risk applicant was increased and all applicants have the ability to apply for funding for two full years of eligible activities. The management committee that oversees the program is currently looking at opportunities to simplify the application process.

(14) TITLE: COMMERCIAL SEMI TRUCK DASH CAMS

SPONSOR: District of Barriere

Whereas the amount of time each commercial semi truck spends on the road, the weights they operate with, and the braking distances involved in stopping commercial semi trucks;

And whereas the use of dash cams can encourage commercial truck driver accountability in adhering to safe driving practices and can be affordable insurance in providing undeniable evidence for the almost inevitable near misses that professional drivers contend with in doing their job:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Government of BC to review the feasibility of requiring all commercial semi-trucks as defined in the *Transportation Act* registered in British Columbia to have dash cams installed and in operation while driving within the Province of BC as a step toward the positive progression of improving our highway safety.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to require all semi-trucks registered in BC to have dash cams installed and in operation while driving within the Province of BC, as a means to improve highway safety.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has previously endorsed resolutions asking the Province to improve highway safety through enhanced commercial vehicle inspection programs (2009-B21, 2007-B104; 2006-B38; 2005-B79; 2005-B38).

ENVIRONMENT

(15) TITLE: RECYCLE BC STEWARDSHIP PLAN PROPOSED COMMUNITY ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap Regional District

Whereas the Recycle BC Stewardship Plan update proposes to introduce a Community Eligibility Criteria;

And whereas the proposed Community Eligibility Criteria will result in a significant reduction to regional district depot collection services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Recycle BC proposed Community Eligibility Criteria does not result in a decrease in funding of existing recycling depots.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on Recycle BC to ensure that its proposed Community Eligibility Criteria does not result in a decrease in funding of existing recycling depots.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions requesting financial support and recycling services for smaller and rural communities (2022-EB55, 2019-B43, 2018-B69, 2017-B109, 2014-A6).

(16) TITLE: INVASIVE SPECIES – AMENDMENT TO THE WEED CONTROL ACT

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas the *Weed Control Act* [RSBC 1996] Chapter 487 provides that an occupier must control noxious weeds growing or located on land and premises, and on any other property located on land and premises, occupied by that person;

And whereas the proliferation of invasive plants has grown exponentially throughout British Columbia;

And whereas invasive plants continue to be sold commercially to uninformed property owners and landscapers;

And whereas S. 4(1) of the Weed Control Regulation provides that no person shall transport, keep for sale, offer to buy or sell, or buy or sell any screenings containing seeds of a noxious weed, it says nothing about plants:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province amend the *Weed Control Act* to restrict the commercial sale of plants identified in Schedule A, Part 1 & 2, of the Weed Control Regulation.

SILGA Resolutions Committee Recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the *Weed Control Act* to restrict the commercial sale of plants identified in Schedule A, Part 1 & 2, of the Weed Control Regulation.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions addressing invasive species, including:

- Plants (2014-B22, 2013-B31, 2013-B66, 2011-B135, 2010-B29, 2007-B30, 2007-B31, 2005-B25, 2004-B72, 2003-B81);
- Quagga and zebra mussels (2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2);
- Aquatic invasive species (2021-EB26);

- Soils free of invasive pests (2106-B113);
- Ban on sale of invasive species of plants and seeds (2017-B28, 2011-B44, 2008-B71);
- Rat reduction strategy (2017-B108);
- Request for an Invasive Species Act which was endorsed by the UBCM Executive (2020-NR57); and
- Request for Province to budget for long-term, stable funding for invasive species management (2020-EB49).

(17) TITLE: *WATER SUSTAINABILITY ACT*

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas the *Water Sustainability Act* (WSA) was brought into force and effect to ensure a sustainable supply of fresh, clean water that meets the needs of BC residents today and in the future, and the Okanagan, like most of BC, faces real threats to watershed security over the next decade and beyond;

And whereas inadequate enforcement tools, compliance monitoring, resources and penalties for contraventions under the WSA are perpetuating damages to streams, watersheds and aquifers that provide drinking water, irrigation and fisheries resources:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Forests to allocate more staffing, funding and enforcement tools, prioritize enforcement to ensure watershed security is maintained and work collaboratively with local governments.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking funding from the Province and authority for local governments to manage the use and activities in their communities' watersheds (2021-EB28, 2021-EB45, 2020-EB51, 2017-B115, 2016-B25, 2015-B32, 2014-B88, 2013-B32, 2013-B37, 2013-B195, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B100, 2011-B129, 2009-B136, 2008-B35, 2007-B26, 2007-B42, 2007-B122).

The Committee further notes that the membership endorsed 2018-B34 which asked the Province to work with UBCM and water governance specialists to establish regulations, implement Water Objectives, and designate areas for Water Sustainability Plans where necessary where necessary to ease the tensions arising due to competition between domestic and agricultural water use, source protection, resource extraction and wildfire mitigation. Members also endorsed 2020-EB52 which asked the Province to allocate greater resources to S.11 Approvals under the *Water Sustainability Act*.

(18) TITLE: *GREATER ENFORCEMENT FOR PROVINCIAL INVASIVE MUSSEL DEFENCE PROGRAM*

SPONSOR: District of Sicamous

Whereas the invasion of zebra and quagga mussels poses a serious threat to watercourses in British Columbia and the primary vector for invasive mussels is watercraft entering the province;

And whereas the provincial Invasive Mussel Defence Program (IMDP) is the first line of defence and remains grossly underfunded with less than 10 watercraft inspection stations throughout the province;

And whereas the Province has yet to introduce 'pull-the-plug' legislation, legislation that requires watercraft owners to clean, drain and dry their vessels or mandatory watercraft inspections for vessels entering British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the Province increase funding for the IMDP, introduce legislation that requires watercraft owners to clean, drain and dry their vessels when entering BC and establish mandatory watercraft inspections to ensure the protection of our watercourses.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership endorsed a similar resolution from the same sponsor, 2021-EB26, which asked the provincial and federal governments to adopt increased and stricter enforcement measures for watercraft and floatplane owners including the introduction of a significant fine for watercraft and floatplane owners that fail to clean, drain and dry their watercraft or floatplane before transporting it to another body of water and an increase in the fine issued to motorists who fail to stop and a watercraft inspection station.

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed a number of resolutions addressing invasive species, including:

- Plants (2014-B22, 2013-B31, 2013-B66, 2011-B135, 2010-B29, 2007-B30, 2007-B31, 2005-B25, 2004-B72, 2003-B81);
- Quagga and zebra mussels (2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2);
- Soils free of invasive pests (2106-B113);
- Ban on sale of invasive species of plants and seeds (2017-B28, 2011-B44, 2008-B71);
- Rat reduction strategy (2017-B108);
- Request for an Invasive Species Act which was endorsed by the UBCM Executive (2020-NR57); and
- Request for Province to budget for long-term, stable funding for invasive species management (2020-EB49).

