



# 2024 SILGA AGM & CONFERENCE

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SILGA President's  
Welcome

Dear SILGA Members,

Thank you for joining us in Kamloops. We are very excited to be returning to the Tournament Capital of Canada after a nine year absence.

The 2024 Convention's theme is "Keep the Ball Rolling", acknowledging the sporting focus of this vibrant community. Kamloops has some amazing infrastructure which will be showcased during the convention. We open the convention in a unique way under a tent at the Tkemlúps te Secwépemc arbour as we listen to our Keynote Speaker Tkwenem7íple7 (Councillor) Nikki Fraser. Tours of the Kamloops Residential School and the Sacred Site follow as our delegates get immersed in communication and understanding of one of our First Nations neighbours. Tours of Thompson Rivers University and the Tournament Capital Centre on Thursday continue the exploration of Kamloops' outstanding infrastructure.



We are also very excited to have five Provincial Ministers engage with our delegates this year. Ministers from Municipal Affairs, Forests, Emergency Management and Climate Readiness, Mental Health and Addictions, and Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship will be "zooming in" during the last two days of the convention.

Our conference topics are in response to what our members have asked to learn more about. We've included presentations on housing, wildfires and substance use issues; we'll continue the discussion around economic development now that the pandemic has subsided, 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. This year we held sessions on Local Government Finance and Budgeting as well as Forest and Wildfire Management.

During our discussions with Ministers at the 2023 UBCM Convention, we continued to emphasize SILGA's role as a conduit for information from provincial ministries to local governments as well as the opportunity for the Ministries to use SILGA as a way to glean feedback from locally elected officials.

We've also updated our logo and are pleased to have padfolios and lapel pins for each delegate with the new design. Wear these pins proudly!

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.

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 Kamloops.

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Aimee Grice  
Oliver Councillor and SILGA President





**RE: Welcome to the 2024 SILGA AGM Conference April 30- May 3, 2024**

On behalf of Council, Municipal staff and our citizens, I welcome all of you to our beautiful City of Kamloops for the 2024 SILGA conference. We are very pleased to show off our beautiful city to you all! Kamloops has just over 108,000 residents and we pride ourselves on our locally owned businesses, events, farmers markets, beautiful scenery, outdoor activities and staying connected as a community.

Our team is currently working on reducing our carbon footprint by promoting active transportation. Biking and mountain biking are huge here in Kamloops. We are working hard on our Build Kamloops initiative to keep up with our city's rapid growth. We take pride in being the Tournament Capital of Canada and providing arenas and recreational venues to try to meet the demand.

Along with workshops and presentations, this week will highlight the strong collaboration we, the City of Kamloops, have with our neighbors Tk'emlups te Secwepemc. The speakers carefully chosen for this conference reflect the many topics are of interest and concern in your local municipalities as well as ours. We look forward to learning together at these sessions to create a stronger Southern Interior.

Kamloops offers something for everyone, and I strongly encourage each of you to look around and explore. Please check out our local businesses and parks during your stay here. On behalf of Kamloops City Council and staff, we hope you all enjoy your time while we all reconnect in person, share ideas, strengthen community bonds and discover new methods for all of us to grow and establish stronger relationships.

I would like to give special thanks to the organizing committee, presenters, and the staff at SILGA for their work on organizing, setting up, and hosting this great event.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Reid Hamer-Jackson'.

Reid Hamer-Jackson, Mayor  
City of Kamloops





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**Tuesday, April 30th**

12:00 pm – 4:00 pm	<b>Registration opens</b> (Coast Hotel and Conference Centre, 1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops BC)
1:00 pm	<b>Golf at Mount Paul Golf Course (executive)</b> <i>transportation not provided.</i> (615 Mount Paul Way, Kamloops, BC)
1:00 pm 2:00 pm	<b>Explore Kamloops Tours 1.5-2 hours</b> 1. BC Wildlife Park <i>(transportation not provided)</i> 2. Rocky Mountaineer <i>(transportation provided-meet at Coast Hotel)</i>
1:30 pm	<b>Innovative Community Solutions for Public Safety &amp; Substance Use (Ida)</b> <i>Noah Chalifoux, Dakota Fayant and Andrea Durban with CAI and BCCDC</i>
1:30 pm 2:30 pm	1. <b>Playing by the Rules - Keeping Order in Council and Board Meetings (Hilltop)</b> <i>City of Kamloops Corporate Officer Maria Mazzotta and Sun Peaks CAO Deanna Campbell</i> 2. <b>Creating balance from a busy, 24/7 schedule (Hilltop)</b> <i>Cindy Piva and Anna Harrison with Thrive Business Strategies</i>
5:30 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Registration – Match Eatery and Public House</b> (1555 Versatile Dr, Kamloops, BC) <i>Busing provided by People in Motion (small bus) - starting at 5:15 pm</i>
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Pub Night – Match Eatery and Public House</b> (1555 Versatile Dr, Kamloops, BC) <i>Sponsored by BCLC and Gateway Casino Entertainment by Jeremy Kneeshaw</i>

# Wednesday, May 1st

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7:30 am – 9:00 am	<b>Full Breakfast</b>
8:00 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Trade Show set up</b>
8:00 am – 9:00 am	<b>Registration continues</b>
9:00 am	<b>Drive to the Arbour at T'kemplúps te Secwépemc</b> ( <i>individual cars</i> ) (345 Powwow Trail, Kamloops)
9:30 am – 10:00 am	<b>Opening Ceremonies at T'kemplúps te Secwépemc</b> (345 Powwow Trail, Kamloops)
10:00 am – 10:30 am	<b>Tkwenem7íple7 (Councillor) Nikki Fraser Keynote Speaker</b> <i>Sponsored by BDO Canada</i>
10:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Tours at T'kemplúps te Secwépemc</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Residential School</li><li>2. Sacred Site</li><li>3. Canoeing – <i>meet at Pioneer Park</i></li><li>4. Language Class</li></ol>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Lunch with the Food Trucks at the Arbour</b>
12:30 pm – 1:00 pm	<b>Return to Kamloops Coast Hotel</b>
1:00 pm	<b>Trade Show starts</b>
1:15 pm – 2:00 pm	<b>BC Housing - BC's Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act</b> <i>Hannah Rabinovitch, Director, Housing Policy Branch</i>
2:00 pm – 2:05 pm	<b>Presentation ETSI-BC</b> <i>Laurel Douglas, CEO</i>
2:05 pm – 3:00 pm	<b>Resolution session starts</b>
3:00 pm – 3:15 pm	<b>Nutrition Break (in trade show)</b> <i>Sponsored by Enbridge</i>
3:15 pm – 5:00 pm	<b>Resolution session continues</b>
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <b>Coast Kamloops Hotel and Convention Centre trade show area</b> <i>Sponsored by TNRD</i>

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# Thursday, May 2nd

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7:00 am – 8:15 am	<b>Full Breakfast</b>
7:30 am – 8:05 am	<b>Breakfast of Champions</b> <i>Presentations by Candice Appleby with AME and Shiva Prakash with Corix</i>
8:00 am – 3:00 pm	<b>Trade Show Continues</b>
8:15 am – 8:40 am	<b>Annual General Meeting Opens</b> President's Report – <i>Councillor Aimee Grice</i> Adoption of 2023 AGM Minutes SILGA Financial Report – <i>BDO Canada Mario Piroddi</i> SILGA Five Year Plan – <i>Mayor Ward Stamer</i>
8:40 am – 8:45 am	<b>Trans Mountain Project Expansion Presentation</b> <i>Leah Caldwell, External Relations Advisor BC and Alberta</i>
8:45 am – 8:50 am	<b>AGM Continues - Nomination Report including nominations from the floor and speeches from candidates for Table Officers</b> <i>Lori Mindnich, SILGA Past President</i>
8:50 am – 9:35 am	<b>The Future of Wildfires in BC</b> <i>Dr Mike Flannigan, TRU Professor, BC Innovation Research Chair in Predictive Services, Emergency Management &amp; Fire Science and Murray Wilson, RFP</i>
9:35 am – 9:50 am	<b>UBCM Address</b> <i>UBCM President, Councillor Trish Mandewo</i>
9:50 am – 10:05 am	<b>Nutrition Break (trade show)</b> <i>sponsored by BC Non-Profit Housing Association</i>
9:50 am – 11:10 am	<b>Voting for Table Officers – if needed</b>
10:05 am – 10:50 am	<b>MFA BC presentation</b> <b>The Pendulum: Tools for Successful Dialogue in Local Government</b> <i>Jamie McEwan, Chair of Local Government Programs at Capilano University</i>
10:55 am – 11:40 am	<b>Breakout Sessions</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Kamloops Clean Team: Service, Collaboration, Funding Innovations (Ida)</b> <i>Jeremy Heighton, BIA Executive Director and Bill Sarai, Kamloops Councillor</i></li><li><b>Local Economic Development – A Program Based Approach (Columbia)</b> <i>Jim Anderson, Executive Director Venture Kamloops</i></li><li><b>Intergovernmental Relations and Advocacy for Local Government (Hilltop)</b> <i>Corbin Kelley, TNRD External Relations &amp; Advocacy Advisor and Axelle Bazett, City of Kelowna Intergovernmental Relations Manager</i></li></ol>
11:40 am -12:05 pm	<b>Lunch Buffet in foyer - Sponsored by BC Hydro</b> <i>Seating in Hilltop and trade show area</i>



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12:05 pm - 12:30 pm	<b>Minister Anne Kang, Minister of Municipal Affairs (zoom)</b>
12:35 pm – 1:15 pm	<b>Meeting the Future Energy Needs of BC</b> <i>Diana Stephenson, BC Hydro’s Senior Vice-President of Customer and Corporate Affairs and Doug Slater, FortisBC Vice President, Indigenous Relations and Regulatory Affairs</i>
1:15 pm – 1:20 pm	<b>AGM continues</b> <b>1. Announcement of Table Officers election results</b> <b>2. Nominations from the floor for Directors at Large</b> <i>Lori Mindnich, SILGA Past President</i>
1:20 pm – 1:25 pm	<b>BC Assessment Presentation – Graham Held, Manager Local Government Relations</b>
1:25 pm – 1:35 pm	<b>AGM continues – Speeches for Directors at Large</b>
1:35 pm – 1:45 pm	<b>BCLC Presentation – Leana Scordo, Manager, Gaming Facilities Development</b>
1:45 pm – 2:35 pm	<b>Navigating Conflicts: A Guide to Identifying and Addressing Conflicts of Interest</b> <i>Denise McCabe and Jessica Vliegenthart, Partners with Fulton &amp; Co.</i>
1:45 pm – 2:50 pm	<b>Voting for Directors at Large</b>
2:35 pm – 2:50 pm	<b>Nutrition Break – sponsored by CUPE</b>
3:15 pm – 4:30 pm <i>(no transportation provided)</i>	<b>Tours of Thompson Rivers University and Tournament Capital Centre</b> <b>1. Tournament Capital Centre Tour (Tour 1 @ 3:15 pm, Tour 2 @3:50 pm)</b> <i>Andrew Smeaton, City of Kamloops with Dylan Armstrong and Ethan Katzberg</i> <b>2. Kenna Cartwright Park Nature Walk and Invasive Plant presentation</b> <i>Kirsten Wourms, City of Kamloops Natural Resources Crew Leader and Coleen Hougen, Invasive Plant Management Coordinator with the TNRD</i> <b>3. TRU general campus tour</b> <b>4. TRU Chappell Family Building for Nursing</b> <b>5. TRU School of Trades and Technology</b>
6:00 pm – 6:30 pm	<b>Cocktails, cash bar</b> <b>50/50 draw – proceeds to People in Motion</b>
6:30 pm – 7:30 pm	<b>Banquet – Coast Hotel and Conference Centre</b> <i>Sponsored by FortisBC</i>
7:30 pm – 7:35 pm	<b>Draw for 50/50 – People in Motion</b>
8:00 pm – 11:00 pm	<b>Entertainment - Dancing to Shattered Blue</b>

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# Friday, May 3rd

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7:00 am – 8:20 am	<b>Full Breakfast</b>
8:30 am – 8:45 am	<b>Community Excellence Awards</b> <i>Sponsored by Urban Systems</i>
8:45 am – 9:15 am	<b>Minister Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests (zoom)</b> <b>Minister Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions (zoom)</b>
9:15 am – 9:20 am	<b>Association of Interior Realtors presentation</b> <i>Seth Scott, Government Relations And Policy Lead</i>
9:20 am – 9:25 am	<b>Announcement of SILGA Directors at Large</b> <i>Lori Mindnich, SILGA Past President</i>
9:25 am – 10:15 am	<b>Rushing in to Fill a Void: Ethical Role Clarity for Elected Officials</b> <i>Jamie McEwan, Chair of Local Government Programs at Capilano University</i>
10:15 am – 10:20 am	<b>BC United Party Address</b> <i>Dan Ashton, Penticton MLA</i>
10:20 am – 10:35 am	<b>Nutrition Break</b>
10:35 am – 10:40 am	<b>BC Council of Forest Industries presentation</b> <i>Michael Armstrong, Vice President and Chief Forester</i>
10:40 am – 11:25 am	<b>Better than Tinder</b> <i>Terry Lake and Ken Christian, Former Kamloops Mayors</i>
11:30 am – 12:00 pm	<b>Minister Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Climate Readiness</b> <b>Minister Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship</b> <i>(zoom)</i>
12:00 pm – 12:05 pm	<b>SILGA President Address</b>
12:05 pm – 12:10 pm	<b>2025 Host – City of Merritt</b> <i>Mayor Mike Goetz</i>
12:10 pm – 12:15 pm	<b>Grand Prize Draw</b> <i>Kamloops Mayor Reid Hamer Jackson and Enbridge Representative</i>
12:15 pm	<b>Convention closes</b>

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## Keep The Ball Rolling

### Keynote Speaker Tkwenem7íple7 (Councillor) Nikki Fraser



Nikki Fraser is a councillor with Tkemlúps te Secwépemc. Her portfolio with TteS includes Natural Resources and Rights & Title, Housing and Lands, Leasing & Taxation.

She is currently pursuing a Sociology and Political Science degree from TRU, although she has taken some time off from her studies to serve her

community. Prior to serving on council, Nikki was the TteS Indigenous Food Sovereignty Program Coordinator and Indigenous Tourism Program Coordinator, an Indigenous Research Assistant with TRU and a Published Indigenous Researcher with TRU Knowledge Makers. Nikki has also been part of the United Nations Youth Envoys Young Leaders for the Sustainable Development Goals.

Nikki's volunteer advocating work centres on Indigenous Peoples and Indigenous Peoples Rights with a focus on Indigenous Women and Girls.

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Afternoon*

**Preconference Session**

1:30 pm to 3:30 pm

### **Innovative Community Solutions for Public Safety & Substance Use**

**Noah Chalifoux, Project Manager, Community Development with Community Action Initiative, Dakota Fayant, Communications Coordinator, CAI and Andrea Derban, Senior Practice Lead, Episodic Overdose Prevention (e-OPS) with the BC CDC**

This session is informed by engagement with over 55 local governments across BC through the provincial project, Local Leadership United (LLU). Meant to support local governments with challenges related to substance use and community

overdose response efforts, this session will equip elected officials with practical tools, examples from other communities and resources to support community health. It will also support them to address community concerns about complicated challenges like public consumption, new health services (i.e. overdose prevention sites, overdose deaths, etc.), as they relate to other crises (i.e. housing). It will also provide context on concerns specific to decriminalization and other aspects of the provincial response to the unregulated drug poisoning crisis.



Noah holds a bachelor's degree from Queen's University in Human Geography. He is passionate about community development and has worked on a diversity of community health projects, including research, community programming, outreach and engagement activities with

queer communities, Indigenous communities, and other oppressed groups.

He believes that change is a collective process and that it should be led by communities themselves. Grounded in queer ethics of solidarity, Noah is committed to supporting community-led harm reduction across BC. Outside of work, Noah enjoys hiking, camping and gardening.



