

SILGA

2023 Winter Newsletter



Silver Star Mountain

2023 SILGA Convention, Vernon BC

Keynote Speaker Dr. Mark DeVolder



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

Thursday Breakout Sessions

1. Planning for the Future - Using 2021 Census Data on the Statistics Canada Website
2. The 13 Things Local Governments Need to Know for Successful Economic Development
3. Partners in Action - Working Together to Affect Change

Friday Breakout Sessions

1. Media 101: Setting Yourself Up For Success
2. Power of Collaboration in Times of Health Care Human Resource Scarcity
3. How to Manage Difficult Constituents - From a Legal Perspective

Registration Information

Registration is now open!

<https://www.civicinfo.bc.ca/event/2023/silga>

Tuesday Afternoon Tours

Okanagan Spirits Craft Distilleries and

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

Planet Bee Honey Farm and Meadery

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



Golf at Spallumcheen Golf Course



Networking Events at the Vernon Convention

Tuesday - Pub Night at Marten Brew Pub

Wednesday - Welcome Reception at 1516 Pub



Thursday – Banquet and Dance at Prestige Lodge

And Reach for the Top is back – get your teams ready! Let Louise Wallace Richmond know at llwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca.

BC Utilities Commission

Representatives from the BC Utilities Commission presented to the SILGA Board at their January meeting. The SILGA board is concerned about capacity with the increased demand for energy coming from electric cars and heat pumps. Can the grid keep up? Where/how does BC produce additional energy? And is this energy available in the right locations? For more information on the long-term resource plans for both BC Hydro and FortisBC (gas), please click below.

BC Hydro:

<https://www.bcuc.com/OurWork/ViewProceeding?applicationid=965>

FortisBC:

<https://www.bcuc.com/OurWork/ViewProceeding?applicationid=1000>

SILGA Nominations for the 2023-24 Board

Attention all Electoral Area Directors!

The SILGA constitution states an Electoral Area Director must be part of the SILGA Executive. If you are interested in joining this board, please submit your nomination to info@silga.ca.

Elected Officials Seminar

Kelowna, March 1/2/3

For all information on the seminar, including program and registration, [click here](#).



LOCAL GOVERNMENT LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Important Deadlines/Dates

February 24th

Resolutions and Nominations

March 13th

Early Bird Registration closes

March 31st

No refunds on registrations

April 25th

Convention begins

Wednesday Morning Tours

Vernon Water Reclamation Centre

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

Okanagan Rail Trail tour

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



Grey Canal Walking Tour

A guided walk 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 for almost 70 years.