(19) TITLE: RIPARIAN AREAS PROTECTION REGULATION COMPLIANCE

SPONSOR: District of Sicamous

Whereas the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation regulates development within a riparian assessment area and a local government cannot approve a development application until an assessment report from a qualified environmental professional (QEP) has been submitted through the Riparian Areas Regulation Notification and approved by the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship;

And whereas the Ministry response time to review QEP reports continues to increase, unreasonably delaying local government development and significantly impacting local economies;

And whereas the effectiveness of the Riparian Areas Protection Regulation relies on local government compliance which is compromised by the Ministry's lack of resources and inability to respond in a timely manner:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to grant local governments the authority to accept and review QEP reports for developments within its own jurisdiction.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to grant local governments the authority to accept and review QEP reports for developments within its own jurisdiction.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed past resolutions seeking improved staffing and resources at the Provincial level to ensure the effectiveness of Riparian Area Regulations, including:

- 2013-B70 which asked the Province to, in part, appropriately fund enforcement of the RAR;
- 2012-B73 which asked the Province to provide the necessary staff resources to review QEPs to fully implement the RAR; and
- 2011-B97 which asked for adequate funding and resources to provincial ministries to ensure the adequate protection of BC lakes and rivers.

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed other resolutions seeking a more streamlined approval/permitting process from provincial and federal governments, including:

- 2021-LR3 which asked the Province to review its permitting processes that relate to local government development and infrastructure projects and investigate opportunities to streamline those processes to reduce delays, provide more certainty for communities and developers, and minimize cost overruns, as it related to approvals under the *Water Sustainability Act*;
- 2020-EB52 and 2019-B153 which asked the Province to allocate greater resources (funding and staff) to the processing of Section 11 approval wait times under the *Water Sustainability Act*, and to initiate a process in order to provide more rapid and timely approvals in cases of urgent situations;
- 2011-B127 which asked the Department of Fisheries Oceans commit to a 30 day response time for any development referral from a local government or First Nation; and that any referral not responded to in 30 days be deemed approved.

While the membership has asked the Province to increase its staffing resources and capacity to speed up response times, it has not asked that local governments be provided with the authority to accept and review QEP reports.

The Committee notes that taking on such an authority may raise questions around local government liability as well as future obligations.

REGIONAL DISTRICTS

(20) TITLE: PROTECTION OF TREES

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas regional districts currently have no regulatory authority to prevent tree cutting except as it relates to areas affected by flooding or other hazards;

And whereas municipalities have broad powers to regulate tree protection under Section 8(3)(c) and Division 7 of the *Community Charter*, including bylaws for protection, removal, replanting, and replacement of trees;

And whereas some regional districts, particularly regional districts experiencing development pressure, share similar concerns as municipalities with respect to protecting trees:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to provide regional districts authority over tree cutting/tree protection that is equal to the regulatory power municipalities have for tree protection.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Not Endorse as covered under Part 14 Planning and Land Use. Further consideration is needed when dealing with unincorporated townsites.**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed similar resolutions calling on the Province to grant regional districts the authority to enact tree protection bylaws (2021-EB52, 2019-B58, 2015-B39, 2003-B41).

FINANCE

(21) TITLE: PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT FUNDING

SPONSOR: Town of Oliver

Whereas the Province of British Columbia provides a variety of funding and grants to local governments for programs that are not otherwise within the local government funding scope;

And whereas grants usually provide initial financial support, however local governments are often left with the burden of carrying future operational costs at the expense of the taxpayer;

And whereas a phased approach would decrease the financial burden to local governments and would allow local governments more time to determine the effectiveness of programs and if they should be continued:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia provide ongoing operational support in addition to initial grant funding to a minimum of 100% for the first 3 years and 50% for the following 3 years.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse with amendment:**

Amendment:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia provide ongoing operational support, post initial grant funding, for activities and programs within the traditional provincial jurisdiction for a minimum of five years.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide ongoing operational support in addition to initial grant funding to a minimum of 100% for the first 3 years and 50% for the following 3 years.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking improvements in the grant processes, including:

- 2022-EB58 which asked the provincial and federal governments to identify and expand grants that are more efficiently and effectively delivered on a non-application basis, and for those application based grant programs, that the delivery program be reviewed to increase certainty for local governments and reduce the costs and delays that are inherent in the current application based grant funding programs;
- 2021-EB21 which encouraged the governments of British Columbia and Canada to coordinate their efforts across all grant program streams to establish more consistent and flexible application criteria and deadlines, simplified reporting requirements and provide funding for the general administration of grant programs; and
- 2018-B111 which asked the provincial and federal governments to restructure grant programs to mirror the federal gas tax fund allocation in order to provide ease of access to year over year incremental funding and it identifying the burden of having limited staff and financial resources to complete grant applications and unnecessary reporting requirements.

Further, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions requesting various changes to existing grant programs focused on funding formula (reducing local government share), streamlining processes and/or alternative allocation methods, including:

- 2020-EB35 - Doubling the Gas Tax;
- 2018-B109 - Amendments to Rural Dividend Fund Access;
- 2014-B19 - Federal Matching Grants;
- 2013-B19 - Infrastructure Grants for Small Municipalities;
- 2012-B13 - Infrastructure Funding Criteria;
- 2012-B69 - Local Government Funding; and
- 2009-B29 - Federal Provincial Infrastructure Program Funding.

Finally, the Committee advises that the membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2012-B137 - Federal Gas Tax Funding Eligibility which asked specifically for maintenance of roads to be considered eligible. The enactment read: "Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with its federal and provincial partners to amend the Federal Gas Tax Program agreement, specifically to expand the eligibility criteria to include maintenance and replacement of roadways at a sustainable level and to a standard that restores public safety for first responders and the travelling public."

(22) TITLE: SENIOR LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT – OVERSUBSCRIBED FUNDING

SPONSOR: District of Summerland

Whereas government funding programs such as the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program and Building BC Community Housing Fund have been established to realize government priorities;

And whereas local governments expend considerable effort and expense to prepare applications for government funding programs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the provincial government to review the granting process to improve efficiency and ensure its funding programs are adequately resourced so that shared objectives can be realized.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions seeking improvements in the grant processes, including:

- 2022-EB58 which asked the provincial and federal governments to identify and expand grants that are more efficiently and effectively delivered on a non-application basis, and for those application based grant programs, that the delivery program be reviewed to increase certainty for local governments and reduce the costs and delays that are inherent in the current application based grant funding programs;
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(23) TITLE: BC HYDRO – BEAUTIFICATION

SPONSOR: District of Lake Country

Whereas BC Hydro suspended their Beautification Program in July 2022 which provided financial assistance for relocating electrical services to underground facilities;

And whereas overhead electrical services are vulnerable to wildlife interference or emergency events such as fire; require space within municipalities limited right of way area which conflicts with municipal infrastructure, cause barriers to creating active transportation improvements and limit greening projects such as street trees;

And whereas costs to convert overhead electrical services to underground facilities have become unsustainable for taxpayers in local government to carry alone:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia reinstate the BC Hydro Beautification Program funding to support local governments in moving overhead electrical services to underground facilities.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to reinstate the BC Hydro Beautification Program funding to support local governments in moving overhead electrical services to underground facilities.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolutions asking that hydro transmission infrastructure be protected from tsunamis (2005-B69), and for the visual impact of power lines to be minimized in areas of high tourism activity (2003-B95).

The Committee advises that the membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2007-B163 which asked the provincial government and BC Hydro to take remedial measures to ensure that future power outages are minimized, if not eliminated, by taking immediate measures to protect transformers, hydro poles and power lines and to place power lines underground in areas where they are especially susceptible to damage by weather.

The membership also did not endorse resolution 2005-B151 which called for the adoption of a policy to route new transmission lines and reroute existing lines away from residential areas and, where this is not possible, to require undergrounding and shielding of such lines.

The Committee also advises that BC Hydro's Beautification Program was temporarily suspended in July 2022 to direct technical resources to facilitate critical new customer connections. The Program remains suspended indefinitely. The Beautification Fund provided financial assistance to municipal governments for conversion of overhead service to underground facilities to enhance and improve the use of public spaces.