Andrea is a seasoned Public Health Nurse with over 30 years of experience in 3 of BC's 5 Regional Health Authorities, BCCDC, FNHA and the Ministry of Health. Driven by a passion for social justice, Andrea is a dedicated team member striving for systemic

changes required to better serve people who use substances. Andrea is a graduate of the University of British Columbia with a baccalaureate degree in nursing and has been working towards a master's degree in theology at Regent College. When not at home in Coal Harbour, Andrea walks the seawall with her partner or hiking with her puppy in the mountains.



Dakota is responsible for CAI's internal and external communications, including website and social media administration, identity systems and implementing administrative systems and policies. She also leads the Local Leadership United (LLU) network of elected officials. Born and raised in Saskatchewan, her home communities

are Peepeekisis First Nation and the Qu'Appelle Métis community. Dakota holds Bachelor of Arts in Women and Gender Studies and has over a decade of experience working and volunteering in community-based non-profits across Canada.

### Preconference Session

1:30 pm – 2:30 pm

## Playing by the Rules - Keeping Order in Council and Board Meetings

**City of Kamloops Corporate Officer Maria Mazzotta and Sun Peaks CAO Deanna Campbell**

This session will cover the who, what, why and when of Robert's Rules of Order for council, committee and board meetings.

- Who is Robert and why follow his rules?
- When to call on Robert's Rules (and when not to)
- Most commonly used motions simplified
- Meeting Etiquette best practices

This session will take a dry (and often boring!) subject and make it interesting and relevant for anyone wishing to gain a better understanding of meeting procedures.



Maria has lived in multiple communities - urban and rural - across the Southern Interior, nationally, and internationally. She currently serves as Corporate Officer for the City of Kamloops, where she grew up. Maria got her start in local government as Corporate Officer with the District of

Logan Lake, and she has previously worked in universities, with non-profits, and with a private consulting firm. Maria graduated with a master's in public administration with a concentration in Indigenous Governance from the University of Victoria. She is honoured to be serving as SILGA's Parliamentarian for the second year, and excited to have the SILGA Convention taking place on Secwepemc Territory this year.

Maria is the parent of a busy, enthusiastic toddler who fills her with joy and gratitude. In any spare moments Maria loves to read, dance, and be outdoors.



Deanna is a passionate local government leader with a legal background and training. She has worked in local government for 8 years with both municipalities and regional districts and has significant experience providing trusted guidance and advice to elected

officials on legislative and procedural matters. She is currently the Chief Administrative Officer for Sun Peaks Mountain Resort Municipality.

### Preconference Session

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

## Creating balance from a busy, 24/7

### Schedule

**Cindy Piva and Anna Harrison with Thrive Business Strategies**

Are you running 24/7 and too busy to attend this session? Then this session is a must! Come and find ways to balance work and life, do more with less, and calm the storm of activity into a well-oiled machine!



Cindy Piva is the owner and founder of Thrive Business Strategies (established in 2009). She works with business owners, CEOs, and leaders to help them define their purposes, align their core values, streamline their operations, proactively plan their

organizations strategically, grow as leaders, and implement focused best business practices customized to their unique needs. For non-profits, she is mindful of helping organizations thrive through purpose, involving volunteers, teams, and improving fundraising, while ensuring all stakeholders are included in the process.

She has a Bachelor of Commerce from UBC, a Certified Professional Master Business Coach designation, is a founding member of the Global Alliance for Professional Leadership Development (GAPLD) and is a Certified Professional for Leadership Development (CPLD). She has trained over 2500 presidents-elect in leadership through her service as a President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Training Leader and Coach and is the current District Trainer for Rotary District 5060. Cindy has received "Coach of the Year – Western Region," an esteemed award from her peers at the North American PBCA, as well

as the “Hall of Fame” award. She has also been a finalist twice for Kamloops Chamber of Commerce Business Excellence Awards as “Service Provider 1-10.”

She loves giving back to her community. Currently Cindy is the President of the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce and a Director on the Kamloops Hospice board. She has been honoured with the Rotarian of the Year and President’s Award from her Rotary club as well as the District Governor’s Citation for Distinguished Service Award from the district. She is past president of the Business and Professional Women’s Association and Kamloops West Rotary.

Cindy enjoys travelling, curling, kayaking, paddle boarding, hiking, and spending time with her husband, three daughters, and their families.



Anna is a member of the Professional Business Coaches Association (PBCA) and a founding member of the Global Alliance for Professional Leadership Development (GAPLD). She is a Certified Professional Business Coach and a Certified Professional in Leadership Development.

She partners with business owners, individuals, and non-profit organizations to help them recognize and achieve their potential by seeing possibilities, setting goals, and executing game plans. Anna has a focus on business and leadership development, strategic planning, implementation, sales and marketing strategies, and team building.

Anna believes in giving back to her community and the organizations that she is passionate about. She has held many volunteer positions, including President of the Chamber of Commerce, Board Member with the Kamloops Central Business Improvement Association, Marketplace Leaders leadership team, Motion Church leadership team, and many positions with Rotary, including President, District Public Image Chair, and Assistant District Governor. She has also helped facilitate leadership training for over 2000 Presidents-Elect.

Anna has been recognized in the community and has won a number of awards, both personally and professionally, some of which are Chamber of Commerce – Business of the Year, Chamber of Commerce finalist – Business Person of the Year, Business and Professional Women’s Club – Woman of the Year, RBC finalist – Women Entrepreneur of the Year, Rotarian of the Year, and KTW Reader’s Choice awards for coaching and consulting.

**Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>**

*Afternoon*

### Preconference Tours and Activities

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### Golf at Mount Paul Golf Course 1:00 pm

**Executive Course (9 holes) Cost \$30**

**Equipment and transportation NOT provided. Prizes awarded.**



### BC Wildlife Park

**1:00 pm BUSING NOT PROVIDED Cost \$16/person**

**9077 Dallas Drive**



The BC Wildlife Park is a non-profit organization and registered charity located in Kamloops, British Columbia since 1965. The BC Wildlife

Park is home to nearly 200 animals and 65 different species that are native to British Columbia including cougars, bears, wolves, reptiles, birds of prey, and the only Kermode bear in human care in the world.

Many of the animals at the Park have been rescued or were orphaned and are unable to survive on their own in the wild. The BC Wildlife Park is an accredited facility in Canada, by Canada's Accredited Zoos and Aquariums (CAZA).

In partnership with the Burrowing Owl Conservation Society, The BC Wildlife Park has been working towards saving the burrowing owls from extirpation since 1992. Together we are proud to be the largest and most successful breeders in the world.

The BC Wildlife Park also operates the Fawcett Family Wildlife Health Centre which is dedicated to the rehabilitation of orphaned and injured wildlife. As the only full-service wildlife rehabilitation centre in the Southern Interior, our health centre accepts over 500 animals annually from all over British Columbia.



**Rocky Mountaineer 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm****Busing provided, wear walking shoes, no charge**

Visit Rocky Mountaineer's tourist train and learn more about its luxury rail service at the company's Kamloops rail yard. You

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will preview a luxury rail car, have a taste of the snacks, guests enjoy while onboard, and tour a working rail yard. Rocky Mountaineer is a major anchor tourism attraction in Western Canada that welcomes more than 90,000 travellers annually and delivers numerous social and economic benefits to communities like Kamloops. This tour will share how, for the past 33 years, this BC based company has offered unparalleled train journeys, lasting social impact, and meaningful career opportunities.

**Evening**

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**5:30 pm to 7:30 pm****Pub Night at Match Restaurant at Cascades Casino**

Take this opportunity to kick off the convention and mingle with your peers in this relaxed



environment. Jeremy Kneeshaw will provide easy listening music while you renew old acquaintances and make new ones

Entertainment by guitarist Jeremy Kneeshaw

**Sponsored by BCLC and Gateway Casino**

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Morning**

**T̓kemplúps te Secwépemc (individual cars) (345 Powwow Trail, Kamloops)**

**1. Residential School Tour**



Guests will follow our guide through the Kamloops Indian Residential School (1923-1976) listening to the history of the school, its students,

and the Chief Louis Complex. We will see rooms like the chapel, dining room, kitchen, boys' dormitory, and gymnasium. Questions are encouraged!

**2. Sacred Site**

Join TteS members as you pay your respects to the children and learn how TteS has honored the missing.



**3. Canoeing / History of Kamloops**



Join the Thompson Rivers Interior Paddling Club guides as they provide canoe instruction along with a history lesson of how the canoe allowed exploration of

the area. All equipment is provided.

**4. Lahal – traditional First Nations stick and bone game**

Lahal is a traditional Indigenous game featuring sticks and bones. The game is accompanied by singing and drumming. In the past, these games were played with serious attention to winning but were also joyous affairs associated with celebration.



**Afternoon**

**BC Housing – BC's Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act**

**Jade Ashbourne, Executive Director, and Hannah Rabinovitch, Director with the BC Housing Policy Branch**

Short-term rentals are diverting thousands of long-term rentals onto the short-term market in BC, taking away homes people need, and adding to the challenge of finding an affordable place to rent. Like many jurisdictions around the world, BC is responding to this growing challenge by taking action to regulate

short-term rentals and return homes back to the long-term rental market.

This presentation will provide an overview of the objectives and execution of the Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act, with a particular focus on key considerations and implications for local governments. The legislation aims to give local governments stronger tools to enforce short-term rental regulations, return short-term rental units to the long-term rental market, and establish a new provincial role in the regulation of short-term rentals.

**Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Evening**

**5:30pm to 7:30 pm**

**Welcome Reception**

**Kamloops Coast Hotel and Convention Centre (1250 Rogers Way, Kamloops)**

Enjoy this opportunity to network with your peers, industry representatives and presenters while exploring the trade show. Appetizers and drinks provided.

Join us in charity mini golf, with the winner raising funds for their favourite charity.

**Sponsored by TNRD**

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

**Morning Breakfast session**

### Corix and Association of Mineral Exploration

The Corix representative will speak on what are Thermal Energy options that support municipalities, builders and developers to meet the required climate action plans/strategies in your communities?

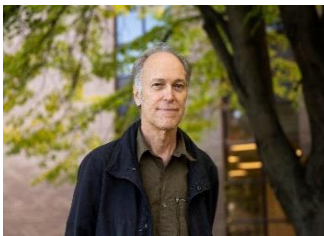
The AME presentation will centre on the transition to a low-carbon economy requiring increased exploration for, and production of, metals ranging from critical minerals such as copper to precious metals such as gold. This talk will explore opportunities in the SILGA area along with the evolving policy framework in 2024.

#### Morning sessions

### The Future of Wildfires in BC

**Dr Mike Flannigan, TRU Professor and Murray Wilson, Registered Forest Professional**

Wildfires are a frequent occurrence in many regions of the world. These fires are the result of interactions between climate/weather, fuels (vegetation) and people. Our climate and associated day-to-day weather are changing rapidly due to human activities that may have dramatic and unexpected impacts on regional and global fire activity. A warmer world means a longer fire season, more lightning activity, and most importantly drier fuels. Drier fuels mean it is easier for a fire to start, to spread and it means more fuel is available to burn that leads to higher intensity fires that are difficult to impossible to extinguish. Our fire regime is driven by extremes, and we expect an increase in frequency and intensity of extreme fire weather episodes. We have seen a sudden increase in fire activity since 2017 – what will the future hold?



Mike Flannigan is the Research Chair for Predictive Services, Emergency Management and Fire Science at Thompson Rivers University and the Scientific Director of the Canadian Partnership for Wildland Fire

Science. He received his BSc (Physics) from the University of Manitoba, his MS (Atmospheric Science) from Colorado State University and his PhD (Plant Sciences) from Cambridge University. Dr. Flannigan has been studying fire and weather/climate interactions including the potential impact of climatic change and lightning-ignited forest fires for over 40 years. primary objectives are to help facilitate Initiative.

Murray Wilson is a retired Registered Professional Forester who completed his working career as the BC and Manitoba Stewardship Manager for Tolko Industries. He started his forestry career on a wildfire suppression crew in 1977. Over the following decades he worked in a variety of forestry positions ranging from Operations Forester to Woodlands Manager and was active in post fire recovery efforts resulting from the 2017 and 2018 wildfires.



Murray received a Forest Technology Diploma from Selkirk College (1981) and a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from the University of Alberta (1988).

### Address by the President of UBCM

**Trish Mandewo, Coquitlam Councillor**



Trish Mandewo was elected to the Coquitlam City Council in 2018 and is currently serving her second term. She has an extensive background in policy and governance, coupled with a solid track record of effective leadership. She ardently supports initiatives aimed at fostering sustainable development and improving the quality of life for British

Columbians. Trish is unwavering in her commitment to encourage cooperation across all tiers of government, advocate for the diverse needs and interests of local communities, and pioneer innovative solutions to address the challenges faced by both urban and rural areas.

With her diverse background encompassing education in Microbiology, Embryology, and experience as an entrepreneur, Trish finds fulfillment in sharing her knowledge through mentoring, public speaking, writing, and serving as a business consultant through her company.

In her spare time, she relishes quality time with her husband, Alex, and their daughter, Alexandra. In addition, Trish indulges her passion for tennis and takes pleasure in exploring the local scenic trails.

## The Pendulum: Tools for Successful Dialogue in Local Government

**Jamie McEwan, MA, MCIP, RPP Chair & Instructor,  
School of Public Administration, Capilano College**

Successful dialogue – actual conversation – filled with curiosity, vulnerability, and listening is becoming increasingly rare in an age of insecurity. But the issue is not that we have too much change, or too much conflict. Rather, we are lacking the tools to embrace change, and work through conflict in a collegial way. Join Jamie McEwan for an interactive, scenario-filled session on local government discourse.



Jamie McEwan is the Chair of Local Government Programs and an Instructor with Capilano University's School of Public Administration, and Lead Advisor with Broadwater Governance & Strategy. He is a Registered Professional Planner, as well as a

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**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Morning Breakout Sessions*

### **Kamloops Clean Team: Service, Collaboration, and Funding Innovations**

**Jeremy Heighton, Executive Director, Kamloops North Shore Business Improvement Association**

As our cities grapple with persistent social issues, it's evident that innovative approaches to fostering relationships, seeking joint solutions, and ensuring programs cater to the entire community are vital for positive community development. The Clean Team, spearheaded by Kamloops North Shore BIA, aims to achieve a broad spectrum of objectives: enhancing health outcomes for marginalized individuals, fostering collaboration and accountability among agency partners, and serving the community in a way that minimizes stigma while boosting community involvement. Collaborative efforts aren't without challenges, they also, however, prove to be more effective in the long term. During this presentation, Jeremy Heighton, Executive Director of the Kamloops North Shore Business Improvement Area Association, will delve into the principles, realities, and significant impacts of the Kamloops Clean Team Project. He'll offer a pragmatic view of achievable goals while inspiring you with the potential of collaborative partnerships.

Jeremy has served as the Executive Director of the Kamloops North Shore Business Improvement Association since January 2018.

Having relocated to Kamloops in 2000, Jeremy dedicated six years to the Kamloops and District Chamber of Commerce Board. In 2002, he established "WOW Leadership Training," a Leadership Development company that operated successfully for 12 years across four continents. In this capacity, he provided leadership training to the US Department of Defense and various multinational corporations. His company received nominations for the Business Excellence Award in 2009, 2010, and 2011, securing the title of home-based business of the year in 2011.

Jeremy actively contributed to the transition to a fully functional governance board during his tenure as a Kamloops Chamber Director. Additionally, he collaborated with the NSBIA Board to implement effective governance management structures.

Over his six years with the NSBIA, Jeremy has transformed the organization from the brink of failure into a thriving, respected, and financially stable entity. Under Jeremy's leadership at the North Shore BIA, significant progress has been made in revitalizing the North Shore. He has spearheaded community-based collaborative projects, guided the business community in addressing social issues, and persistently pursued innovative solutions for fostering healthy community outcomes for all.





## Local Economic Development - A Program-Based Approach

### Jim Anderson, Executive Director with Venture Kamloops

In order to generate local economic growth, economic development agencies must provide opportunity at the local level. A strategic system of locally focused programs is essential to provide the grassroots support that promotes a thriving local economy. Venture Kamloops runs seven core programs that are available free of charge to local businesses. These programs combine to form a comprehensive support framework for new and expanding businesses.



