# SILGA SCOOP 2023 Summer Newsletter



Middleton Mountain RDNO

## 2023 SILGA Convention Wrap Up

Wow! What a great convention. Participation was exceptional with almost 300 in attendance, shattering our previous attendance numbers. This year every SILGA member sent delegates and the industry representation was outstanding. SILGA hopes that the delegates recognized the value of attending the convention from the education they received and the connections they made, both with other elected officials, staff and our industry partners. Vernon truly outdid itself. The guided tours were fantastic, the entertainment amazing and the welcome from the locals first rate. The <u>SILGA</u> website has more memories from the convention – check it out!



Barriere/Clearwater/Logan Lake



Cache Creek/Sicamous



Industry folks and elected officials



Kamloops / CSRD/ ETSI BC



W. Kelowna/RDCO



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# **SILGA Strategic Planning Session**

The SILGA board met at Silver Star on July 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> to discuss the goals of the organization. How can SILGA provide more value to its membership through education, advocacy and connections? Great discussions ensued. We will keep you informed when the upcoming educational sessions are planned and our social media platforms have been expanded.

### Your 2023-24 SILGA Board

President Aimee Grice, Oliver Councillor 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm Councillor 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President Bill Sarai, Kamloops Councillor Past President Lori Mindnich, Lumby Councillor <u>Directors at Large</u> Karen Cathcart, CSRD Director Spencer Coyne, Princeton Mayor Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna Councillor

Charlie Hodge, Kelowna Councillor Ward Stamer, Barriere Mayor

Keith Thom, Peachland Councillor

Barb Wiebe, Lillooet Councillor

SILGA is very saddened to announce that Merritt Councillor Claire Newman and Logan Lake Councillor Chris Candy both passed away this July. Our hearts go out to their families, friends and colleagues.



**Claire Newman** 



Chris Candy



## Are you ready for the

#### **UBCM Convention?**

Dates: September 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> Location: Vancouver Convention Centre Early Registration closes Aug 5<sup>th</sup> Check out the airfare discounts <u>Click here</u> for more convention information



resolutions. Debate starts on Wednesday, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. All SILGA resolutions can be <u>found here</u>.

#### Salmon Arm Airport Improvements

With assistance from SILGA, the City of Salmon Arm secured \$1.2 million from the B.C. Air Access Program to rehabilitate the Shuswap Regional Airport runway. Work is now complete and the airport is up and running.