LAND USE

(24) TITLE: AGRICULTURAL LAND COMMISSION EXPANSION OF NON-FARM USAGE ON FARMLANDS

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas corporate and non-food crop farming on agricultural land has resulted in a decrease in crop diversity and increased stress on smaller/family-owned farms which produce tree fruit, vegetable, and berry crops;

And whereas smaller/family-owned farms are in need of additional sources of income from non-farm usage of their land (bistros, restaurants, etc.):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Agricultural Land Commission to allow for expanded non-farm usage on farmlands through a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) system.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Note: The problem is the definition for “farm use” by the ALC. The committee feels the TUP isn’t the appropriate vehicle to address this issue.

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Agricultural Land Commission to allow for expanded non-farm usage on farmlands through a Temporary Use Permit (TUP) system.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2013-B115 which sought permission for the establishment of licensed restaurants or lounges on agricultural land.

The Committee is aware that present provincial policy allows a winery to establish a restaurant or lounge to promote the products that it produces and sells. This agriculture-tourism business model is intended to provide additional revenue to the winery and promote tourism in the region. Local government is consulted regarding the location of such a facility, and further, the Agricultural Land Commission and the Liquor Control and Licensing Branch must approve the facility.

Farm retail sales, non-farm use home occupation and gatherings for non-farm use events are also currently permitted in the ALR under certain circumstances.

(25) TITLE: JURISDICTION OF THE SURFACE RIGHTS BOARD OF BRITISH COLUMBIA

SPONSOR: Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Whereas provincial legislation enabled the issuing of Crown-grant mineral claims from the mid-1800s until approximately 1960, and then the *Mineral Tenure Act* enabled miners to stake mineral claims on private property (entitling miners to prospect, explore, locate, mine and produce minerals, notwithstanding any negative impact of such activities on the rights of private property owners);

And whereas section 19 of the *Mineral Tenure Act* relates to “Right of entry on private land and compensation” and sets out a process for resolving disputes involving private property owners and miners undertaking mining activities on private property but does not specifically reference Crown-

granted mineral claims, and the Surface Rights Board of British Columbia's interpretation is that it has no jurisdiction to resolve disputes involving private property owners and Crown-granted mineral claims:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to amend the *Mineral Tenure Act* to clarify that the Surface Rights Board of British Columbia has jurisdiction to resolve disputes involving private property owners and Crown-granted mineral claims.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend the *Mineral Tenure Act* to clarify that the Surface Rights Board of British Columbia has jurisdiction to resolve disputes involving private property owners and Crown-granted mineral claims.

However, the Committee notes that membership has considered and endorsed a number of resolutions related to the *Mineral Tenure Act*, surface and sub-surface rights, including:

- 2013-B80 which asked for a broad-based public engagement process to determine how best to modernize the *Mineral Tenure Act*;
- 2008-B40 which asked for notification and to provide surface land owners the opportunity to comment at the time of an industry request for sub-surface parcels to be posted for sale, in order to facilitate early exchange of information and allow surface owners to inform prospective sub-surface bidders of surface activities that might affect access to sub-surface resources;
- 2007-B36 which asked to preclude the ability of a miner to stake a claim on private property without the consent of the property owner;
- 2007-B46 which asked to permit surface landowners with the same opportunity as local government to receive notification and make comments when sub-surface parcels are requested by industry; and
- development of the sub-surface rights holders.

The Committee would note that it is not clear why the Surface Rights Board has not been provided with the authority to resolve these early Crown-granted mineral claims. However, it does appear that there needs to be some mechanism in place to resolve these types of disputes and if not the Surface Rights Board then how else can these claims be addressed?

TRANSPORTATION

(26) TITLE: BC TRANSIT SHARE OF EXPENSES ON RURAL ROUTES

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas BC Transit works in partnership with 59 local governments to provide transit service;

And whereas regional transit system budgets are controlled by BC Transit and approved each year by local governments;

And whereas BC Transit pays 46.69% of expenses for both urban and rural areas;

And whereas rural areas have a higher costs than urban areas for operations, repairs, salary, and fuel as routes are longer and have less revenue due to lower ridership:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that BC Transit's share of the expenses be increased for rural routes.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting that BC Transit's share of the expenses be increased, specifically for rural routes.

However, the Committee notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to implement a public transportation strategy and dedicate sustainable funding to public transit, particularly in rural communities (2020-EB17, 2018-B63, 2017-B8, 2015-B9, 2013-B15, 2012-B95, 2012-B115, 2012-C37, 2004-B55).

More generally, members have supported resolutions on sustainable funding and future expansion of public transit services throughout BC (2017-B9, 2017-LR3, 2010-B21, 2005-B7, 2003-B65).

(27) TITLE: TRANS-CANADA HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENTS

SPONSOR: District of Sicamous

Whereas the Trans-Canada Highway is BC's primary southern east-west corridor and is essential for trade and travel;

And whereas the 400-kilometre section of highway between Kamloops and the Alberta border is home of the most challenging terrain in Canada and is used by up to 12,000 vehicles a day;

And whereas in 2021 the Province committed to \$837 million over the next three years to allow traffic to move more safely and efficiently within the corridor, however, several projects identified in the Provincial plan are not yet underway, including the deteriorating RW Bruhn Bridge that poses significant public safety concerns:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province initiate projects currently identified in the 2021 "Highway 1 - Kamloops to Alberta – Four-Laning" plan to improve the safety, reliability and capacity of the Trans-Canada Highway.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to initiate projects already identified in the 2021 "Highway 1 – Kamloops to Alberta – Four-Laning" plan.

However, the Committee notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions supportive of highway improvements throughout BC, or on routes that have a significant impact on the provincial economy (2020-EB25, 2017-B12, 2014-B54, 2013-B13, 2008-B110).

(28) TITLE: IMPROVE INFORMATION SHARING BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

SPONSOR: Squamish-Lillooet Regional District

Whereas road maintenance contracts between the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (the “Ministry”) and its contractors contain a requirement to develop 2-year summer road quantified maintenance plans (the “Road Maintenance Plans”) but the Ministry does not share the Road Maintenance Plans with local governments;

And whereas the Ministry develops Infrastructure Improvement Priorities and Plans (the “Infrastructure Priorities”) but the Ministry does not share the Infrastructure Priorities with local governments until the Infrastructure Priorities are fully developed and funded:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure, to be more transparent and start to share the Road Maintenance Plans and the Infrastructure Priorities with local governments and that a process be developed to do so.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2021-EB14, which asked the provincial government to require the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) to engage in meaningful consultation with local governments throughout the planning stages, prior to undertaking works on highways. This request is similar to the concern about MOTI setting Infrastructure Priorities without consulting with local governments.

In response to resolution 2021-EB14, the Province committed that for capital projects, MOTI would “conduct public consultations, during project development to ensure the project considers comments and concerns from all interested parties.” However, for rehabilitation projects (described as “like-for-like replacement of highway infrastructure”), the Province stated only that MOTI would “communicate with stakeholders” and did not commit to public consultation processes.

With regard to MOTI Road Maintenance Plans, the Committee advises that members have not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to share these plans with local governments.