Jim Anderson has been the Executive Director of Venture Kamloops, the economic Development Agency for the City of Kamloops since 2013. As Executive Director, Jim is responsible for developing and

maintaining economic development programs and initiatives to drive economic growth in Kamloops. He fosters excellent working relationships with all levels of government, community and business leaders and maintains a strategic involvement with senior staff of key partner organizations. Jim is also responsible for the financial and administrative service delivery of the organization and provides direction and support to Venture Kamloops staff in order to achieve organizational goals and objectives.

Venture Kamloops programs have been recognized provincially and nationally for their innovative approach to local economic development. Jim was awarded the 2023 BC Economic Development Association Chair's Award. This award is presented annually to recognize a member of BCEDA who has made a significant contribution to the economic development profession.

Jim has lived in Kamloops for 26 years. He and his wife Tanja have 2 children who both currently attend TRU.

## Intergovernmental Relations and Advocacy for Local Government

### Corbin Kelley, TNRD External Relations & Advocacy Advisor and Axelle Bazett, Intergovernmental Relations Manager, City of Kelowna

Effectively engage with senior governments to advance local interests. Working together and communicating effectively with other levels of government can help local governments influence up-stream policy changes or secure funding support for their local communities' needs and interests. IGR and advocacy are both valuable skills for local

government leaders and staff to pursue their strategic goals and to improve service delivery to their communities.

This presentation will explore the possibilities for effective intergovernmental relations and advocacy for local governments. The panelists will share their insights and experiences from working in a municipality and a regional district to offer best-practice tips and strategic approaches

for success in engaging with the Provincial and Federal governments as well as local indigenous nations. The panel will also discuss the power of collective voice, importance of a pointed ask, and value of repetition. How to manage advocacy during senior government elections, the importance of partnerships, and how to maintain positive and respectful relationships with different political parties and stakeholders will also be shared.



As the Intergovernmental Relations Manager for the City of Kelowna since 2021, Axelle Bazett oversees the City's advocacy and collaboration with other levels of government. She has led successful advocacy campaigns to promote Council and Corporate priorities including criminal justice reform, complex care, decriminalization, homelessness, infrastructure and transit funding, and the

Kelowna International Airport. She also supported the inaugural BC Urban Mayor's Caucus with strategic intergovernmental relations advice and coordination. Axelle brings over 12 years of expertise in government relations, public affairs and corporate communications to her role. Previously she worked in communications for the City of Kelowna. She has experience in both public and private sectors, including a national public relations agency in Vancouver where she worked with leading national brands on corporate communication, executive thought leadership building, marketing and media strategies. She holds a Bachelor of Arts (Honours, English) from the University of British Columbia and a post-graduate certificate in public relations from Simon Fraser University. Born in France, Axelle is fluent in French. She resides in Kelowna and is a proud mom to two sons.

Passionate about reconciliation and advocacy, Corbin joined the TNRD in July of 2023. Prior to that, Corbin worked for Simpcw, a First Nation community in the North Thompson Valley, as their government-to-government Coordinator. As G2G Coordinator, it was his responsibility to advance the interest of Simpcw at the negotiating table with the province. As well, he was the main representative at the collective table of seven other Secwepemc communities as they negotiated with the





province on forestry related matters. Prior to this, Corbin worked extensively in politics both for an MLA and a leadership campaign.

Now, his mandate is to build and foster relationships with all levels of government, including First Nations. This includes aligning his work with the strategic plan for the Boards term and finding best practices to move the organization forward. Main areas of focus include drafting protocol agreements with indigenous communities that advance mutual cooperation, as well as helping guide the organization towards reconciliation. Further, Corbin works closely with the Board of Directors to help advocate for key priorities. With a focus on provincial government, Corbin works to build a bridge between the TNRD and the province both at a political and operational level.

Born in Kamloops and raised in Vernon, he returned to Kamloops to attend Thompson Rivers University for a degree in Economics and Political Science (which he tells his grandparents he'll finish one day).

## 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.

**Thursday, May 2nd**

**Lunch Session**

## The Future of Energy in BC

**Diana Stephenson, BC Hydro's Senior Vice-President of Customer and Corporate Affairs and Doug Slater, FortisBC Vice President, Indigenous Relations and Regulatory Affairs**

As BC local governments grapple with the challenges of rapid population growth, critical economic development, and ambitious climate targets, the need for reliable decarbonized energy has never been greater. Join this session where executives from BC's largest energy utilities will discuss their shared commitments to delivering low-carbon affordable energy to achieve the province's CleanBC Roadmap to 2030.

**Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> Afternoon Sessions**

## Navigating Conflicts: A Guide to Identifying and Addressing Conflicts of Interest

**Denise McCabe and Jessica Vliegenthart, Fulton & Co.**

Elected officials are often deeply involved in their communities: they sit on boards, own property and businesses, and volunteer with local organizations. While an elected official's connection to their community is a necessary aspect of their role, it can lead to conflicts of interest that vary in complexity.

In this session, Denise and Jessica will provide a refresher on the basics of conflicts of interest, followed by an in-depth review of more advanced conflict topics. This session will be interactive, giving attendees the opportunity to engage with real-world conflict of interest examples.

The goal of this presentation is to have attendees leave with the knowledge and tools necessary to identify and properly address complex conflicts of interest.

Having practiced in the area of local government law for over two decades, Denise offers comprehensive legal services to local governments. She regularly provides advice and assistance on all aspects of municipal law including governance and operations, inter-governmental negotiations, conflicts of interest, municipal



liability and risk management, planning, development and building issues, public procurement issues, regulatory authority, freedom of information and privacy issues and commercial transactions.



In her comprehensive municipal law practice involving both litigation and solicitor work, Jessica comes armed with the determination of an Olympian and the affable

people skills that made her a leader on Team Canada, both on and off the basketball court. Regularly advising clients on a wide range of topics, Jessica handles local government matters including governance and operations, conflicts of interest, council codes of conduct, municipal liability and risk management, freedom of information and privacy issues, regulatory authority, and judicial review.

#### **Thursday Afternoon Tours**

**2:45 pm leaving from Coast Hotel NO TRANSPORTATION PROVIDED. Please carpool.**

#### **1. Tournament Capital Centre (tours at 3:15 pm and 3:50 pm) 910 McGill Road**

**Andrew Smeaton, City of Kamloops with Dylan Armstrong, Olympic Bronze medalist (shotput) and Ethan Katzberg, 2023 World Champion (hammer throw)**

The world class Tournament Capital Centre is an outstanding facility in Kamloops and is a big part of the city's Tournament Capital Program. This world class facility includes a Fieldhouse, well equipped gymnastics centre, Canada Games Aquatic Centre (Olympic length pool), indoor throws room, work-out facilities, outdoor FIFA-certified artificial turf soccer field, and several banquet rooms and retail space. There are 16 change rooms in total and a media press room. Join Andrew along with Dylan and Ethan as they outline the impact this facility has had on their athletic careers as well as to the general public.

#### **2. Kenna Cartwright Park Nature Walk and Invasive Weed presentation (Parking lot is across from 1390 Pacific Way)**

**Kirsten Wourms, City of Kamloops Natural Resources Crew Leader and Coleen Hougan, TNRD Invasive Plant Management Coordinator**

Join Coleen and Kirsten in an information walk and talk when they take the group on a tour through the largest municipal park in the province. Established in 1996, the park encompasses almost 800 hectares of Mount Dufferin and is named in honour of Kenna Cartwright, former Councillor and Mayor of Kamloops, and longtime supporter of parkland preservation.

During the walk Coleen will show the participants invasive plants which are a widespread problem in communities throughout British Columbia. These plants reduce native biodiversity and forage quality, damage infrastructure and can affect human health. The TNRD has been working to manage invasive plants

in the region since 1976, when its Noxious Weed service was first implemented. Over the past 48 years, the service has evolved into a successful and diverse Invasive Plant program that is designed to support private landowners protect their land values from the impacts of invasive plants. She will provide an overview of the evolution of the program, and highlight key successes and challenges encountered.



Coleen is the Invasive Plant Management Coordinator at the Thompson Nicola Regional District based in Kamloops. Coleen's work involves coordinating invasive plant management activities within the Thompson-Nicola Region. This includes administering education and outreach programs and operational

management activities. Coleen has been working in the field of invasive species for 18 years and has been with the TNRD since 2019.

Coleen has a BSC with Specialization in Environmental Biology from the University of Alberta. She is also a BCIA professional Agrologist.

Kirsten is the City of Kamloops Natural Resources Crew Leader.



#### **3. TRU Chappell Family Building for Nursing (840 College Drive – park in front)**

The Chappell Family Building for Nursing and Population Health celebrates innovation and excellence in health-care education. Take a tour of the building that has 44,000 square feet of multi-disciplinary labs, classrooms, research and collaborative study spaces.

#### **4. TRU School of Trades and Technology (park at 1025 University Dr. N)**

Take a tour of Thompson Rivers University Trades and Technology building where the highest quality instruction using the best equipment and facilities, and programming are used. Trade workers are in high demand and TRU's programs gives state-of-the-art training.

## 5. TRU General Campus Tour (max 25)

(park at 1025 University Dr. N)

Thompson Rivers University is set on 250 acres with stunning views of the North and South Thompson Rivers. Come see TRU's campus, amenities, facilities and more on this campus wide tour.

## Banquet

**Kamloops Coast Hotel and Convention Centre** (1250

Rogers Way, Kamloops)

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Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Morning sessions

## Hon. Bruce Ralston, Minister of Forests and Minister Responsible for the Consular Corps

Bruce Ralston, K.C., was appointed as B.C.'s Minister of Forests and Minister Responsible for the Consular Corps on Dec. 7, 2022. A member of the Cabinet since July 2017, he has served as Minister of Energy, Mines and Low Carbon Innovation; Minister of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources; and Minister of Jobs, Trade and Technology.



An advocate for innovation in the province's technology sector, Ralston brings his experience and knowledge of the sector to his current cabinet portfolio, where he is focused on the revitalization and modernization of the forest sector leading to expanded diversification in manufacturing. His priorities include the sustainable management and conservation of B.C.'s old-growth forests in the face of climate change, while ensuring a competitive and sustainable future for communities, First Nations, workers and companies.

Ralston was born in Victoria, raised in Vancouver and spent his childhood summers in his mother's hometown of Smithers. He completed his undergraduate studies in history at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and earned a master of arts at the University of Cambridge in England, before returning to UBC to earn a law degree. He ran a successful law practice in Vancouver and Surrey for 23 years until his election to the B.C. legislative building. While running his practice, he served as city councillor in Surrey, chair of Vancity Credit Union, Canada's largest credit union, and president of BC NDP. Ralston and his partner raised their three children in Surrey.

First elected as the MLA for Surrey-Whalley in 2005, voters have re-elected him four consecutive times since then, in 2009, 2013, 2017 and 2020 general elections.

## Hon. Jennifer Whiteside, Minister of Mental Health and Addictions

Jennifer Whiteside was elected as the MLA for New Westminster in October 2020, and served as the minister of Education.

Jennifer was the chief spokesperson and lead negotiator for the



Hospital Employees' Union, where she fought for strong public healthcare and health-care workers' rights. She has dedicated her career to advocating for working people. During the COVID-19 pandemic, she worked tirelessly to protect seniors and workers in nursing homes throughout the province.

While leading B.C.'s first campaign for a living wage, she fought to ensure that work lifts people out of poverty and allows them to support their families and fully participate in their communities.

Jennifer has championed a wide range of social justice issues, from accessible post-secondary education and affordable public child care, to medicare and health equity. She has worked for community organizations and labour unions at the provincial and national levels.

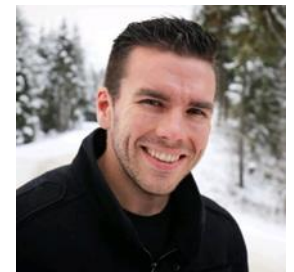
Jennifer was born and raised in New Westminster, holds a degree in history from Simon Fraser University, and is passionate about making life better for people in her city and throughout B.C.

## Rushing in to Fill a Void: Ethical Role Clarity for Elected Officials

**Jamie McEwan, MA, MCIP, RPP Chair & Instructor, School of Public Administration, Capilano College**

Ethical issues and pitfalls abound in local government. Some of them are well-intentioned, and others... not so. Ethics are at the core of everything we do. The job of an elected official is already challenging; and that's before understanding the job description and the ethical challenges along the way! Join Jamie McEwan for a session filled with case studies, tools, and a call to action on ethical local government conduct.

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Jamie lives in the Okanagan Valley with his family, and is known to always be the dad behind the camera at family gatherings.

## Better Than Tinder

### Terry Lake, Former Kamloops Mayor and BC Minister of Health and Environment and Ken Christian, Former Kamloops Mayor and Chair of the Kamloops School District

Local government meetings with provincial cabinet ministers at UBCM are often compared to speed dating with very little time to make an impression but they are an opportunity to create a lasting relationship. Former Cabinet Minister Terry Lake and former Kamloops Mayor Ken Christian share their insights into how to maximize these meetings so that (consensual) mutual objectives can be realized.



Terry Lake is the CEO of the BC Care Providers Association which represents operators of long-term care services, retirement communities and home health in British Columbia. Terry trained and practiced as a veterinarian and taught animal health technology before entering public life as an elected representative. He served as councillor and then Mayor of the City of Kamloops

and then was elected Member of the Legislature for the riding of Kamloops North Thompson in 2009. He served as Minister of the Environment from 2011-2013 and Minister of Health from 2013-2017. He was awarded the Canadian Public Health Association Public Health Hero Award in 2017 for his groundbreaking work on the opioid overdose crisis. He is a recipient of the University of Saskatchewan Alumni Achievement Award and the British Columbia Veterinary Medical Association Award of Merit. Terry was VP of Corporate Social Responsibility for Hexo Corporation, one of Canada's

largest cannabis producers from 2017-2019. He is a board member of the Big Little Science Centre in Kamloops and a member of the Management Committee of Simpcw Resources Group. Terry and his spouse Lisa have three grown daughters and live in Kamloops, British Columbia.



Ken Christian is the former Mayor of Kamloops. Ken ran successfully in ten consecutive local elections in Kamloops from 1993 to 2018. During that time, he spent 18 years as a School Trustee (8 as Board Chair). Two terms as a City Councillor and two terms as Mayor. Ken was active with the Hospital District and Airport Authority as well as many local business associations. His career at city hall was influenced by a strong passion for infrastructure improvements, adoption of a Climate Action Plan and a focus on the social determinants of health. His final years in politics were punctuated by responding to the COVID 19 pandemic and leading through a myriad of climate crises from heat domes to flood and fire. Ken is a Life Member of the Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors and has received numerous awards for his public and professional contributions to the region. Ken and his wife Brenda have three adult children, Nic, Jon and Taryn and three adorable grandsons Jack, Rhys and Henry.

## Hon. Bowinn Ma, Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Climate Readiness



Bowinn Ma is British Columbia's Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness. She is a licensed professional engineer with a degree in civil engineering, a master's degree from the UBC Sauder School of Business, and a certified project-management professional.

Bowinn previously served as minister of state for Infrastructure, Bowinn Ma is British Columbia's Minister of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness.

Bowinn previously served as minister of state for Infrastructure, delivering major capital transportation infrastructure projects and supporting highway recovery efforts following the atmospheric river events of November 2021. An advocate for environmentally and socially responsible transportation, Bowinn brought a strong focus on climate resiliency and low-carbon transportation systems to her work as minister of state.



In 2018, Bowinn led the Integrated North Shore Transportation Planning Project, which set the stage for a rapid transit concept for the North Shore and continues to guide regional transportation planning for all levels of government in the area.

She has also served as parliamentary secretary for TransLink and chair of the Select Standing Committee on Crown Corporations, where she led an all-party committee to develop recommendations for Transportation Network Services in British Columbia.

Before being elected MLA for North Vancouver-Lonsdale in 2017, Bowinn managed terminal expansion and redevelopment projects at the Vancouver International Airport. She is the Canadian-born daughter of Taiwanese immigrants and lives in North Vancouver with her partner and two cats.

## **Hon. Nathan Cullen, Water, Land and Resource Stewardship**

Nathan Cullen was elected MLA for Stikine in the 2020 provincial election. He previously served as minister of Municipal Affairs, minister of state for Lands and Natural Resource Operations, as chair of the Environment and Land Use Committee and a member of the Cabinet Committee on Economy.



Nathan proudly served as Member of Parliament for the riding of Skeena-Bulkley Valley for 15 years, from 2004 to 2019. He is a strong advocate for the residents of Northern BC and has worked throughout his career to promote sustainable development.

During his time in Ottawa, Nathan was recognized multiple times by his peers at the Maclean's Parliamentarian of the Year Awards. He also served as Official Opposition House Leader and held critic roles for Finance, Natural Resources, Environment, Ethics, and Democratic Reform.

Nathan has worked to encourage the participation of young people in politics and public policy and has supported young entrepreneurs in the Northwest in starting and growing their businesses.

Nathan has run a consulting business specializing in strategic planning and conflict resolution. He has previously worked in international development in Africa and South America. He lives with his wife and twin sons in Smithers.

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**SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Draft Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on**  
**April 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Vernon, BC**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Aimee Grice called the meeting to order at 8:15 am on April 27, 2023.

**2. President's Report**

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.

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? With this successful SILGA convention we hope to again offer sessions outside the convention that allow more in depth discussion of topics that will resonate with our communities.

This year'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. And on behalf of the SILGA Executive, we would like to extend our gratitude to each of you who have chosen to serve your community. You have stepped up - you have chosen to serve.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

**Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Sal De Mare THAT:**

The minutes of the 2022 Salmon Arm Annual General Meeting be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising From the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Lifetime Memberships**

Lifetime Memberships were given out to SILGA Past Presidents Shelley Sim and Lori Mindnich.

**6. Financial Report**

Mario Piroddi from BDO Canada presented the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2022. BDO Canada gave a clean report for SILGA as a not for profit association.

The statements show the assets increasing from year over year as the association is returning to financial stability. The contingency reserve has been replenished since the pandemic restricted operations. 2022 revenues were over budget, with expenses under budget and overall net income was \$28,000, significantly over the \$5,100 budget.

The 5 year plan was presented by SILGA Director Ward Stamer who commented that SILGA is back on track with its financials. We now have the resources to put on educational sessions outside of the convention, bring back youth to UBCM and participate in other area association conventions. A big thanks to the sponsors and the outstanding attendance from our delegates at this year's convention.

**Moved/Seconded by Charlie Hodge/Louise Wallace Richmond THAT:**

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2022 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:	Aimee Grice, Oliver (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm (acclaimed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Bill Sarai, Kamloops (acclaimed)

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

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

**Past President Mindnich then asked for nominations from the floor:**

Councillor Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna

President Aimee Grice announced that the following will be Directors at Large for SILGA for the 2023/24 term.

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Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton  
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Councillor Charlie Hodge, Kelowna  
Mayor Ward Stamer, Barriere  
Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland  
Councillor Barb Wiebe, Lillooet

## 8. Resolutions

**Moved/Seconded by Kevin Acton/Ward Stamer THAT:**

Maria Mazzotta, Kamloops be appointed as the SILGA parliamentarian for the resolutions session.

**CARRIED**

# 2023 SILGA RESOLUTIONS

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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| 1. Investment in Mental Health and Substance Use Recovery                             | City of Kelowna and<br>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<br>First Responder Programs | Okanagan-Similkameen RD                 |
| 6. Transitional Housing with Supports                                                 | City of Kelowna and<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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<br>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 |
| 25. Jurisdiction of Surface Rights Board of British Columbia              | Squamish-Lillooet RD    |

#### TRANSPORTATION

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| 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    |
| 29. Fuel Pricing                                                                                             | City of Revelstoke      |

#### LEGISLATIVE

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| 30. Public Hearing Notice Requirements | Okanagan-Similkameen RD |
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#### COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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| 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.

#### CARRIED

#### (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.

**Proposed 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lori Mindnich, Lumby**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Kevin Acton, Lumby**

**Vote on Amendment: CARRIED**

**Vote on Amended Resolution: CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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 a 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.

**Proposed 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;

**1<sup>st</sup> Tim Staphenhurst, RDOS**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Jim King, Osoyoos**

**Vote on Amendment: CARRIED**

**Vote on Amended Resolution: CARRIED**

## **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.

**CARRIED**

### **(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.

**DEFEATED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.



**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**Proposed 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.

**1<sup>st</sup> Sal De Mare, SLRD**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Thom, Peachland**

**Vote on Amendment: CARRIED**

**Vote on Amended Resolution: CARRIED**

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**(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

## **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.

**CARRIED**

### **(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.

**CARRIED**

### **(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.

**CARRIED**

**(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.

**CARRIED**

**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.

**DEFEATED**



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**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.

**CARRIED**

**9. Community Excellence Awards**

Social Responsibility	Town of Oliver	Installation of Osoyoos Indian Band Flagpole
Economic Development	Spallumcheen	Business Roundtable
Environmental Sustainability	Spallumcheen	Green Culture

**10. President's Closing Remarks**

President Aimee Grice addressed the delegates and expressed appreciation for all the hard work of the Vernon Convention Committee for putting on such a great convention. She thanked the outgoing SILGA directors Robin Smith and Ruth Hoyte and welcomed the new directors to the SILGA team.

**11. 2023 Convention – Vernon**

The 2024 Convention will be held in Kamloops from April 30<sup>th</sup> to May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024. Mayor Reid Hamer-Jackson invited all the delegates to join him in his community and showed a short video promoting his community.

**12. Adjournment**

**Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Teresa Durning THAT:**

The meeting be adjourned at 12:12 pm on April 28, 2023.

**CARRIED**

Alison Slater, Secretary Treasurer

# Southern Interior Local Government Association

## Draft Five Year Financial Plan

For the years 2024 - 2028

	2023 Budget	2023 Actual	2024 Budget	2025 Budget	2026 Budget	2027 Budget	2028 Budget
<b>Revenues</b>							
Convention	\$ 185,000	\$ 200,240	\$ 190,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 200,000	200,000
Memberships	57,043	57,159	60,017	61,817	63,672	\$ 65,582	67,550
Newsletter/Education Income	1,000	2,150	1,000	1,000	1,000	\$ 1,000	1,000
Sponsorships and Donation Income	1,000		1,000	1,000	1,000	\$ 1,000	1,000
Return on Investments	2,000	4,316	4,500	4,500	4,500	\$ 4,500	4,500
	<b>\$ 246,043</b>	<b>\$ 263,865</b>	<b>\$ 256,517</b>	<b>\$ 263,317</b>	<b>\$ 265,172</b>	<b>\$ 272,082</b>	<b>274,050</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>							
Administrative Expenses							
Contractor Fees	\$ 58,848	\$ 65,105	\$ 68,000	\$ 70,040	\$ 72,141	\$ 74,305	76,535
communication allowance	2,547	2,547	2,712	2,793	2,877	2,963	3,052
Travel Expenses	5,000	6,124	6,308	6,497	6,692	6,893	7,099
Director Expenses							
per diem allowance	9,000	11,800	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
Travel Expenses	3,000	3,521	3,697	3,882	4,076	4,280	4,494
Meals	1,500	1,073	1,545	1,105	1,591	1,138	1,639
Convention	120,000	129,550	135,000	135,000	135,000	140,000	140,000
Donation	1,000	1,321	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Education (net)	5,000	5,179	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Executive Workshops (Retreat)	2,500	7,086	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Gifts	500	-	500	500	500	500	500
Interest and Bank Charges	250	790	250	250	250	250	250
Insurance	2,363	2,350	2,410	2,458	2,508	2,558	2,609
Office Expenses	2,040	2,250	2,081	2,122	2,165	2,208	2,252
Provincial Liaison/Meetings	2,000	-	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,300	3,300
Youth Initiative at UBCM	2,500	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Other	500	442	500	500	500	500	500
Accounting/Legal fees	6,798	6,488	7,002	7,212	7,428	7,651	7,881
Website	3,000	3,101	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	<b>\$ 228,346</b>	<b>\$ 253,727</b>	<b>\$ 256,505</b>	<b>\$ 258,860</b>	<b>\$ 262,228</b>	<b>\$ 270,047</b>	<b>273,611</b>
<b>Net Revenues (Expenditures)</b>	<b>\$ 17,697</b>	<b>\$ 10,138</b>	<b>\$ 12</b>	<b>\$ 4,457</b>	<b>\$ 2,944</b>	<b>\$ 2,035</b>	<b>438</b>

# 2024 SILGA Nominating Committee Report



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.



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:**

Aimee Grice, Town of Oliver will be Past President.  
(Elect one each)

President	Councillor L. Wallace Richmond	City of Salmon Arm
1st Vice-President	Councillor Bill Sarai	City of Kamloops
2nd Vice-President	Councillor Tasha Da Silva	City of West Kelowna

**For Directors At Large:**

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

Spencer Coyne	Mayor	Town of Princeton
Rolf de Bruin	Councillor	District of Lillooet
Adam Etchart	Councillor	City of Merritt
Isaac Gilbert	Councillor	City of Penticton
Gordon Lovegrove	Councillor	City of Kelowna
Ward Stamer	Mayor	District of Barriere
Keith Thom	Councillor	District of Peachland
Tricia Thorpe	Director	Thompson Nicola RD

*Nominated for:*  
**President**

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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 a recently retired 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 third 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 June 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:*

**1st Vice President**

2024 SILGA

AGM



**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 34 years and I raised our 3 kids and are now enjoying grandparenthood to our 2 grandchildren.

*Nominated for:*  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President**

**2024 SILGA  
AGM**



**Tasha Da Silva**  
City of West  
Kelowna

With a profound dedication to community betterment and a history of collaborative leadership, I offer myself as a nominee for the position of 2nd President of the Southern Interior Local Government Association.

As a champion of initiatives promoting regional prosperity and sustainability, I offer fresh perspectives and a dedication to inclusive decision-making. My passion for effective policy making equips me to provide valuable insights and foster meaningful dialogue.

I'm committed to advancing the collective interests of our diverse municipalities, ensuring our voices are heard at every level of government.

I am currently involved with the following boards and associations:

- Okanagan Regional Library Board - Policy & Planning, Strategic Planning + Personnel Committees 2023/2024
- SILGA - Director at Large in 2023
- West Kelowna Economic Development Corporation - Director 2024
- Glenrosa Resident Association - Past President & Director / Current Member
- West Kelowna Daybreak Rotary- Member since 2022
- Accelerate Okanagan - Member since 2016
- Greater Westside Board of Trade - Member since 2012

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve and thank you for considering my nomination. I'm eager to contribute to our shared goals.

*Nominated for:  
Director at Large*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**Mayor  
Spencer Coyne**  
Town of Princeton

Spencer is running for a third term in the role of Director at Large with the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA).

He holds a firm conviction that local governance is the most impactful and efficient form of administration, asserting that the decisions and activities undertaken at this level have a profound and direct effect on the populace. His advocacy for regional collaboration and partnership underpins his decision to seek re-election as Director at Large.

In his capacity as the Mayor of Princeton, Spencer presides over the Vermilion Forks Community Forest Corporation, a collaborative initiative between the Town of Princeton, the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen, and the Upper Similkameen Indian Band. Additionally, he is a member of the Similkameen Valley Planning Society, an economic development coalition comprising the Town of Princeton, the Village of Keremeos, the Lower Similkameen Indian Band, and RDOS electoral Areas B, G, and H. Spencer is dedicated to fostering these partnerships to drive prosperity throughout the Similkameen Valley for its residents. Moreover, as the Vice-Chair of the Regional District Okanagan-Similkameen, he collaborates closely with other area representatives and member municipalities to enhance not only his community but also the region at large.

As a father of three children, ages three, eleven, and fourteen, Spencer's motivation to re-engage in political service after a thirteen-year break is deeply rooted in his commitment to securing a promising future for the next generation.

Spencer is a staunch advocate for the principle that regional cooperation amplifies our collective strength and that a unified approach significantly enhances our ability to influence and enact positive change.

*Nominated for:  
Director at Large*

2024 SILGA  
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**Councillor**  
**Rolf de Bruin**  
District of Lillooet

Rolf de Bruin, elected as Councillor of the District of Lillooet in 2022, is seeking the position of Director At Large at SILGA.

Moving to Canada with his family in 2009, Rolf, alongside his wife, established Fort Berens Estate Winery, Lillooet's first winery. Lured by the town's breathtaking landscape, welcoming community, and small-town vibe, they've rooted themselves, with their children attending Lillooet Secondary School. Over the past twelve years, Rolf has provided leadership at the winery, leading a talented team with inspiration and tenacity.

A dedicated community member, Rolf actively served on various boards, contributing to the accomplishments of organizations like the Agricultural Advisory Committee of the SLRD, Lillooet Agricultural and Food Society, Lillooet & District Chamber of Commerce, Tourism Lillooet, and Lillooet & District Historical Society.

Before venturing into winemaking, Rolf served as the Financial Manager for the Mount Currie Indian Band. This role exposed him to the rich history of First Nations, their connection to the land, and the enduring challenges they face. Inspired by the opportunity to contribute to rebuilding a nation, Rolf remains deeply engaged in community initiatives.

With a career dedicated to improving decision-making, Rolf spent a decade as a management consultant, assisting businesses in enhancing their choices by providing better information on costs, revenues, and performance. His commitment lies in reducing uncertainty to enable better-informed decisions, recognizing that having all information is rare but having sufficient data is key.

*Nominated for:  
Director at Large*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**Councillor  
Adam Etchart**  
City of Merritt

City of Merritt Councillor Adam Etchart has a 25-year history of working in community service and as a commercial and private insurance agent. As a long-term resident, community volunteer and businessperson, Adam has developed a reputation for trust, integrity, and transparency. Passionate about his community and with a track record for making a difference, he easily won his seat on the municipal council in 2018 and was the only incumbent to be awarded a second term in 2022.

Continuing his tradition of community service, Councillor Etchart serves on the Phalen Seniors Society Board, acts as liaison with the Nicola Valley Community Arts Council and Nicola Valley Museum and Archives Association, and volunteers with Merritt's Emergency Support Services. In previous years, he also served on the board of the local food bank, in addition to a long and ongoing history of supporting the Knights of Columbus' charity events, among others.

As City Councillor, Adam also serves on the Policy Review Committee, the Finance and Police Committee, the Interior Health Advisory Board, and as an alternate on the Thompson-Nicola Regional District's Board of Directors.

Adam's contribution to the community is immeasurable. In addition to providing a clear and compassionate perspective on council, he has been integral in bringing much-needed funding to the community, totalling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

In 2025, the City of Merritt will be hosting the Southern Interior Local Government Association's (SILGA) annual convention and Adam will be a member of the convention committee.



*Nominated for:  
Director at Large*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**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*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**Councillor**  
**Gord Lovegrove**  
City of Kelowna

Gord Lovegrove was appointed as a SILGA Director at Large in 2023. Lovegrove was elected to Kelowna City Council in 2022 and has been appointed to several Boards and Committees, including:

- Regional District of Central Okanagan,
- Bio-solids Advisory Committee,
- Southern Interior Municipal Employers' Association,
- Okanagan Basin Water Board (RDCO appointment), and
- Sterile Insect Release Board (RDCO appointment).

A professional civil engineer by trade, Gord has worked in several local governments across BC, including Vancouver, Langley, Kelowna, and the UBC Vancouver campus. Currently he is a Professor at the UBC Okanagan School of Engineering, which he helped start in 2005. Dr Lovegrove was one of the engineers responsible for the design and launch of the UBC Student U-Pass program, which resulted in a 300% increase in transit ridership and a reduction of over 10,000 tonnes of annual GHG emissions.

Lovegrove has also served on a range of service-based community organizations including the UBC Senate, Kelowna Gospel Mission, Fresh Outlook Foundation, Safe Routes to School, BC Cycling Coalition, and the Provincial Safer Roads & Communities Committee. Gord was also Canada's first departmental science advisor to the Deputy Ministers of Transport Canada and Infrastructure Canada, and he also served on the federal Environment & Climate Change Canada Committee developing the Federal Climate Action 2050 Plan.