However, the Committee notes that members have consistently endorsed resolutions seeking improved road and highway maintenance, including:

- regular provincial government audits and performance assessment of highway maintenance services, and communication of the audit findings to local governments (2017-B10, 2008-B113)
- improved snow clearing on roads and highways (2022-EB67, 2021-EB15, 2018-B85, 2007-B98)
- improved maintenance of rural and resource roads (2020-EB20, 2020-EB22, 2017-B58, 2017-B59, 2015-B74, 2013-B128, 2010-B19, 2008-B17);

- improved service level standards and maintenance funding for secondary provincial roads (2020-EB18, 2015-B74, 2014-B54, 2010-B19, 2009-B16, 2008-B17, 2003-B7);
- improved maintenance and funding for roads and bridges (2022-EB69, 2020-EB23, 2020-EB25, 2020-NR23, 2017-B12, 2015-B75, 2014-B53, 2014-B54, 2013-B13, 2008-B110); and
- with local governments, improvement, expansion, and better maintenance of safe cycling and low carbon transportation infrastructure adjacent to provincial routes (2020-EB24, 2020-NR24, 2019-B16, 2016-B57, 2013-B66, 2011-B19, 2010-B17).

(29) TITLE: FUEL PRICING

SPONSOR: City of Revelstoke

Whereas in November of 2019 the BC government introduced the *Fuel Price Transparency Act* to help bring transparency to transportation fuel pricing in the province;

And whereas resulting BC Utilities Commission studies and data collection has found higher retail markup margins in specific rural markets, such as in March 2022 the BC Utilities Commission's Exploration Project #3, Retail Margins and Price Factors for Select cities including Golden, Revelstoke, Powell River, Sicamous, Whistler and Squamish, as well as stations in nearby cities found that sampled gas stations in those markets "appeared to earn higher margins on each litre of gasoline sold than the sampled retail stations in Metro Vancouver and the BC average;"

And whereas consumers in these and other rural markets often pay more per litre for transportation fuels such as gasoline and diesel than consumers in Metro Vancouver where there is an additional 18.5 cents per litre TransLink tax:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the BC government to follow through with legislative and/or regulatory action that will provide relief to consumers in rural BC fuel markets that experience chronic unexplained retail transportation fuel markups and higher than average transportation fuel prices.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the provincial government to enact consumer relief legislation or regulations, for rural BC fuel markets that experience chronic unexplained retail transportation fuel markups and higher than average transportation fuel prices.

However, the Committee notes that membership considered, and referred to the UBCM Executive, resolution 2008-B150, which in part called on the Province to develop regulatory pricing controls for oil and gas corporations. Upon consideration of the resolution, the UBCM Executive referred 2008-B150 back to the sponsor.

The Committee further notes that members have endorsed resolutions expressing concerns about increasing gas prices (2001-B66, 2000-B46) and calling on other orders of government to develop strategies to deal with escalating fuel costs (2005-LR3). The Committee acknowledges that some of these are dated references.

LEGISLATIVE

(30) TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE REQUIREMENTS

SPONSOR: Okanagan-Similkameen Regional District

Whereas the requirement under s. 467 of the *Local Government Act* to notify, prior to first reading, that a public hearing will not be held on a rezoning application that is consistent with an official community plan is both burdensome and of unclear purpose;

And whereas the provincial government's stated purpose in amending s. 467 in 2021 was to "streamline local government development approvals processes";

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to amend the *Local Government Act* by deleting s. 467 in its entirety.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **Endorse**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution requesting the Province to amend the *Local Government Act* by deleting s. 467 in its entirety.

The Committee notes that the provision (s. 467) still serves as a notification to the public that a public hearing will not occur and the reasons why based on the provision. If this provision was removed, there would be no notice to the public to make them aware. As a result the Committee is offering no recommendation.

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(31) TITLE: EXPEDITING FOREST APPROVALS

SPONSOR: City of Merritt

Whereas rural communities across British Columbia have historic and ongoing cultural and economic connections to forest and timber industries;

And whereas the closure of major employers such as mills can affect not only the immediately laid-off workers, but their families, and the economic viability of the entire community;

And whereas the Province of BC has committed to multi-million dollar funds such as the Rural Economic Development Fund and the BC Manufacturing Jobs Fund;

And whereas spending from these funds can be avoided if rural areas do not lose jobs unnecessarily:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM calls upon the Province of BC to streamline and expedite the necessary approvals for forestry practices, including cutting permits (CPs), annual allowable cut (AAC), and necessary First Nations consultation within BC's *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, and to strictly follow stated approval timelines.

SILGA Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

UBCM Resolutions Committee recommendation: **No Recommendation**

Resolutions Committee comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling upon the Province to streamline and expedite the necessary approvals for forestry practices, including cutting permits (CPs), annual allowable cut (AAC), and necessary First Nations consultation within BC's *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, and to strictly follow stated approval timelines.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed other resolutions seeking a more streamlined approval/permitting process from provincial and federal governments on approvals related to the *Water Sustainability Act* (2021-LR3, 2020-EB52, 2019-B153); DFO development referral (2011-B127) and mining project referrals (2009-B138)

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to improve the community benefits of forest resources through the establishment of community forests, incentives for value-added/build with wood initiatives and strengthening provisions to provide for local processing (2021-SR2, 2019-B156, 2018-B43, 2017-B36, 2016-B32, 2016-B42, 2015-B37, 2015-B38, 2015-LR2, 2013-B79, 2013-B105, 2013-B116, 2012-B33, 2012-B109, 2011-B50, 2011-B57, 2011-B104, 2011-B105, 2011-B167, 2010-B40, 2010-B104, 2010-B105, 2009-B47, 2009-B128, 2009-B131, 2008-B36, 2008-B37, 2007-B43, 2007-B44, 2007-B45, 2006-B44, 2006-B42, 2006-B43, 2005-B32).

In particular, special resolution 2021-SR2 asked the Province to engage and consult with local governments and Indigenous communities as it moves forward to implement recommendations within the Modernizing Forest Policy in BC Intentions Paper, including matters related to old growth designations and deferrals, recognizing that there will be implications and impacts for workers and communities that will require economic transition support.

While the sponsor is seeking to streamline and expedite approvals, the Committee would note that members have also endorsed resolutions that have asked the Province to give local governments a legislated avenue for providing input before cutting permits for forest licensees and woodlot tenures are approved and issued. So while the sponsor is asking to expedite approvals, local governments have also asked to be consulted and part of that approvals process which also takes time, so it is important to understand what streamlining and expediting would mean in the context of ensuring continued engagement and consultation with local governments.

Southern Interior Local Government Association

Constitution

April 2021

CONSTITUTION**1. NAME**

The name of the society is Southern Interior Local Government Association.

2. PURPOSES

The purposes of the Southern Interior Local Government Association are:

- 2.1 to represent, in one organization, the various local governments of the Southern Interior area of British Columbia;
- 2.2 to enhance and provide the forum to improve and refine the quality and level of service provided by local government to its citizens;
- 2.3 to support and advance to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and/or Provincial Ministries on behalf of the membership proposed changes in legislation, regulations or Government policy;
- 2.4 to coordinate communications between Members, other Local Government Associations and various governmental organizations;
- 2.5 to educate and assist Members in the provision of good government for our citizens; and
- 2.6 to hold meetings to promote the purposes listed above.

SCHEDULE “B”

BYLAWS

1. INTERPRETATION

In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:

"Association" or "SILGA"	shall mean the Southern Interior Local Government Association;
"Bylaw"	shall mean a Bylaw of the Association;
"Executive" or "Directors"	shall mean the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Immediate Past President and seven (7) Member Representatives of the Association as Directors at Large, one of whom must be an Electoral Area Director of a regional district, all of whom are elected annually at the Annual Meeting;
"Life Member"	shall mean an individual appointed to Life Membership in accordance with section 3 of the Bylaws;
"Member"	shall mean an eligible local government which has paid the assessed membership dues for the current year and shall include Life Members;
"Member Representative"	shall mean an elected official, currently in office, of a Member;
"Officers"	shall mean the President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Past President and Secretary-Treasurer;
"Ordinary Resolution"	shall mean a resolution passed by a majority of the votes cast by the Member Representatives; and
"Special Resolution"	shall mean a resolution passed by at least 2/3 of the votes cast by the Member Representatives.

2. MEMBERSHIP

- 2.1 All cities, towns, villages and district municipalities and regional districts within the Okanagan, Thompson-Nicola, Columbia, Shuswap and Similkameen Valleys and Lillooet are eligible for membership in the Association upon payment of the annual membership dues set by the Association.
- 2.2 Every Member and Member Representative shall comply with the Bylaws of the Association and its rules and policies.

3. LIFE MEMBERSHIP

- 3.1 Life Memberships may be granted by the Executive to persons who have held elected municipal or regional district office, by way of certificate.
- 3.2 Any Member Representative of the Association may present to the Executive names of persons for consideration of Life Memberships.
- 3.3 The person being presented a Life Membership shall be so advised by the President.

- 3.4 All Life Membership Certificates shall be presented at the Annual Meeting after the installation of the President-Elect.
- 3.5 Life Members who are not elected officials, currently in office, of a Member shall not be entitled as Member Representatives to vote on matters to be resolved by the Members / Member Representatives and shall not receive notices in accordance with these Bylaws.
- 3.6 Annual and registration fees of Life Members shall be waived for those Life Members no longer serving as elected officials.
- 3.7 All Past Presidents of the Association shall be Life Members.

4. OFFICERS

- 4.1 In accordance with subsection 5.1 below, the Officers of the Association, with the exception of the Secretary-Treasurer and Past President, shall be elected by the Member Representatives at Annual General Meetings of the Association.
- 4.2 The Secretary-Treasurer will be the General Manager of SILGA, to be paid a contracted fee in the amount and on the terms and conditions authorized by the 2/3 majority of the Directors.
- 4.3 For those vacancies on the Executive created as a result of an Executive member vacancy:
 - 1. The First Vice-President shall assume the office of President;
 - 2. The Second Vice-President shall assume the office of First Vice-President; and
 - 3. Director at Large positions are to be advertised and appointed by the Executive on an interim basis until the next Annual General Meeting.
- 4.4 The President of the Association shall be the Association's appointee to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) Executive. At the President's discretion, a different member of the Executive may be designated as the appointee to the UBCM. The Association's appointee to the UBCM Executive will remain as the UBCM representative until the next UBCM Annual General Meeting.

5. EXECUTIVE

- 5.1 The Executive, with the exception of the Past President, shall be elected from among the Member Representatives at the Annual General Meeting of the Association in accordance with the process set out in section 7 below, and Executive members shall assume their respective positions immediately prior to the adjournment of the Annual General Meeting at which they are elected.
- 5.2 The term of office for the Executive, except for the Past President, shall be for a one year term. The President may not serve more than two consecutive terms in that office. Upon expiration of his or her term as President, the individual automatically takes the position of Past President, and holds that position until the next President is replaced at an Annual General Meeting.
- 5.3 In the event of a vacancy occurring in the Executive, such vacancy may be filled by a vote of the Executive only until the next Annual General Meeting.

- 5.4 Except for the office of Past President, all members of the Executive shall hold office only so long as they remain elected representatives of their Municipality or Regional District. If a person holding the office of Past President ceases to be an elected representative of a Member of the Association, such person shall only hold the office for the remainder of the current term.
- 5.5 A quorum at Executive meetings shall be a majority of the Executive members holding office.
- 5.6 The President shall recommend all committees, which will be ratified by the Executive.

6. DUTIES

- 6.1 The Executive shall manage the affairs of the Association between Annual General Meetings and shall report thereon at the next Annual Meeting of the Association.
- 6.2 The Executive shall have the duty to support and advance the will of the Association as expressed by resolution of the Members at any of its meetings.
- 6.3 The Executive shall have the power to incur such ordinary expenses, including reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive themselves in carrying out their responsibilities, as may become necessary to carry out the business of the Association between Annual General and Extraordinary Meetings.
- 6.4 The Executive shall meet at least four times per year and more often as requested by the President or three other Officers or Directors of the Executive.
- 6.5 The notice requirements for meetings of the Executive, shall be the same as those contained in Section 8.4.

7. NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE

- 7.1 The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee to make nominations for the Executive. The Nominating Committee shall consist of up to three (3) Member Representatives, one of whom shall be a Past President.
- 7.2 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall be the Past President unless that position is vacant, in which case the Chair shall:
 - 1. be appointed by the Executive with consideration to a previous Past President; and
 - 2. not be a member of the Executive.
- 7.3 The Nominating Committee shall submit a proposed slate of Executive to the Members at the Annual General Meeting for consideration.
- 7.4 All Member Representatives shall be eligible to stand for election to the Executive.
- 7.5 If an election of the Executive is required it will be conducted by a secret ballot and, subject to subsection 7.11 below, those candidates receiving the most votes of the Members being elected to the Executive, and ballots shall be destroyed by resolution of the Members following the declaration of the successful candidate for office or directorship.
- 7.6 In the event of an equality of votes between two candidates, the successful Executive candidate will be chosen by lot between those two candidates. The name of each candidate will be written on a separate piece of paper, folded in such

a way that the names of the candidates are not visible and placed in a container and shaken. One piece of paper will be withdrawn by the Chair of the Nominating Committee and that person declared the winning candidate.

- 7.7 The Chair of the Nominating Committee shall present the Nominating Committee's candidates to the Association and will preside over the election process.
- 7.8 If the Chair of the Nominating Committee is unable to act, the Executive shall appoint a Member Representative, Officer or Director to undertake the duties and responsibilities as Chair of the Nominating Committee and to preside at the election.
- 7.9 The Secretary-Treasurer shall serve as the "Returning Officer" and may appoint other staff members in attendance to assist with the election.
- 7.10 The election of Officers to the Executive shall be held at the Annual General Meeting on a first ballot and that of the Directors at Large subsequently on a second ballot. Any candidate that is unsuccessful in obtaining an Officer position on the first ballot may become a candidate for a Director at Large position on the second ballot.
- 7.11 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is elected, the Director at Large positions will then be filled by the candidates with the most votes.
- 7.12 If, in the election of the Officers to the Executive on the first ballot, an Electoral Area Director of a regional district is not elected, then in the election of the Directors at Large, the candidate - of those candidates that are Electoral Area Directors of a regional district - with the most votes will be elected as a Director at Large and the balance of the Director at Large positions will be filled by the remaining candidates with the most votes. If only one Electoral Area Director of a regional district candidate runs for a Director at Large position, that candidate will be acclaimed.

8. MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERS

- 8.1 One of the Vice-Presidents shall preside at all meetings of the Members in the absence of the President.
- 8.2 One general meeting shall be held every year in the month of April or May which shall be known as the Annual General Meeting. If a virtual Annual General Meeting is deemed necessary by the SILGA board, the SILGA board or staff will choose a third-party virtual meeting platform as well as a third party electronic voting platform to allow confidential online voting for all aspects of the Annual General Meeting. Member Representatives will be provided in advance with detailed instructions on how to access the virtual platform and the voting procedures.
- 8.3 Extraordinary Meetings, which shall be any meetings of the Members other than the Annual General Meeting, may be called by the President, or in the absence of the President by one of the Vice-Presidents or by a majority of the Executive, and the business of that meeting shall be restricted to the business specified in the notice calling the meeting.
- 8.4 Fourteen (14) days' notice of Extraordinary Meetings shall be given to Members.
- 8.5 The location of the Annual General Meeting shall be determined by ordinary resolution at an Annual General Meeting no less than 2 years in advance of the proposed meeting date. The dates of the next meeting shall be fixed by the

Executive, and at least ninety (90) days' notice of such a meeting shall be given to the Association Members.

- 8.6 A quorum shall be twenty (20) Members present at the Annual General Meeting and Extraordinary Meetings.
- 8.7 All elected officials of a Member municipality or regional district shall be entitled as the Member Representatives to have a voice and vote at the Annual General or Extraordinary Meetings of the Association.
- 8.8 There shall be no proxy voting, and each Member Representative present at a meeting shall be entitled to one vote per question.
- 8.9 The Secretary-Treasurer and the Corporate Officer and/or Chief Administrative Officer of the Member local governments shall be entitled to attend meetings of the Members but shall not be entitled to vote, nor to address matters placed before the Association unless requested to do so by the President.
- 8.10 All matters placed before a meeting of the Association or Executive, shall be resolved by Ordinary Resolution, except as otherwise specifically referenced for these bylaws and for amendments to the Constitution, Bylaws and annual dues which shall require a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives present at the meeting.

9. FINANCES

- 9.1 The fiscal year end of the Association shall be December 31st.
- 9.2 The President or their designate, the Secretary-Treasurer and one other member of the Executive appointed by the Executive shall be signing authorities for the Association. Any two of the above-named are authorized to sign all documents and cheques for the Association.
- 9.3 The Executive shall prepare or cause to be prepared an operating budget for the next fiscal year, along with a financial plan for the next 5 fiscal years, for presentation to, and approval by Ordinary Resolution the Member Representatives at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.4 The Secretary-Treasurer shall coordinate preparation of the Association's annual Financial Statement by the Association's accountants (to be prepared to a review engagement standard), to be presented by the Association's accountants and/or a member of the Executive at the Annual General Meeting.
- 9.5 Expenditures deemed to be extraordinary and beyond the scope of ordinary expenses under the usual authority of the Executive shall be referred to, and approved by Special Resolution the Member Representatives of the Association in attendance at the Annual General or Extraordinary Meeting at which the proposed expenditures were presented. If the expenditure is approved, a special levy will be assessed equally amongst all Members, if required.
- 9.6 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.
- 9.7 Changes to annual membership dues shall be determined by Special Resolution of the Member Representatives present at an Annual General Meeting of the Association and shall remain fixed until a further change is adopted by the

membership. The current membership dues rate is attached hereto as Schedule "A".

10. SUBMISSION OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING RESOLUTIONS

- 10.1 Notice of the 'Call for Resolutions' for the next Annual General Meeting shall be given to all Members not later than January in each year.
- 10.2 The President shall appoint a Resolutions Committee of three or more Members of the Executive at least sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting.
- 10.3 It shall be the duty of the Resolutions Committee to examine, comment and make recommendations on all resolutions submitted in response to the "Call for Resolutions" for the Annual General Meeting.

10.4 Resolutions Submitted Prior to the Annual Meeting

- (1) Each resolution shall be prepared on the sponsoring Member local government's letterhead and shall bear a short descriptive title;
- (2) Each resolution shall be endorsed by the sponsoring Member's Municipal Council or Regional Board;
- (3) Each resolution should be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than sixty (60) days prior to the Annual General Meeting;
- (4) Each resolution should be relative to regional issues and should not pertain to a finite local interest. Background information should be provided to support the resolution; and
- (5) At least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting, the Secretary-Treasurer shall circulate all resolutions submitted in response to the "Call for Resolutions" to all Members.

10.5 Late Resolutions

- (1) Resolutions submitted following the expiry of the regular deadline noted in section 10.4 shall be considered "Late Resolutions" and shall comply with all other submission requirements, except that a copy of the resolution shall be provided to SILGA by noon on the Friday preceding the date of the Annual General Meeting. The resolutions committee will meet on the Tuesday preceding the Annual General Meeting to provide recommendations as to whether the late resolution(s) should be brought to the Members for inclusion in the resolution debate. All late resolutions must be adopted by a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the Annual General Meeting to be included in the discussion.
- (2) Late resolutions will be reviewed by the Resolutions Committee prior to the Meeting and only those of a subject matter which could not have been submitted by the normal deadline date outlined in section 10.4 will be considered.
- (3) Late Resolutions shall be available for discussion after resolutions printed in the resolutions book have been considered.
- (4) Late Resolutions admitted for plenary discussion shall be dealt with in the order presented in the Late Resolutions report.

- (5) In the event that a late resolution is recommended to be admitted for discussion, the sponsoring member of the late resolution shall produce sufficient copies for distribution to the Members at the Annual General Meeting.
 - (6) The Late Resolution will, after reading, be properly before the meeting, and the regular procedures for handling resolutions will apply.
- 10.6 The Executive will have the resolutions available on the SILGA website as well as circulated to Member Representatives via email.

11. CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTIONS

- 11.1 The Chair of the Resolutions Committee shall introduce each submitted resolution and call for discussions from the floor. The resolution will, after reading, be properly before the Members and will not require a mover or a seconder.
- 11.2 Any amendment and any motion to withdraw any resolution from consideration of the meeting must be moved and seconded from the floor.
- 11.3 Voting on resolutions shall be by show of voting card and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost shall be final. Any Member may call for or demand a count and, if seconded, the Chair must put the question on ordering a count.
- 11.4 Any resolution that has been voted on may be reconsidered at the same meeting provided that the Member Representatives present agree by a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the meeting that the reconsideration is warranted because of additional or clarifying information having come to the attention that is directly relevant to the decisions of the Member Representatives in casting their votes. A resolution may only be reconsidered once. A resolution to be reconsidered may only be brought to the floor after all other resolutions have been considered.
- 11.5 It is understood that any Member of the Association may submit a resolution direct to UBCM without an endorsement of the Association.

12. AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

- 12.1 Where amendments are proposed to the Constitution and Bylaws, the following procedures shall apply:
 - (1) all proposed amendments will be submitted to the Secretary-Treasurer who will present them to the Executive;
 - (2) the proposed amendments, after review by the Executive, shall be submitted to the Member Representatives of the Members of the Association at its Annual General Meeting;
 - (3) the Secretary-Treasurer shall provide not less than sixty (60) days' notice to the Members of the Association of the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws; and
 - (4) amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws must be approved by a Special Resolution of the Member Representatives in attendance at the meeting.

12.2 Policies and Rules

- (1) The Executive may from time to time adopt policies or implement rules which will become binding on the Members and their Member Representatives; and
- (2) The Secretary-Treasurer shall maintain a Policy Book which will include the policies adopted or the rules implemented by the Association. The Policy Book shall be open to review by all Members of the Association and their Member Representatives.

13. RULES OF PROCEDURE

- 13.1 At all times, and unless contrary to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Association, or policies or rules adopted pursuant to section 12.2, the most recent edition of Roberts Rules of Order shall be the applicable rules of procedure at all meetings of the Association.