His background is in 'SMARTer Growth', or, sustainable community systems development, including land use (cohousing, net zero buildings, walkable neighborhoods) and transportation (walking, wheeling, bussing, and electric, hydrogen-powered, inter-city passenger tram-trains). He has written several books, and served as an expert witness and internationally recognized consultant on improving the ways we manage growth in a way that sustains our quality of life without compromising carrying capacity. In his free time, he loves to stroll, run, bike, and swim along the shores of Okanagan Lake where he and his wife Karen live with their cat Simba.

*Nominated for:  
Director at Large*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**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've enjoyed being a Director at Large for the past year and with your support would appreciate the opportunity to continue to represent all of SILGA on your executive board.

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

*Nominated for:  
Director at Large*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**Councillor  
Keith Thom**  
District of Peachland

I have had 4 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*

2024 SILGA  
AGM



**Director**  
**Tricia Thorpe**  
Thompson Nicola RD

Tricia Thorpe is a wife, mother, retired financial planner, hobby farm owner and community advocate. She is currently serving in her first term as Director for Area I (Blue Sky Country) of the Thompson Nicola Regional District. Tricia is seeking your support for the position of Director at Large to continue her passion for advocacy within the Southern Interior.

Born in Rossland, British Columbia, Tricia spent her early years growing up on her family's cattle ranch before moving to the Shuswap area as a teenager. She raised her four children in the Lower Mainland and during this time she worked for several major financial institutions while volunteering on many boards including her housing cooperative. She holds designations in both personal financial planning and a business development program for bankers.

She and her husband reside on a small acreage outside the Village of Lytton, where he is a 4th generation resident. Sadly, during the 2021 Lytton Creek Wildfire they lost their home and hobby farm. Their community lost all significant structures including their health care facility, ambulance station, grocery store and police station. Tricia took this misfortune and her personal experiences from this and became a strong voice for rural residents. Tricia firmly believes that communication and collaboration between all levels of government is a vital element to combatting major issues in the province including climate change, housing, and healthcare.

Over the past few years Tricia has become a well-known advocate for taking a proactive and mitigative approach to disasters such as wildfire and floods. This has involved becoming a champion for TLKemchEEN Firesmart Committee, many interviews and sharing her experiences in navigating life after the effects of climate change. Additionally, Tricia currently volunteers for Gold Country Tourism, Historic Hat Creek Ranch, 2 Health Planning Tables and an Unmet Needs committee. In her role as Director for the TNRD, Tricia sits on the Finance Committee, Utilities Committee, Policy Committee, Electoral Area Director's Committee and the Regional Hospital Board.

Thank you for your consideration.



## **SILGA ANNUAL MEETING**

### **RESOLUTION RULES AND PROCEDURES**

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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]



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## 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. This speaker will have two minutes to address the assembly. 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. Subsequent speakers will have one minute 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, 10<sup>th</sup> Edition)

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7.9 Scrutineers shall be appointed by the President, and it shall be among the duties of such Scrutineers to count the votes, or verify the votes, or both, on such ballots and declare the result of such elections to the Chair of the Nominating Committee who shall report the results of the elections to the Convention. In the case of a ballot vote being held for the seven positions of Director at Large, all ballots marked for more than the number to be elected, subject to subsection 7.11 and 7.12 below, shall be counted as spoiled ballots.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**(4) TITLE: SILGA Bylaw on Resolution Voting (Section 11.3)**

**Sponsor: SILGA**

WHEREAS current standing votes can take time and may not be completely accurate, and

WHEREAS electronic means have the capacity to determine the outcome of voting quickly and accurately;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 11.3 of the SILGA Constitution and Bylaws be changed as follows:

Voting on ordinary resolutions shall be by show of voting card or by electronic means, as determined by the Chair and the Chair's decision as to whether a motion is won or lost shall be final.

In cases where the number of votes for or against a motion is difficult to discern using a show of voting cards, the Chair may at their discretion call for a vote using electronic means. The results of a vote using electronic means are final.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

**(5) TITLE: Funding for Rural and Remote Volunteer Fire Department First Responder Programs**

**SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

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 Recommendation: Endorse but with comments**

Committee comments: As BC Ambulance is not adequately funded in rural areas by the Province, it means that Volunteer Fire Departments are now doing the job of ambulance attendants for medical callouts and highway accidents.

**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 (2023-EB4, 2023-EB5, 2023-EB6, 2022-NR2, 2019-SR3, 2019-B11, 2018-B141, 2014-A2, 2012-A6, 2009-B14, 2004-B26).*

**(6) TITLE: Complex Care Facilities**

**SPONSOR: City of Penticton and Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

Whereas the toxic drug crisis continues to surge across the province and the lasting effects of overdose can potentially lead to acquired brain injury which can include organ failure, nerve damage, paralysis, memory loss, mental disorientation, diminished motor skills, reduced physical and cognitive functioning, and behavioural changes;

And whereas communities across the province are implementing many initiatives in support of all residents' safety and wellbeing such as Public Safety and Social Development Frameworks;

And whereas the Province has developed a complex care framework that acknowledges the growing number of people in our communities who require housing and have overlapping health, mental health, trauma and acquired brain injuries; yet there are no established timelines and residents continue to suffer in the interim;

Whereas the Province has appointed Health Authorities as the lead for plan implementation:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the Province provides immediate and clear instruction to Health Authorities, inclusive of timelines and funding, to prioritize implementation of complex care facilities and the integration of complex care supports in existing or new facilities.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not specifically asked the Province to provide immediate and clear instruction to Health Authorities, inclusive of timelines and funding, to prioritize implementation of complex care facilities and the integration of complex care supports in existing or new facilities.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2023-SR3, 2023-EB1, 2021-NR44, 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).

**(7) TITLE: Food Accessibility and Affordability**

**SPONSOR: City of Revelstoke**

Whereas it is vital for BC residents to have access to affordable, healthy food;

And whereas food inflation has increased prices so much that many more individuals and households have been forced to use food supports in their communities which puts severe pressure on local food banks;

And whereas subsidized housing is calculated based on household total gross income, yet food costs have no mechanism for reduction based on income levels:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to establish a framework for a multi-year funding model to support a food security system with tiered pricing to alleviate the increased pressure on Food Banks emergency food support(s) programs.

**SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse**

Comments: Food is based on free market pricing and it is very difficult to ask people what they earn. And would it be accurate anyway?

**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 establish a framework for a multi-year funding model to support a food security system with tiered pricing to alleviate the increased pressure on Food Banks emergency food support(s) programs.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling on the Province to ensure food security for British Columbians (2023-NR48, 2023-NR61, 2022-NR8, 2021-EB70, 2020-EB78, 2019-B66, 2011-B100, 2011-B101, 2014-A3).*

**(8) TITLE: Resolving the Toxic Drug Crisis**

**SPONSOR: City of Kamloops**

Whereas it has been eight years since the declaration of the toxic drug crisis as a public health emergency;

And whereas local governments need their provincial partners to move from reaction to action by developing and implementing a holistic plan that brings into balance all four pillars: prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery, and enforcement:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province develop, implement and fund equally a balanced holistic plan, based on these four pillars (prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery, and enforcement) for resolving the toxic drug crisis.

**SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation**

**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 develop and implement a balanced holistic plan, based on these four pillars (prevention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery, and enforcement) for resolving the toxic drug crisis.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province (2023-SR3, 2023-EB1, 2021-NR44, 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).*

**Kamloops comments:**

This resolution is pinpointing that the three pillars that are not being resourced and funded the same level as the Harm Reduction pillar.

## **(9) TITLE: Impact on Local Government from the Decriminalization of Drugs in BC**

**SPONSOR: City of Merritt**

Whereas the Province of BC was granted an exemption under the *Controlled Drugs and Substances Act* for the personal possession of small amounts of certain illegal drugs for a trial period beginning January 31, 2023 until January 31, 2026;

And whereas communities have seen increased pressure on RCMP and first responders since the implementation of the decriminalization pilot program;

And whereas no statistics or reporting dashboard has been provided to support the continuation of the program or demonstrate the decrease in harm associated with decriminalizing the possession of small amounts of illegal substances:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to create a workable dashboard which reports statistics of the impact decriminalization has had on reducing the harm of criminalization and demonstrates whether the continuation of the pilot program is of benefit to communities.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**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 Minister of Mental Health and Addictions to create a workable dashboard which reports statistics of the impact decriminalization has had on reducing the harm of criminalization and demonstrates whether the continuation of the pilot program is of benefit to communities.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions in support of decriminalization (2023-SR3, 2021-NR44); sought legislation to regulate the possession and use of illicit drugs in specific areas (2023-SR4) and have called on the provincial government to provide improved resourcing and facilities for mental health and addictions services throughout the province: (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).*

## HOUSING

**(10) TITLE: BC Homeowners Solar Power Incentive Program**

**SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

Whereas meeting the need for additional power sources in BC with industrial scale wind and solar installations is expensive, potentially damaging to environmentally sensitive land, and insufficient;

And whereas private solar installations would reduce these negative economic and environmental impacts;

And whereas solar installation is costly and often beyond the financial ability of many property owners:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province create a Provincial Solar Power Rebate Program for homeowners.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has supported resolutions seeking financial incentives and support for residential solar power, including:*

- *2022-NR18 which asked for financial incentives, including increased feed-in-tariffs, for home and building owners to install solar (photovoltaic) panels and solar hot water systems;*
- *2018-B58 which asked the provincial and federal governments for support for the development of alternative home heating products that are more affordable to consumers, yet sensitive to environmental sustainability targets; and*
- *2009-B166 (Executive endorsed) which asked the Province to provide incentives to encourage new construction to be pre-plumbed and pre-wired for future solar panels or other alternative energy installations.*

*More generally, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling for provincial assistance and programs to support and incent energy retrofits of buildings to, in-part, help lower GHG emissions (2019-B152, 2018-B31, 2014-B28, 2014-B64, 2012-B25).*

**(11) TITLE: Residential Tenancy Act Review**

**SPONSOR: District of Sicamous**

Whereas British Columbia is in a housing crisis and the *Residential Tenancy Act* is intended to provide a fair balance between the right of tenants to safe and secure affordable housing and the right of landlords to maintain their property and see a return on their investment;

And whereas the current *Residential Tenancy Act* was enacted in 2004 and the last comprehensive review was completed over 20 years ago (2001-2002), and there is no indication from the Province that a new review will be conducted;

And whereas the Province is investing \$15 million over three years to hire and train more Residential Tenancy Branch staff and the Province reports a growing caseload for adjudicating disputes between renters and landlords:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of British Columbia to conduct a formal review of the *Residential Tenancy Act* that includes meaningful consultation with stakeholders and considers tenancy legislation enacted in other Canadian jurisdictions.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2014-B51 which asked the Province “to initiate a complete review of the Residential Tenancy Act in order to address gaps within the legislation which adversely impact both landlords and tenants.”*

*The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed some resolutions seeking a review of the Residential Tenancy Act to address a variety of issues (2020-EB84, 2019-B182, 2017-B120, 2017-B126, 2016-B121).*

*The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking additional resources for Residential Tenancy Branch, including:*

- *2023-EB17 which asked, in part, for adequate resourcing of the Residential Tenancy Branch (RTB); and*
- *2022-NR12 which asked, in part, to provide the RTB with additional resources to ensure timely support for adjudication, as well as tracking of health related concerns.*

**(12) TITLE: Increased Funding for the Implementation of New Provincial Housing Development Requirements**

**SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

Whereas the Province provided funding in January 2024 for local governments to implement the requirements of new housing legislation;

And whereas the actual expected costs of implementation have been estimated by multiple local government speakers at the UBCM Housing Summit to be two to three times the amount of the provided funding:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request of the provincial government that the initial funding to support the implementation of new housing development requirements be increased to reflect actual costs.

**SILGA Recommendation: No recommendation**

**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 increase the initial funding to support the implementation of new housing development requirements to reflect actual costs.*

### **(13) TITLE: Cold Weather Shelters**

**SPONSOR: City of Kamloops**

Whereas the BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC) reports people at risk of hypothermia include:

- People experiencing homelessness (persons who are unsheltered, unhoused, or living in places not fit for human habitation)
- People who use substances, including alcohol, that modify their ability to feel the effects of cold exposure or to respond or modify their responses to cold conditions
- People who spend long hours outside for work or recreation
- People with disabilities, limited mobility, certain medical conditions such as diabetes, peripheral neuropathy, and diseases affecting blood vessels and people taking certain medications
- Older people (over 60 years of age), infants and young children;

And whereas the BCCDC has established guidelines to open cold weather shelters when temperatures drop below 0° C or enacted at higher degrees when the weather forecast includes wet, snowy, or windy conditions as recommended by the BC Health Effects Anomalous Temperatures (HEAT) Committee's cold-weather response:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to standardize the opening of cold weather shelters throughout the province based on the recommendations from the BC Health Effects Anomalous Temperatures (HEAT) Committee's cold-weather response.

**SILGA Recommendation: Not endorsed**

Comments: Each community should be allowed to determine their threshold.

**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 standardize the opening of cold weather shelters throughout the province based on the recommendations from the BC Health Effects Anomalous Temperatures (HEAT) Committee's cold-weather response.*

*However, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed several resolutions that asked the Province to provide funding for, and work with local governments, to open extreme weather response shelters and warming and cooling centers (2023-EB18, 2022-EB11, 2021-EB73, 2012-B94).*

*The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial and federal governments to develop a national housing strategy and complementary provincial housing strategy as part of a comprehensive plan to address homelessness (2022-NR64, 2020-NR70, 2017-B52, 2016-B45, 2015-B14, 2015-B45, 2015-B46, 2015-B108, 2015-B109, 2013-B54, 2009-C28, 2008-A3, 2007-B58, 2007-B109). As well, the UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2021-LR5.*

*The provincial government's website offers a list of expenses and their eligibility for reimbursement during an extreme weather emergencies:*

*[https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/policies/514\\_eligibility\\_assessment\\_addendum.pdf](https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/public-safety-and-emergency-services/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/embc/policies/514_eligibility_assessment_addendum.pdf)*

**(14) TITLE: One Hectare Limit for Septic Services**

**SPONSOR: District of Summerland**

Whereas British Columbia is facing a housing crisis and part of the reason for the housing crisis is lack of developable land;

And whereas additional land for housing could be available but for the requirement of a minimum of one hectare of land for the installation of a septic field;

And whereas this one hectare minimum is an arbitrary rule which is in no way related to the ability of a location to support a septic system:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the government of British Columbia to review and implement a new policy concerning where septic fields may be located based on scientific research and factual evidence in harmony with the 2014 Sewerage System Standard Practice Manual and the professional reliance model.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Amend TBIR to read:** Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the government of British Columbia to review and implement a new policy concerning where septic fields may be located.

Comments: Communities need to be aware of the current capital grant funding policy for expansion of community sewer in an area historically serviced by septic.

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Not Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2023-NR17 which asked the Province to amend the 1.0 hectare policy/guideline to allow for additional housing on small holding properties with suitable septic systems.*

*The Committee notes that the provincial government originally introduced the 1.0 hectare policy to end the subdivision of small parcels of land that relied strictly on septic fields as the means of waste disposal. The Province identified one hectare as being the minimum parcel size upon which a septic field for a single residential use should be utilized.*

*The Committee also notes that during the 2000's UBCM was a part of a committee that explored servicing issues, at which time concerns were raised regarding the need to ensure that if land was to be developed with septic systems, it should be done in a way to ensure that septic systems are viable as long term solutions due to the high costs of bringing in community sewer at a later date.*

*The Committee further notes that the 1.0 hectare policy is required to be eligible to receive a capital grant that is used to provide community sewer to an area historically serviced by septic. If local governments choose to not implement a 1.0 hectare policy, they have that ability, but they will not be eligible for funding from the Province.*

## COMMUNITY SAFETY

**(15) TITLE: Bylaw Offence Notice Limits**

**SPONSOR: District of Summerland**

Whereas the *Community Charter* Bylaw Enforcement Ticket Regulation has been amended to increase maximum Municipal Ticket Information (MTI) fine amounts from \$1,000 to \$3,000, but the maximum fine amount for Bylaw Offence Notices (BON) under the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* remains at \$500, which is inconsistent with inflation rates and is not enough of a financial disincentive for many bylaw infractions, especially for short-term rentals;

And whereas BONs are more commonly used for bylaw enforcement as they require less evidentiary and administrative work than MTIs and can be disputed through a neutral adjudication process rather than tying up the court system:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to increase the maximum penalty for Bylaw Offence Notices and amend the *Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act* accordingly.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership previously endorsed resolution 2016-B84 which sought an increase to the maximum penalty provided under the Local Government Bylaw Notice Enforcement Act from \$500 to \$1,000.*

*UBCM has raised the need to increase the bylaw adjudication maximum fine amount with the provincial government on numerous occasions. To this point, the Province has been unwilling to meaningfully consider this change, despite overseeing the increase of certain costs associated with the adjudication process.*

**(16) TITLE: Intersection Safety Cameras**

**SPONSOR: District of Lake Country**

Whereas intersection safety is a matter of paramount importance for the well-being and security of for the residents and visitors in British Columbia;

And whereas intersection safety cameras have been proven to reduce the incidents of traffic violations, collisions, and fatalities at high-risk intersections across various jurisdictions;

And whereas several local governments across British Columbia have expressed the desire to install intersection safety cameras at key intersections to enhance road safety and reduce traffic related incidents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM supports the installation of intersection safety cameras at the request of local governments in BC;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to provide the necessary funding and resources to facilitate the installation, maintenance, and operation of intersection safety cameras in local governments that request them.

***SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking that UBCM support the installation of intersection safety cameras at the request of local governments; and, that the Province provide the necessary funding and resources to facilitate the installation, maintenance and operation of intersection safety cameras in local governments that request their installation.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions (2023-EB25, 2019-B8, 2017-B90) asking the Province to permit local governments to independently implement traffic enforcement cameras on local roads at the local government's expense. These resolutions did not contemplate how revenue would be managed. As part of its response to resolution 2023-EB25, the Province stated that it does not intend to expand the Intersection Safety Camera program.*



*The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed additional resolutions seeking the usage of traffic enforcement cameras, including:*

- *2018-B103 which asked the Province to pilot average-speed-over-distance technology at one or more suitable locations in BC, including but not limited to the Sea-to-Sky Highway 99 at Lions Bay, the Malahat Highway 1 or the Coquihalla Highway 5;*
- *2013-B91 which asked the Province to amend legislation to permit the use of speed cameras in school and playground traffic zones, with fine revenue to be shared on a negotiated basis between local governments; and*
- *2011-B84 which asked the Province to allow for intersection safety cameras to be installed at crash-prone locations where marked crosswalks are absent.*

**(17) TITLE: Priority of Post Wildfire Debris Cleanup in Riparian Areas**

**SPONSOR: Squamish Lillooet Regional District**

Whereas BC has experienced unprecedented wildfire activity resulting in significant detrimental and toxic environmental impacts, especially within riparian areas;

And whereas many homeowners who have been impacted by wildfires are unable to afford the expensive assessments due to financial constraints thereby not proceeding with cleanup on their properties;

And whereas the lack of a timely and flexible Riparian Area Protection Regulation (RAPR) permit process has not only hindered legitimate cleanup efforts but has also given rise to an increase in reports of illegal dumping causing additional environmental harm;

And whereas the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship was responsive to developing an expedited and flexible assessment process for wildfire debris cleanup:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship to prioritize the development and implementation of an expedited process for cleaning up wildfire debris in riparian areas and develop clear policy guidelines to support the post-wildfire debris cleanup in riparian areas in preparation for future wildfires.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking to prioritize the development and implementation of an expedited process for cleaning up wildfire debris in riparian areas and develop clear policy guidelines to support the post-wildfire debris cleanup in riparian areas in preparation for future wildfires.*

*However, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking provincial support and funding for carrying out wildfire mitigation activities (2023-EB28, 2020-EB12, 2019-B13, 2019-B91, 2019-B92, 2018-B22, 2018-B97, 2018-B100, 2015-B5, 2012-B114).*

**(18) TITLE: Provincial Support for Rebuilding Following Disasters**

**SPONSOR: Thompson Nicola Regional District**

Whereas the Province of BC faces the worsening effects of climate change, the disasters resulting from which impact more residents and properties with each year;

And whereas many residents and properties impacted by wildfire and flooding are located within regional districts;

And whereas disasters do not recognize jurisdictional boundaries (as was the case with Lytton Creek wildfire):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to commit to ensuring that in the case of disasters such as wildfire and flooding, all of those who are impacted - regardless of jurisdictional boundaries - receive the same access to, and level of, support as they rebuild their homes, businesses, and lives.

***SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***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 commit to ensuring that in the case of disasters such as wildfire and flooding, all of those who are impacted - regardless of jurisdictional boundaries - receive the same access to, and level of, support as they rebuild their homes, businesses, and lives.*

## ENVIRONMENT

**(19) TITLE: Non-Compliant and Illegal Buoys**

**SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap Regional District**

Whereas many BC local governments continue to experience an ongoing significant proliferation of non-compliant and illegal buoys on our lakes, which has led to an untenable enforcement and public safety situation as well as diminished environmental and fisheries values;

And whereas both the Province of BC and Government of Canada have a shared jurisdictional authority and responsibility regarding enforcement and removal of these structures because

- the buoys are placed on Crown lands (being anchored to the lake bottom),
- the landowners are using Crown lands for exclusive ongoing use without tenure; and
- the buoy float and its placement/adjacency on the water to other buoys and structures is regulated by Transport Canada:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial and federal governments to utilize their enforcement powers and authorities to remove non-compliant and illegal buoys which are in trespass on

Crown lands, through a multijurisdictional project between the Province of BC, Government of Canada, and impacted local governments.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has previously endorsed resolutions (2017-B68 and 2009-B173) requesting the provincial and federal governments remove unsafe, unsightly and hazardous objects (buoys, docks, boats and other structures) from waterways. In particular, resolution 2017-B68 requests that buoys on lakes and rivers that have been illegally placed be removed by Transport Canada.*

**Note: Resolutions /20/21/22 will be voted as a block**

**(20) TITLE: Federal Funding for BC's Invasive Mussel Defence Program**

**SPONSOR: District of Sicamous**

Whereas invasive mussels represent one of the biggest national and regional transboundary threats to our waterways;

And whereas the threat of invasive mussels has dramatically increased with Idaho announcing quagga mussels were detected in the Snake River, a tributary of the Columbia River and less than a day's drive to the BC and Alberta borders;

And whereas none of the \$750 million allocated to the Canada Water Agency addresses this threat or supports existing gaps in BC's Invasive Mussel Defence Program, including the need for additional watercraft inspection stations;

And whereas the Province of BC allocates over \$1 million a year to the Invasive Mussel Defence Program, and it would only take \$4 million a year to protect the Canadian Columbia Basin, the Fraser Basin, Peace Region and other major western river systems:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) lobby the Government of Canada to protect our waterways by allocating and matching the provincial funding for BC's Invasive Mussel Defence Program.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported numerous resolutions seeking increased funding, support and enforcement from the provincial and federal governments to address invasive mussels (2023-EB36, 2021-EB26, 2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2).*

**(21) TITLE: Funding Increase for Invasive Mussel Defense Program**

**SPONSOR: City of Salmon Arm**

Whereas it is widely acknowledged that the infiltration of invasive mussels in British Columbia waterways would have catastrophic environmental and economic impacts on local governments;

And whereas the primary mechanism for invasive mussels entering the province is on or in watercraft:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to increase funding for the Invasive Mussel Defense Program, introduce supportive legislation and update the Early Detection, Rapid Response Plan;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Province of British Columbia to work with the Government of Canada to support these efforts to prevent invasive mussel infestation in BC waterways by allocating significant, long-term funding.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported numerous resolutions seeking increased funding, support and enforcement from the provincial and federal governments to address invasive mussels (2023-EB36, 2021-EB26, 2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2).*

**(22) TITLE: Invasive Mussels**

**SPONSOR: City of Kelowna**

Whereas bodies of water in British Columbia are at very high risk for infestation of invasive mussels, particularly following the discovery of quagga mussels in a tributary of the Columbia River in Idaho;

And whereas an infestation of invasive mussels would cause significant economic and environmental losses, with economic losses alone estimated at \$64 million to \$129 million annually across the Province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC take action based on the Okanagan Basin Water Board's recommendations to the Ministry of Water, Lands and Resource Stewardship for invasive mussel prevention, dated September 25, 2023, including requesting the federal government enhance inspections, increasing funding and staffing for the provincial Invasive Mussel Defence Program, introducing provincial "pull-the-plug" legislation, and updating the provincial Early Detection, Rapid Response plan;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC work with the federal government to increase long-term funding and support to prevent invasive mussels from entering waterways in British Columbia.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has supported numerous resolutions seeking increased funding, support and enforcement from the provincial and federal governments to address invasive mussels (2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2).*

*The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed two resolutions addressing watercraft and invasive mussels:*

- *2023-EB36 which asked the province to 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; and*
- *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.*

**(23) TITLE: Boat Launch Fees to Fund Watercraft Inspection Stations at Boat Launches**

**SPONSOR: Village of Lumby**

Whereas the provincial government has only six permanent and two mobile watercraft inspection stations and these stations are the last point of potential inspection before a watercraft enters a body of water or waterway;

And whereas stopping at watercraft inspection station is the obligation of the individual transporting the watercraft;

And whereas the fine for failing to stop at an inspection station carries a maximum fine of \$345;

And whereas the cost to mitigate invasive zebra and quagga mussels exceeds the cost of the fine by millions of dollars:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the provincial government to establish fees at boat launches to assist with funding additional watercraft inspection stations at boat launches to prevent the spread of invasive quagga and zebra mussels.

**SILGA Recommendation: Not endorse**

*Comments: SILGA agrees that additional watercraft inspection stations are needed but don't agree with this funding model.*

**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 establish a fee at boat launches to assist with funding additional watercraft inspection stations at boat launches to prevent the spread of invasive quagga and zebra mussels.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed two resolutions addressing watercraft and invasive mussels:*

- *2023-EB36 which asked the province to 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; and*
- *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 several resolutions seeking increased funding, support and enforcement from the provincial and federal governments to address invasive mussels (2023-EB36, 2021-EB26, 2020-RB50, 2017-B27, 2016-B60, 2015-B60, 2014-B21, 2013-B76, 2012-LR2).*

#### **(24) TITLE: Produce Stickers in Composting Facilities**

##### **SPONSOR: District of Summerland**

Whereas the Government of Canada, Province of BC, and 17 regional districts, municipalities and local First Nations have together invested up to \$30 million through the Organics Infrastructure Program (OIP) to keep organic waste out of landfills and to increase organic composting capacity in BC;

And whereas the organic composting process is hindered by the difficulty of screening out non compostable plastic Price Look-Up (PLU) stickers applied to fruit and vegetable items that inevitably end up in curbside collection bins:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the governments of British Columbia and Canada to require the use of certified industrially compostable PLU stickers on all fresh produce.

##### ***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

##### ***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 provincial and federal governments to require the use of certified industrially compostable PLU stickers on all fresh produce.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2017-B111 which asked the provincial and federal governments (where applicable) to change both domestic and import regulations*

*related to food labeling to require vegetable-based ink/food safe stamps on all fruits and vegetables sold in Canada, to address the issue of the plastic, non-compostable produce stickers.*

## REGIONAL DISTRICTS

### **(25) TITLE: Allow Regional Districts to Become Taxing Authorities**

#### **SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

Whereas regional districts are not taxing authorities and not able to change the tax multipliers, unlike municipalities that are allowed to adjust to swings in assessments between residential and business classes;

And whereas municipalities are able to change the multiplier which creates a consistency in taxes from year to year, while regional districts are not;

And whereas the taxpayers within a regional district are charged by the Province a 5.25% collection fee, which for the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen is over \$900,000:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Ministry to allow regional districts, at their discretion, to become a taxing authority.

#### ***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

#### ***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation***

#### ***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolutions asking for a review and modernization of the Local Government Act, seeking more legislative authority for regional districts, including:*

- 2023-EB66 which asked the Province for a comprehensive review and modernization of the Local Government Act, during the current municipal term of office;*
- 2022-EB80 which asked the Province to further a legislative reform initiative for the purpose of comprehensively reviewing and modernizing the Local Government Act, in order to grant regional districts legislative authority in a variety of areas, [including taxation which was referenced in the whereas clause];*
- 2018-B4 which asked for a comprehensive review of the Local Government Act to ensure it meets modern needs and addresses the issue of equity between municipalities and regional districts (e.g. scope of regulatory authority, requirements for service establishment, etc.); and*
- 2015-B1 which asked the Province to act upon its commitment to modernize and harmonize the legislation governing regional districts.*

*The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2021-NR19 which asked the Province to reduce the provincial collection fee (5.25%) on rural area property taxes, so that the tax burden on the rural property owners may be reduced.*

## FINANCE

### **(26) TITLE: Grant Processing Timelines**

#### **SPONSOR: District of Summerland**

Whereas local governments are required to meet tight and firm deadlines for submissions to provincial and federal application-based grant programs;

And whereas after submitting a grant application, local governments are left to wait indefinitely due to the absence of established timelines for grant adjudication and approvals, thereby affecting local governments' ability to plan projects with certainty and financial accuracy:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM encourage the governments of British Columbia and Canada to establish and adhere to processing timelines and award decision dates for all application-based grant programs.

#### ***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

#### ***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 provincial and federal governments to establish and adhere to processing timelines and award decision dates for all application-based grant programs.*

*The Committee notes that while the Province does establish timelines for various programs under Local Government Program Services (LGPS) which is administered by UBCM, there are no set timelines for provincial/federal capital infrastructure programs.*

*The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions seeking to improve and streamline grant processes, including:*

- 2022-EB58 which asked, in part, for the provincial and federal governments to review the delivery program for application-based grant programs 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 asked that the provincial and federal governments 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 that the provincial and federal governments restructure grant programs to mirror the federal gas tax fund allocation to provide ease of access to year over year incremental funding (and remove need to expend limited staff and financial resources on grant applications and unnecessary reporting requirements).*

*Additionally, 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;
- 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.

**(27) TITLE: Servicing Agricultural Land Reserve Properties**

**SPONSOR: District of Summerland**

Whereas the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) plays a critical role in protecting and promoting food security for all British Columbians;

And whereas distances between agricultural parcels makes the cost of maintaining infrastructure to those properties disproportionately expensive and cannot be recovered from farm-class property taxes;

And whereas as a result, the cost of servicing farmland for the benefit of all British Columbians falls unfairly on residential taxpayers within agricultural communities and limits the ability of the local governments of those communities to adequately serve their residents:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the government of British Columbia to develop a reliable and consistent revenue source for local governments to adequately service their Agricultural Land Reserve lands.

***SILGA Recommendation: Not endorse***

*Comments: SILGA does not see this as a regional issue.*

***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 develop a reliable and consistent revenue source for local governments to adequately service their Agricultural Land Reserve lands.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling for increased financial support from the Province to support the viability of agricultural initiatives including funding for local governments (2019-B32, 2014-A3, 2011-B52, 2009-B89, 2008-B47).*

**(28) TITLE: Tax Restrictions for the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program**

**SPONSOR: City of Revelstoke**

Whereas local governments collect taxes through the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program (MRDT);

And whereas the current restrictions on what this money can be spent on are restrictive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to investigate expanding the eligible expenditures of the funds collected through the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program, to allow each local government to have a larger say in what projects these funds should go towards to directly support their community and impacts of tourism, allowing for better long term planning and the ability to adapt the funds to the specific needs of the community it serves.

***SILGA Recommendation: Not endorse***

*Comment: TBIR clause is not clear enough*

***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 investigate expanding the eligible expenditures of the funds collected through the Municipal and Regional District Tax Program, to allow each local government to have a larger say in what projects these funds should go towards to directly support their community and impacts of tourism, allowing for better long term planning and the ability to adapt the funds to the specific needs of the community it serves.*

*The Municipal and Regional District Tax (MRDT) was introduced in 1987, by the provincial government to provide funding for local tourism marketing, programs, and projects. The tax is intended to help grow BC revenues, visitation, and jobs, and amplify BC's tourism marketing efforts. The MRDT is an up-to three percent tax applied to sales of short-term accommodation provided in participating areas of British Columbia on behalf of municipalities, regional districts and eligible entities. Affordable housing was added as a permissible use of funds in the 2018 Provincial Budget, to help address local housing needs.*

**(29) TITLE: Resort Municipality Initiative Funding to support Local Food Banks**

**SPONSOR: City of Revelstoke**

Whereas workers in resort municipalities struggle to maintain an adequate living wage, and these community members are essential to sustaining the tourism economy in our communities;

And whereas these individuals are leaning on food banks to be able to survive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to allow Resort Municipality Initiative funds to support local Food Banks.

***SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse***

*Comment: The ask is too far outside the purpose of the Resort municipality Initiative fund.*

***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 allow Resort Municipality Initiative funds to support local Food Banks.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions calling on the Province to ensure food security for British Columbians (2023-NR48, 2023-NR61, 2022-NR8, 2021-EB70, 2020-EB78, 2019-B66, 2013-B56, 2011-B101, 2014-A3).*

*The Resort Municipality Initiative (RMI) program is managed by the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport. The program is intended to support small, tourism-based municipalities to build and diversify their tourism infrastructure, deliver exceptional visitor experiences, and incorporate sustainable tourism practices and products.*

## LAND USE

### **(30) TITLE: Funding Mechanism for Small Community Water Systems**

#### **SPONSOR: Thompson Nicola Regional District**

Whereas BC regional districts, at the direction of the Province, have assumed responsibility for many small community utility systems (water and wastewater);

And whereas small community utility systems are not sustainable if funded by user fees alone:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to establish an annual funding mechanism for small community utility systems (less than 500 connections) which matches the revenue from user fees charged by the regional district;

And be it further resolved that the Province consider using funding from Property Transfer Tax of the homes connected to the utility systems for this purpose.

#### ***SILGA Recommendation: Not endorse***

*Comment: The Province should be holding the system operators accountable for all upgrades and establishment of a reserve to fund additional costs.*

#### ***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 establish an annual funding mechanism for small community utility systems (less than 500 connections) which matches the revenue from user fees charged by the regional district; nor has the membership considered asking the Province to consider using funding from Property Transfer Tax of the homes connected to the utility systems for this purpose.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership supported two recent, identical resolutions addressing funding for small water systems, both submitted by Thompson-Nicola RD: 2023-EB47 and 2022-EB81. These resolutions asked for sustainable funding for very small water systems to ensure these systems are built, operated, and maintained in a sustainable and safe manner.*

*The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions asking the Province to share a portion of the Property Transfer Tax (PTT) with local governments to address new and aging infrastructure needs (2023-EB52, 2012-B18); and to address affordable housing and homelessness (2019-B30, 2017-B17, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23, 2004-A8).*

#### *TNRD Background*

- 1) The Province requested Regional Districts take over failing small water systems that were inadequately capitalized and lacked operational capacity - Regional Districts did that.*
- 2) The Province asked Regional Districts to implement water meters and meet current drinking water standards - Regional Districts have done that.*
- 3) The Province recommended user fees be reset to reflect the value of the utility for those connected - Regional Districts have maximized user rates.*
- 4) The Province requests Regional Districts implement 5 and 10-year capital plans to adequately fund Regional infrastructure - Regional Districts have prepared these financial reports.*

*Notwithstanding these initiatives, small water systems lack the economies of scale of municipal systems. They are remote, cannot be interconnected and are not growing at a self-supporting rate. A consequence of diminutive scale is that small systems inherently cannot build reserves to address intermittent failures, equipment obsolescence, or increasing drinking water standards. Many systems are on annual boil water advisories because financial capacity limits Regional District capability to respond. A utility capital shortfall is inevitable.*

*Regional Districts request a predictable funding mechanism to prudently address the inevitable capital shortfall. Intermittent grant funding is not a best practices approach and generally unfair to Regional District constituents not connected to these systems.*

*A Provincial Small Water Utilities Fund that matches user fee revenue, would prudently address inevitable capital deficiencies of Provincial small water systems, while prompting Regional Districts to ensure user fee rates are maximized.*

*Regional District participation in Property Purchase Tax revenues for those properties connected to the small utility, would ensure a capital reserve contribution on turnover to the future owner, whom will directly benefit from the utility connection.*

### **(31) TITLE: Provincial Watershed Security**

#### **SPONSOR: District of Lake Country**

Whereas local governments are required to provide drinking water services and most supply irrigation for agriculture to their communities and BC faces real threats to the health, security and supply of water to our rapidly growing communities over the next decade and beyond, and all BC municipalities have high growth targets to achieve;

And whereas the \$100 million announced in the BC 2023 budget to kickstart support for watershed security is insufficient to ensure adequate restoration and long-term security for drinking water, cultural heritage values, and agriculture needs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM requests the Province of BC build on their initial investment in the BC Watershed Security Fund to create a dedicated, sustainable, annual funding source that provides \$100 million annually for community-driven watershed security initiatives.

**SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation**

**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 (2023-EB37, 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 also notes, that while we have policy supporting additional provincial funding for water stewardship and security, the membership has not previously asked for an annual set amount of funding to be allocated, so we are offering No Recommendation.*

**(32) TITLE: Sustainable Forest Management Practices and Wildfires**

**SPONSOR: Columbia Shuswap Regional District**

Whereas the current forest ecosystem contains significant unnatural old growth forest, excluding Interior Cedar Hemlock and Coastal Rainforest, and experiences damage from devastating wildfires and insect epidemics;

And whereas the biodiversity and sustainability of forests in British Columbia is at risk, impacting human and wildlife health, ecosystem health, and the economy of the forest sector:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC, in conjunction with Indigenous Nations, to modernize forest management policies and regulations, update biodiversity targets, and promote environmental stewardship, which are key in creating healthy forests, reducing fire hazards, and protecting community safety and critical infrastructure;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to support education on the value of reintroducing fire plan strategies to responsibly manage fuel sources as a healthy way to maintain the forest, ungulate, bird, and amphibian populations, and protect community safety and infrastructure.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution seeking all of the items noted in the enactment clauses but most issues have been addressed separately by resolutions.*

*The Committee notes that the membership did endorse 2010-B91 which asked, in part, that the Ministry of Forests:*

*“(c) amend existing policies to ensure that the primary management goal within the wildland-urban interface should be the reduction of wildfire hazard and promotion of ecosystem health and resilience; and*

*(d) work with local governments to fund and implement a comprehensive management program based on current sound science research that protects the economic, environmental and social assets of community interface forests.”*

*The Committee also notes that members have endorsed resolutions addressing modernizing forest management policies as well as protection of ecosystem health and biodiversity, including:*

- 2023-EB55 which asked the Province to engage and consult with local governments and First Nations as it moves forward to implement the 14 recommendations within the Old Growth Review;*
- 2023-LR1 which asked the Province to defer its current land base forestry initiatives until a comprehensive inventory is conducted after the 2023 wildfire season; and*
- 2022-NR38 and 2022-NR39 both requested that the Province “develop new legislation to protect and restore biological diversity and ecosystem health, in a manner consistent with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and with the involvement of local governments, civil society groups, Indigenous and western scientific experts, and the concerned public.”*

*The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions seeking provincial support and funding for carrying out wildfire mitigation activities (2023-NR33, 2022-EB36, 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).*

## TAXATION

### **(33) TITLE: Volunteer Firefighter and Search and Rescue Members Income Tax Credit (Bill C-310)**

#### **SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

Whereas Bill C-310, an Act to amend the *Income Tax Act* (volunteer fire fighting and search and rescue volunteer tax credit), was introduced and passed first reading on December 8, 2022, sitting 144, and has since stalled;

And whereas it is becoming more and more difficult to attract and maintain volunteer firefighters and search and rescue members to rural detachments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the provincial government in supporting and requesting that Bill C-310 be expedited through the House of Commons and the Senate as an emergency situation.

#### ***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with the following amendment:***

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the provincial government in supporting and requesting that Bill C-310 be expedited through the House of Commons and the Senate.

#### ***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 support and request that federal Bill C-310 be expedited through the House of Commons and the Senate as an emergency situation.*

*However, the Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2023-NR75 which asked the Province to increase the existing tax credit for search and rescue and firefighter volunteers from \$3,000 to \$10,000.*

*The Committee also notes that the membership supported a number of resolutions that sought a tax credit for volunteer emergency responders, prior to the current credit of \$3,000 being put into place (2011-B118, 2006-B22, 2005-B15, 2004-B61).*

*The Committee further notes that a federal private member's bill proposing an increase in tax credits from \$3,000 to \$10,000 for volunteer firefighting and search and rescue volunteer services was submitted by the MP for Courtenay-Alberni. Bill C-310 received first reading at the House of Commons on December 8, 2022.*

## **TRANSPORTATION**

### **(34) TITLE: Adjustment of Funding Formula for Small Rural Transit Services**

#### **SPONSOR: Village of Ashcroft**

Whereas operational costs for the provisions of rural transit services continue to escalate in this inflationary environment;

And whereas BC Transit budget projections for existing small rural transit services appear to have a higher percentage cost increase for community partners than the Province:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to consider the unique challenges faced by small rural transit services and consider the diverse needs of these communities;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government through BC Transit adjust the funding formula for anticipated annual operational increases to a fair and equal cost-share formula between BC Transit and community partners.

#### **SILGA Recommendation:**

#### **Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

Comment: Need clarification on what is a "small rural transit service".

#### **Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2023-NR77 which asked that BC Transit's share of the expenses be increased for rural routes.*

*As well, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking provision of and funding for public transit in small, rural and remote communities (2023-EB60, 2023-*

EB61, 2023-NR75, 2020-EB17, 2018-B63, 2017-B8, 2015-B9, 2013-B15, 2012-B95, 2012-B115, 2012-C37, 2004-B55).

**(35) TITLE: Resource Roads**

**SPONSOR: City of Penticton**

Whereas several communities across the province have single or limited access/egress routes leaving them vulnerable during extreme events such as wildfire, rock slides or flooding;

And whereas some communities are required to use resource roads on an ongoing basis to remain connected;

And whereas resource roads are built for industrial purposes or access to natural resources in remote areas and the Province, or its contractors, do not maintain these to the same standards as paved public roadways:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to define standards of maintenance and construction that supports the economic continuity and connectedness of residents across the Province where these resource roads are being used as alternate commuter routes or would be used in the event of an emergency.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed resolutions asking the provincial government to identify resource roads that are essential for community access or egress, and commit to maintaining these as public roads, including:*

- review forest service roads to determine which ones are critical for the public's access/egress and develop a plan to maintain them as public roads (2020-EB22); and*
- work with communities and stakeholders to identify key resource roads no longer required for industrial use, and designate these roads as recreational roads that require provincial oversight and funding for ongoing maintenance in support of, in part, emergency uses (2017-B58).*

*The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling for provincial maintenance of resource roads so that they can be used for emergency purposes:*

- establish defined standards for construction, maintenance, and enforcement for resource roads that serve as the primary or secondary access roads for communities, funded similarly to the public highway system (2020-EB19);*
- explore by policy the ways and means and criteria to distinguish resource road classes defined as high community or public use resource roads, along with flexible, result-oriented definitions for their maintenance (2020-EB20); and*
- additional funding and improved maintenance of resource roads (2015-B74, 2010-B19, 2008-B17).*



*The Committee is aware that the Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF), a program intended to enhance the resiliency of local governments, First Nations, and communities in responding to emergencies, includes a funding stream to support the development of evacuation route plans. The Province allocated \$110 million in 2021/22 in new funding to the CEPF.*

**(36) Title: Short-Term Rental Tax Class**

**SPONSOR: City of Revelstoke**

Whereas a dwelling unit that meets the definition of a short-term rental within BC's Short-Term Rental Accommodations Act can be rented out, but places additional demands on local government infrastructure, such as water and sewer, and should pay extra tax commensurate with the additional demand;

And whereas tourist overnight accommodation uses such as motels, hotels, and resorts are classed and taxed as businesses;

Therefore be it resolved that a dwelling unit offered and used for short term rentals be assigned a tax class created specific to that use, or alternatively that a dwelling unit offered and used for short-term rentals be redefined as Class 6: Business and Other;

And be it further resolved that municipalities do not see a further commoditization of our housing industry.

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse***

Therefore be it resolved that a dwelling unit offered and used for short term rentals be assigned a tax class created specific to that use, or alternatively that a dwelling unit offered and used for short-term rentals be redefined as Class 6: Business and Other;

And be it further resolved that ~~municipalities do not see a further commoditization of our housing industry.~~ **the Province continue to explore ways to reduce commodification of housing, in consultation with local governments.**

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed two resolutions, 2020-EB45 and 2019-B34, both of which asked the Province to assign a dwelling unit (or secondary dwelling unit located on the same property), offered and used as a whole for short term rentals, to the appropriate tax class and be redefined as "Class 6: Business and Other".*

*The Committee also advises that the membership has supported resolutions supporting the use of housing as housing rather than as a commodity (e.g. 2017-A2). In addition, UBCM's 2018 Housing Strategy incorporates wide ranging recommendations relating to management of speculative demand.*

**(37) TITLE: Provincial Highway Construction and Maintenance**

**SPONSOR: Town of Princeton**

Whereas private highway contractors primarily aim to generate profit, which can lead to compromised safety and quality in highway construction and maintenance;

And whereas the essential goal of highway management should be to prioritize public safety and infrastructure integrity over financial gains;

And whereas recent evidence suggests that highways under private management are experiencing deteriorating conditions, posing risks to public safety and transportation efficiency:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call for the re-establishment of public management of highway contracts to prioritize safety, durability, and public service over private profit;

And be it further resolved that a review and transition plan be developed for existing private highway contracts, ensuring effective public sector oversight and safeguarding the rights and employment of the current workforce.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling for the re-establishment of public management of highway contracts; nor calling on the Province to develop a review and transition plan to move existing private highway contracts to public sector oversight.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolution 2016-B141, which asked the provincial government to protect the rights and employment of the current workforce by awarding highway maintenance contracts to companies that will maintain local employment and successorship rights.*

*Further, the Committee notes that the membership has supported resolutions addressing road and highway maintenance contracts and plans, including:*

- 2023-EB62 which asked 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; and*
- 2021-EB14 which asked the Ministry of Transportation, when working on arterial provincial highways, to conduct meaningful consultation with local governments and residents of all municipalities located within the highway corridor throughout the planning stages of the project and before the work has commenced.*

*The Committee also notes that the membership has 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); and*
- *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).*

## LEGISLATIVE

### **(38) TITLE: Board of Variance**

#### **SPONSOR: Regional District of Okanagan Similkameen**

Whereas local governments in British Columbia are now authorized to delegate to staff the power to issue a permit addressing a minor variance;

And whereas the delegation of minor variances was promoted as simplifying and speeding up local government development approvals processes, bypassing barriers and speeding up housing approvals to help get the homes people need built faster;

And whereas the establishment and maintenance of a Board of Variance can be an administrative burden for many smaller local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that the UBCM request of the provincial government that the *Local Government Act* be amended so the establishment of a Board of Variance by a local government is optional.

#### ***SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse***

Comments: See UBCM comments

#### ***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Not Endorse***

#### ***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership considered, but did not endorse, resolution 2012-B140 which asked the provincial government to amend the Local Government Act to allow local governments to opt out of the requirement to establish a board of variance.*

*The Committee also advises that the UBCM Executive considered, but did not endorse, referred resolution 2017-B80 which called for the elimination of boards of variance.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2018-B3 which asked the Province to review the current provisions in the Local Government Act relating to boards of variance and consider amendments to ensure that the interests of public accountability, transparency, and local democracy are upheld.*

**(39) TITLE: Bullying and Harassment by Local Elected Officials**

**SPONSOR: City of Kamloops**

Whereas there is currently no legislation in place that effectively safeguards local government staff or elected officials from bullying, harassment, and other inappropriate treatment at the hands of other local elected official;

And whereas Worksafe BC does not include local elected officials as “workers” pursuant to the *Workers Compensation Act*, thus preventing municipal or regional district staff and other members of council or the board from utilizing Worksafe BC policies, procedures, and safeguards against bullying, harassment, and other inappropriate treatment at the hands of a local elected official;

And whereas local government codes of conduct are ineffective against a local elected official who chooses to blatantly ignore and disregard council or board resolutions, including protective measures put in place to safeguard local government staff and elected officials from that local elected official;

And whereas the absence of statutory or common law authority to practically and effectively prevent a local elected official from continuing to bully, harass, and mistreat municipal or regional district staff and other members of council or the board can seriously jeopardize the mental health and safety of staff and other members of council or the board.