APPENDIX “A” TO SECTION 9.7**SCHEDULE “A”**

The Annual Dues for membership in the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) per Member are as follows:

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* plus an annual 2% increase

*based on most recently available Statistics Canada census information



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RE: **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Meeting Location (April 29, 2020)

Executive meetings are to be rotated among member municipalities with the Annual General Meeting always being held at the annual convention.

If the executive is unable to meet in person, virtual meetings are allowed.

Invite Local Politicians to Attend Executive Meetings (October 16, 2003)

When Executive Committee Meetings are held, Mayors, Councillors and Regional Board Directors who live in the area where the Executive Meeting is held are invited to bring greetings from the community and discuss issues or share successes; with one spokesperson being provided 20 minutes.

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RE: COMMUNICATING SILGA INFORMATION

To SILGA Membership (October 16, 2003)

All communications from the SILGA Executive are to be forwarded to the member Local Governments for distribution to all members.

To UBCM (October 16, 2003)

Copies of the SILGA newsletters are to be sent to UBCM and posted on the SILGA website.

To SILGA (October 16, 2003)

Correspondence directed to SILGA to be circulated to the Executive at the next Executive Meeting.

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RE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE / GENERAL MEETING

Resolutions Supported by SILGA (October 16, 2003)

Resolutions supported by SILGA to be sent directly to the Respective Ministers, when appropriate.

Convention Bid (June 19, 2019)

Letters of bid for hosting a convention should be provided two (2) years in advance. The budget and proposed agenda for the annual conference shall be prepared by the host local government in a form acceptable to the Executive and submitted four months in advance. All surplus funds generated by the annual conference is to be kept by the Southern Interior Local Government Association.

Election of Executive Committee (October 16, 2003)

If, at the close of the annual convention, there are not sufficient members elected to the Executive to constitute a quorum, the remaining board members shall be responsible to find sufficient members to serve on the Executive.

Convention Host Committee Meetings (June 7, 2013)

SILGA General Manager will attend all host committee convention meetings to provide expertise and guidance, either in person or by telephone, on organizational and financial matters.

RE: ANNUAL CONFERENCE / GENERAL MEETING

Complimentary Convention Registration (May 3, 2007)

The following individuals shall receive complimentary convention registrations:

- 1) Prime Minister
- 2) Life Members (no longer in office);
- 2) Cabinet Ministers;
- 3) Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- 4) British Columbia Members of Parliament;
- 5) Fraternal Associations – the President or designate of:
 - UBCM;
 - Federation of Canadian Municipalities;

- Other British Columbia area associations where reciprocal privileges are extended by those associations.
- 6) Corporate sponsors depending on the level of sponsorship

NOTE: Life Members and other complimentary registrants are required to pay their own travel and accommodation expenses plus registration, travel and accommodation expenses for their partner.

SILGA Executive Photograph (December 7, 2005)

A group photograph of the SILGA Executive shall be taken annually during the Annual General Meeting.

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RE: UBCM CONVENTION

SILGA Luncheon Meeting (October 16, 2003)

The SILGA Executive to arrange for an informal general discussion luncheon meeting with the SILGA membership at the annual UBCM Convention. The UBCM Executive to be requested to leave time on the agenda for area association luncheons.

An "In Memoriam" will be prepared for the luncheon for those current and former locally elected politicians that have passed away.

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RE: TRAVEL EXPENSES POLICY (August 30, 2013)

POLICY STATEMENT:

It is the policy of SILGA to reimburse members of the Executive, committees, staff and other members approved by the Executive who are requested to represent SILGA, for the cost of travel, accommodation, meals and out of pocket expenses incurred in the course of such representation.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

The work of the Executive, committees and staff frequently requires individuals to travel away from their domicile to attend meetings. SILGA assumes the responsibility for travel expenses incurred when members are requested by SILGA to travel on behalf of the Association. SILGA holds the belief that voluntary participation in business carries with it the expectation that an individual agrees to contribute time as a volunteer and, as is reasonable, will arrange his or her affairs to minimize claims. Consistent with this, it is anticipated that individuals will not submit claims for honorarium or expenses if they are being compensated by an employer for time spent on business or expenses associated with this.

POLICY GOAL:

It is the goal of this policy to reimburse members for expenses incurred while representing SILGA at the request of the Executive.

POLICY OBJECTIVES:

1. Transportation:
 - To pay compensation for air travel at the lowest available air fare; or
 - To pay compensation for the use of private vehicles at the rate equivalent to that paid by the Province of British Columbia¹, to a maximum of the lowest economy air fare.
 - Only the driver is entitled to reimbursement for car mileage; the driver must submit the names of the passengers with the expense account.
2. Accommodation (due to weather conditions/distance travelled/ other circumstances):
 - To pay compensation for hotel rooms at cost and with a receipt required; or
 - For private accommodation, in lieu of commercial accommodation, an allowance of \$40.00 per night may be claimed (no receipts required).
3. Per Diem Honorarium:

¹ February 23, 2005

- For all Executive and Executive Committee Meetings, an honorarium of \$100.00 per day will be paid.
- For the board chair or designate, when representing SILGA at non-SILGA functions.
- For all other travel authorized by the Board an allowance of \$100.00 per day will be paid.
- For all other travel authorized by the Board, an allowance of \$50.00 per half day will be paid. ²

Note: An honorarium, which is taxable income, is available to persons for time spent on SILGA business. The purpose of the honorarium is to compensate for presumed costs such as loss of self-employed income, dependent care or loss of casual work. Receipts are not required, but claimants are expected to consider the purpose of the honorarium provision when making a claim.

4. Other Expenses: (March 18, 2009)

- For all meetings and other authorized travel where required meals are not provided at the event, compensation for meals will be as follows:

Breakfast	\$15 including tips and tax
Lunch	\$25 including tips and tax
Dinner	\$35 including tips and tax

On the date of departure, travel must start before 7:00 am to claim breakfast; before 12:00 noon to claim lunch; and, on the date of return, travel must end after 6:00 pm to claim dinner.

- All other expenses occurred for hospitality expenses and other non-specified expenses shall be reimbursed at cost when receipts are provided, subject to Executive approval.

² half day defined as four (4) hours or less which includes travel time.

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RE: **MISCELLANEOUS POLICIES**

Administrative Files (April 29, 2009)

The SILGA files are to be kept at the office of the Secretary Treasurer.

Financial Statement Preparation by Accounting Firm (May 3, 2012)

To pay for an annual independent financial review of the financial statements.

Requests for Support of Special Interest Groups (October 16, 2003)

Organizations requesting SILGA's support in lobbying senior government on a matter to be told that it is not SILGA's policy to support and lobby on behalf of special interest and/or business groups.

Website (October 16, 2003)

A reasonable monthly amount will be paid for maintenance fees for the SILGA website.

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RE: CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION OF MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES
(September 10, 2008)

1. Each member community will be listed on the SILGA website with links to the community's website at no charge to the member community.
2. There will be a letter of congratulations sent from the President of SILGA.
3. A gift will be purchased and presented to the member community recognizing this momentous achievement. Gift examples are plaques, clocks.
4. All costs related to the purchase will be the responsibility of SILGA.
5. Costs will not exceed \$500.

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RE: YOUTH AT UBCM POLICY (updated December 6, 2021)

POLICY STATEMENT:

It will be the policy of SILGA to reimburse up to 2 youth each year for the cost of travel, accommodation, meals and out of pocket expenses incurred to attend the UBCM convention.

POLICY BACKGROUND:

To promote youth involvement and interest in local government, SILGA will annually sponsor up to 2 youth to attend the UBCM convention. A call for nominations will be sent by SILGA after each annual convention to all SILGA members with the youth representatives chosen at the June SILGA executive meeting. Deadline for nominations for 2022 is June 1st.

A SILGA member local government must first nominate a youth from their community. A brief statement written by the youth explaining why they want to attend along with a summary of their interests and accomplishments should accompany the nomination.

The local government of the selected youth will mentor them during the week of the convention. The expectation is the youth will shadow the mentoring council to all their minister meetings, attend the sessions/presentations/tour (based on the youth's interest) and attend the networking sessions (SILGA luncheon), if possible. The youth can also join the SILGA board during their meetings. The youth will be requested to provide a written report to SILGA outlining their experiences and the impact the week had for them.

Definition of "Youth"

- School age secondary students registered in a public school, an independent school, Distributed Learning program or as a home-schooled learner
- up to the age of 19 on or after July 1 of the current school year

SILGA will spend up to \$5,000/year for the cost of this program. Receipts will be required. Sponsoring local governments are requested to cover the allocated conventions costs for the selected youth and then submit receipts to SILGA for reimbursement. UBCM offers special student registration prices; contact UBCM directly to register and use the complimentary form provided by UBCM.

POLICY DETAILS:

1. Transportation:
 - To pay compensation for air travel at the lowest available air fare; or
 - To pay compensation for the use of private vehicles at the rate equivalent to that paid by the Province of British Columbia³, to a maximum of the lowest economy air fare.
 - Only the driver is entitled to reimbursement for car mileage; the driver must submit the names of the passengers with the expense account.
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2. Accommodation (due to weather conditions/distance travelled/
other circumstances):

- To pay compensation for hotel rooms at cost and with a receipt required; or
- allowance of \$30.00 per night may be claimed (no receipts required).

3. Other Expenses:

- For all meetings and other authorized travel where required meals are not provided at the event, compensation for meals will be as follows:

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2022-23 SILGA EXECUTIVE

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SILGA COMMITTEES

2023

MEMBER SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY	➤ Charlie Hodge ➤ Keith Thom ➤ Ward Stamer
RESOLUTIONS	➤ Robin Smith ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Barb Wiebe
COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Charlie Hodge
POLICY	➤ Ruth Hoyte ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Barb Wiebe
COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS	➤ Barb Wiebe ➤ Robin Smith ➤ Keith Thom
UBCM REP	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Alternate L Wallace Richmond
UBCM YOUTH SELECTION	➤ Committee of the whole
2023 CONVENTION VERNON	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Ruth Hoyte
FINANCE	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Ward Stamer
NOMINATIONS	➤ Lori Mindnich
HUMAN RESOURCES	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond
ADVOCACY	➤ Committee of the whole

PAST PRESIDENTS – SILGA/OMMA

2021-2022	Karla Kozakevich	Director	OSRD
2019-2021	Lori Mindnich	Councillor	Lumby
2017-2019	Shelley Sim	Councillor	Clearwater
2015-2017	Chad Eliason	Councillor	Salmon Arm
2013-2015	Marg Spina	Councillor	Kamloops
2011-2013	Harry Kroeker	Councillor	Merritt
2011-2011	Noreen Guenther	Councillor	Lake Country
2009-2011	Kevin Flynn	Councillor	Salmon Arm
2008-2009	Jackie Tegart	Councillor	Ashcroft
2006-2008	Rhona Martin	Director	CSRD
2004-2005	Colin Mayes	Mayor	Salmon Arm
2002-2004	Ron Cannan	Councillor	Kelowna
2000-2002	Ida Makaro	Councillor	Cache Creek
1998-2000	Aaron Dinwoodie	Director	CORD
1996-1998	Russ Gerard	Councillor	Kamloops
1995-1996	Tom Shields	Mayor	Osoyoos
1993-1995	Al Kemp	Mayor	Logan Lake
1990-1993	Chuck Johnston	Councillor	Enderby
1988-1990	Sharron Simpson	Councillor	Kelowna
1987-1988	Anne Clarke	Mayor	Vernon
1985-1987	Joyce Harder	Mayor	Lillooet
1983-1985	N. Ward Bishop	Mayor	Ashcroft
1981-1983	K. Blackburn	Mayor	Summerland
1979-1981	William Attlesey	Mayor	Enderby
1977-1979	Frank Williamson	Alderman	Vernon
1975-1977	Jack Shaw	Mayor	Osoyoos
1973-1975	Pat Duke	Mayor	Lumby
1971-1973	Frank Laird	Mayor	Penticton
1970	M. Budziak	Mayor	Salmon Arm
1969	W. Munk	Alderman	Vernon
1968	A.C. Andrew	Alderman	Kamloops
1967	N. Holmes	Reeve	Summerland
1966	J.E. Chilton	Mayor	North Kamloops
1965	M.P. Finnerty	Mayor	Penticton
1964	C.O. Winton	Reeve	Peachland
1963	Peter Wing	Alderman	Kamloops
1962	V. Nancollas	Chairman	Salmon Arm
1961	J. Hill	Councillor	Coldstream
1960	H.J. Downs	Alderman	Vernon
1959	C.H. Day	Alderman	Kamloops

1958	A. Jackson	Alderman	Kelowna
1957	F.E. Atkinson	Reeve	Summerland
1956	N.S. Johnson	Mayor	Enderby
1955	J.E. Fitzwater	Mayor	Kamloops
1954	J.J. Ladd	Mayor	Kelowna
1953	W.A. Rathdun	Mayor	Penticton
1952	C.E. Bentley	Reeve	Summerland
1950-1951	T.R.B. Adams	Mayor	Vernon
1949	J.H. Horn	Alderman	Kelowna
1948	L.F. Metford	Reeve	Salmon Arm
1947	F.W. Scott	Mayor	Kamloops
1946	J.D. Pettigren	Mayor	Kelowna
1945	R.F. McDougall	Reeve	Penticton
1943	G.R. Williams	Mayor	Kamloops
1942	M. Dangaard	Reeve	Salmon Arm
1941	G.A. Wilde	Mayor	Vernon
1940	W.G. Wilkins	Reeve	Penticton
1939	C.E. Scanlan	Mayor	Kamloops
1938	O.L. Jones	Mayor	Kelowna
1935-1937	E.J. Sunderland	Reeve	Coldstream

LIFE MEMBERS (UBCM PRESIDENT)

2018-2019	Arjun Singh	Councillor	Kamloops
2013-2014	Rhona Martin	Director	CSRD
2008-2009	Robert Hobson	Chair	CORD
2004-2005	Aaron Dinwoodie	Director	CORD
2002-2003	Pat Wallace	Councillor	Kamloops
1998-1989	John Ranta	Mayor	Cache Creek
1990-1992	Joyce Harder	Mayor	Lillooet
1990	Anne Clarke	Mayor	Vernon
1977	N.R.P. Duke	Mayor	Lumby
1968	Peter Wing	Mayor	Kamloops
1956-1957	J.E. Fitzwater	Mayor	Kamloops
1942-1943	E.C. Scanlon	Councillor	Kamloops
1939-1940	O.L. Jones	Mayor	Kelowna
1916-1917	W.H. Smith	Mayor	Vernon
1913-1914	J.T. Robinson	Mayor	Kamloops
1909-1910	C. Bell	Mayor	Enderby
1905	C.S. Stevens	Mayor	Kamloops