And whereas due to the risk of continued and unconstrained bullying and harassment of staff at the hands of local elected officials, local governments and their taxpayers face significant legal exposure arising out of the unsafe workplaces in the form of costly investigations, wrongful termination claims based on constructive dismissal law, and increased legal costs:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Government of British Columbia amend the *Workers Compensation Act* to include local elected officials in the definition of “worker” as defined in section 1 of that Act, thereby affording access to Worksafe BC’s existing policies, procedures, and safeguards against bullying, harassment, and other inappropriate treatment at the hands of a local elected official;

And be it further resolved that the Government of British Columbia adopt statutory provisions to effectively safeguard municipal or regional district staff and other members of council or the board from the ethical misconduct of local elected officials, including, without limitation, repeated bullying, harassment, and inappropriate treatment, up to and including suspension or disqualification from participation in elected office.

***SILGA Recommendation: Endorse***

Comments: Elected officials, as well as staff, should be protected by law.

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed two resolutions seeking an amendment to the Workers Compensation Act to include local government elected officials in the definition of “worker” (2021-EB2, 2014-B98). In response to 2014-B98, the Ministry of Jobs, Tourism and*

*Skills Training, and Minister Responsible for Labour indicated that it did not have plans at that time to amend the Workers Compensation Act to provide worker coverage to elected officials.*

*However, the Committee advises that the membership has not considered prior resolutions seeking suspension or disqualification for bullying by elected officials.*

*Resolutions calling for the disqualification of elected officials for serious criminal offenses have been endorsed in 2018-B83 and 2018-B84. In 2022 the Province introduced legislative amendments providing local governments with additional tools when elected officials are charged with or convicted of a criminal offense. The first amendment makes a change to the existing disqualification rules to ensure that a local elected official is disqualified at the time of conviction for an indictable offence. The second will require an elected official be put on mandatory paid leave when charged with a criminal offence until the criminal process is complete or the charges are resolved.*

*The Resolution Committee also notes that a locally elected official who has a direct or indirect pecuniary interest in a matter and contravenes the ethical standards provisions in the Community Charter may be disqualified from holding public office and sets out the procedure for applying to the Supreme Court of BC to have an elected official declared disqualified.*

**(40) TITLE: Personal and Defamatory Attacks on Local Government Leaders**

**SPONSOR: Town of Osoyoos**

Whereas local governments recognize the importance of fostering respectful and constructive dialogue within the community;

And whereas personal and defamatory attacks on local government leaders, including both senior staff and elected officials, undermine the integrity of the democratic process and create a hostile working environment;

And whereas current legislative and legal frameworks, including those of WorkSafeBC and *Workers Compensation Act*, do not provide adequate protection against such attacks, thereby hindering the ability of local government leaders to carry out their duties effectively:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate to the provincial and federal governments for legislative changes that address the issue of personal and defamatory attacks by members of the public on local government leaders;

And be it further resolved that these changes should aim to strengthen protections for local government leaders against unfounded, defamatory and malicious accusations by members of the public while also upholding principles of freedom of speech and transparency;

And be it further resolved that UBCM is encouraged to collaborate with other relevant stakeholders, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, including legal experts and advocacy groups, to develop comprehensive proposals for legislative reform.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**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 and federal governments for legislative changes that address the issue of personal and defamatory attacks by members of the public on local government leaders, while also upholding principles of freedom of speech and transparency; and that UBCM collaborate with other relevant stakeholders, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs, including legal experts and advocacy groups, to develop comprehensive proposals for legislative reform.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed three resolutions seeking assistance for local governments with matters relating to conduct, including investigation and enforcement of Codes of Conduct:*

- 2023-EB69 which asked the Province to create a shared local government ethics commissioner's office(s) to serve local governments in the efficient and effective implementation of Code of Conduct policies;*
- 2022-B77 which asked the Province to create an Office of the Municipal Ethics Commissioner within the Ministry of Municipal Affairs; and*
- 2021-2020 NR1 which asked the Province to establish an Independent Office of Integrity to serve the public, elected officials and local government officials.*

## COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**(41) TITLE: Tourism Diversification Needs**

**SPONSOR: Town of Oliver**

Whereas tourism provides great value to the provincial economy as it is one of the largest employers and largest small business generators;

And whereas the impacts of climate change have created hardship in numerous tourism destinations throughout the province;

And whereas the hardship is prolonged in rural destinations as the economy is slower to renew than in urban destinations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government provide financial investments to local governments to identify how to diversify tourism in impacted communities throughout British Columbia.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**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 provide financial investments to local governments to identify how to diversify tourism in impacted communities throughout British Columbia.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions in support tourism, including:*

- 2021-EB23 which asked the Province to fund the provincial ministries responsible for managing parks, crown lands, and recreation sites and to local governments to assist in establishing sustainable tourism policies and programs to ensure that visitor use of lands and natural resources is done in a manner that protects the natural environment in perpetuity;*
- 2020-SR7 which asked the Province to work collaboratively with UBCM to identify the health, safety, social and economic challenges facing BC communities and provide corresponding financial support that will aid local governments in the Province's overall COVID-19 recovery effort, highlighting in part, the significant revenue losses as a result of reduced tourism due to the pandemic;*
- 2018-B45 which asked the Province to provide additional funding to increase staffing, maintenance and enforcement operations in respect of existing Provincial Recreation Assets; and to investigate the development and addition of new recreation assets to the existing inventory of Provincial Recreation Assets (such that the increased number of visits may be spread over a larger inventory of Provincial Recreation Assets);*
- 2015-B66 and which asked the Province for increased funding to support Visitor Information Centres; and*
- 2011-B49 which asked the Province to provide appropriate budgets and staff to fully support the continued and sustained operation of provincial parks and related facilities and services, year-round where appropriate, thereby supporting the tourism industry and the quality of life of all British Columbians.*

#### **(42) TITLE: Economic Resiliency for Tourism-Dependent Communities**

##### **SPONSOR: District of Sicamous**

Whereas tourism is the primary industry for many rural communities in BC and these communities rely on peak travel periods during the summer months to support their local economies;

And whereas natural disasters such as wildfires and resulting smoke have an impact on travel, and enforced travel restrictions further discourage visitors from traveling to regions with active wildfires;

And whereas tourism is supported by small businesses that breathe life into local economies by creating jobs and employment opportunities, supporting local supply chains, and generating tax revenue for local governments;

And whereas the business cycle for tourism-dependent communities, is limited to a short window during the summer months, and the loss of one summer season can be detrimental to the economic vibrancy of a community:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province to:

1. Develop economic recovery supports for tourism-dependent rural communities, and

2. Consult with local governments, the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Destination BC to develop long-term economic supports that focus on building resiliency for tourism-dependent rural communities.

**SILGA Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Endorse**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to 1. Develop economic recovery supports for tourism-dependent rural communities, and 2. Consult with local governments, the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce and Destination BC to develop long-term economic supports that focus on building resiliency for tourism-dependent rural communities.*

*However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2023-LR2 which asked the provincial and federal governments to administer immediate assistance and financial aid to the commercial and industrial business sectors within the province that have been impacted by the wildfires and associated highway closures. 2023-LR2 also asked that government programs, such as Disaster Financial Assistance be expanded to acknowledge both the direct and indirect impacts of natural disasters to ensure support of affected businesses during and following natural disasters.*

*The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2017-LR4 which asked the federal and provincial governments to establish a \$1 billion recovery fund to assist BC communities, including First Nations communities, impacted by the unprecedented record-breaking wildfire season of 2017 and that this fund be called the Rural Fire Recovery Fund 2017, with the federal and provincial governments encouraged to act quickly to provide financial assistance to encourage economic recovery in all BC communities impacted by wildfires in 2017.*

*The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions addressing disaster financial assistance for local governments and for businesses, including:*

- *2019-B103 which asked the Province to review insurance practices to identify ways to better serve property owners and small businesses affected by disaster;*
- *2019-B104 which asked the Province to change the Disaster Financial Assistance program criteria relating to income requirements, eligibility, and insurance availability to better address the needs of rural British Columbia small business owners; and*
- *2019-B97 which asked the Province to work with local governments to establish policy and best practices for disaster recovery assistance and to direct all disaster recovery assistance funding to local governments.*



## ELECTIONS

### **(43) TITLE: Assent Voting Ballot Questions**

#### **SPONSOR: District of Summerland**

Whereas assent voting ballots in the form of a "yes" or "no" question can sometimes be too restrictive, create interpretation challenges, discourage compromise and polarise public debate;

And whereas alternative voting methods, including multi-option questions and ranked choices, are used in referendums elsewhere, including by the Province of BC for the 2018 referendum on electoral reform:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the government of British Columbia to amend the assent voting process under the *Local Government Act* to allow alternative ballot options beyond a binary choice.

***SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse***

***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 amend the assent voting process under the Local Government Act to allow alternative ballot options beyond a binary choice.*

## SELECTED ISSUES

### **(44) TITLE: Eliminate Fossil Fuel Funding of SILGA and UBCM**

#### **SPONSOR: City of Vernon**

Whereas burning carbon-based fuel causes climate warming with harmful socio-economic and environmental consequences; and in response Canada and BC have developed legislation, targets and incentive programs to rapidly decarbonize the economy; and local governments must assist in achieving these goals, and have developed Climate Action Plans and decarbonization programs to do so;

And whereas the fossil-fuel industry funds conventions and meetings of local government associations, which benefits the industry while the rising costs of delay are borne by governments and society:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM will no longer accept funding from the fossil-fuel industry and its lobby groups in support of conventions and meetings.

***SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse***

Comments: SILGA does not want to have to distinguish between various categories of sponsors. Pitting urban centres with limited resource based companies vs rural areas where these companies provide jobs and economic benefits. Freedom of Speech is a slippery slope. Where do you draw the line at what type

of business isn't allowed to sponsor? Disallowing fossil fuel company sponsorships may not have an impact on climate change.

**Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation**

**Resolutions Committee Comments:**

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on SILGA and UBCM to no longer accept funding from the fossil fuel industry and its lobby groups in support of conventions and meetings.*

*The Committee is aware that similar resolutions were considered at the AVICC and LMLGA Conventions in 2023, and both were not endorsed; UBCM cannot speak to the direction SILGA wishes to take on this matter.*

*The Committee would note that a resolution seeking MFA to divest from the fossil-fuel related companies and endeavours; or move forward with plans for a Socially Responsible Investment fund free from investments in fossil-fuel related companies and endeavours was not endorsed by members in 2018 (B113). Prior to the 2018 resolution, UBCM members did endorse 2016-B77 which asked MFA to create a fossil fuel free investment fund to provide local governments with an investment choice that aligns with the priorities for climate action and social responsibility.*

*The matter of corporate sponsorship from fossil fuel companies is currently being reviewed by the UBCM Executive. At the February 2024 Executive meeting, the Executive supported direction to improve transparency about sponsor contribution to the Convention revenues, including fossil fuel companies.*

*Vernon background:*

*Throughout our region we are all living with the devastating impacts of fires and floods, which are made worse by climate change. Burning fossil fuels is a major cause of climate change. Today we are all reliant on gasoline, diesel, and natural gas. However, the transition to a low or zero-carbon future is underway, led by higher levels of government in Canada and around the world. This transition will take several years, and there will be challenges to overcome along the way. The transition will be costly, but less costly than the ongoing and worsening impacts of climate change, and it will require sustained leadership from all levels of government.*

*In B.C. we have a better alternative to burning fossil fuels. BC Hydro produces much cleaner renewable electricity and has plans to accommodate the additional demand that will result from broad-based electrification. The fossil fuel industry is competing against electrification. Their best efforts to become "sustainable" will not substantially reduce their greenhouse gas emissions. Their primary objective is self-preservation, rather than helping us prepare for the future. Their messaging at our conventions promotes complacency among us. This messaging is not helpful – instead we need to be acting boldly and doing more to prepare for the electrified future.*

**(45) TITLE: Provincial Government Water Panel**

**SPONSOR: District of Lake Country**

Whereas BC faces real threats to a sustainable water supply, droughts flood and fire to name a few;

And whereas increased water supply will be necessary to accommodate the housing growth that the BC Government is mandating, and maintaining and growing the agricultural sector to feed this new population;

And whereas UBCM is the voice of the local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM strike a water panel to advocate to the provincial government on water issues pertaining to their local government members.

***SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse***

Comments: SILGA would encourage UBCM to be more engaged with member local governments on water issues.

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: Not Endorse***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking UBCM to create a water panel to advocate to the provincial government on water issues pertaining to their local government members.*

*The Committee also advises that resolution 2023-RR32 asked UBCM to establish a working committee consisting of local government, provincial, federal and First Nation members to address the future flooding disaster and to restore flood protection by completing and implementing a flood risk assessment to develop strategic flood protection for critical infrastructure and to build back resilient communities. At the 2023 Convention members chose to refer this resolution to the UBCM Executive for consideration as matters related to the establishment of UBCM Committees and UBCM appointments to external committees and working groups is the responsibility of the Executive. In the case of resolution 2023-RR32, the Executive did not endorse the request to establish a new Committee.*

*The Committee would note that water issues are currently addressed through the UBCM's Environment Committee.*

**(46) TITLE: Allocating Resources Towards Cyber Security Health and Protection of Privacy**

**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* (FOIPPA);

And whereas personal information is stored and gathered through many methods including digital technology;

And whereas local governments face major challenges with digital technology including capacity and the lack of knowledge and awareness around cyber security;

And whereas Section 69 (5) of FOIPPA legislation, which states that local governments are required to conduct Privacy Impact Assessments (PIA) on new initiatives for which no PIA has been conducted or before implementing a significant change to an existing initiative, places hardship on local governments to allocate more staff and resources to meet these requirements, along with costs of upgrades to digital technology:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM allocate additional resources to assist local governments with assessing and maintaining cyber security health by collaborating with Information Technology Professionals to produce relevant and effective Privacy Impact Assessments.

***SILGA Recommendation: Recommend with the following amendment:***

Therefore be it resolved that the **Province of BC** allocate additional resources to assist local governments with assessing and maintaining cyber security health by collaborating with Information Technology Professionals to produce relevant and effective Privacy Impact Assessments.

***Resolutions Committee Recommendation: No Recommendation***

***Resolutions Committee Comments:***

*The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking UBCM to allocate additional resources to assist local governments with assessing and maintaining cyber security health by collaborating with Information Technology Professionals to produce relevant and effective Privacy Impact Assessments.*

*As the request is in response to FOIPPA requirements that are being placed on local governments, the sponsor may wish to consider whether the request for resources and assistance should be directed to the Province, through the Ministry of Citizens Services who are responsible for the legislation, instead of UBCM.*

# Southern Interior Local Government Association

Constitution

July 2023

**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 **Basic convention registration fees of Life Members shall be waived.**
- 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 31<sup>st</sup>.
- 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 members, 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~~

In 2024 5% increase based on the existing dues

In 2025 and beyond Increased each year by the annual BC CPI calculated on December 31st of the previous year

~~\*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 (July 19, 2023)**

When in person 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, 2023)**

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

**To UBCM (October 16, 2003)**

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

**To SILGA (July 19, 2023)**

Correspondence directed to SILGA to be sent to the President immediately and then 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, 2003)**

Letters of bid for hosting a convention should be provided two (2) years 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 (July 19, 2023)**

The following individuals shall receive basic complimentary convention registrations:

- 1) Prime Minister
- 2) Life Members;
- 3) Cabinet Ministers;
- 4) Members of the Legislative Assembly;
- 5) British Columbia Members of Parliament;
- 6) 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.

7) 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.

**SILGA Executive Photograph (July 19, 2023)**

A group photograph of the SILGA Executive shall be taken annually during the Annual General Meeting or as close after as possible.

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**RE: UBCM CONVENTION**

**SILGA Luncheon Meeting (July 19, 2023)**

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. Fees for the SILGA luncheon are set and collected by UBCM.

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 (July 19, 2023)**

**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 and parking, or
  - To pay compensation for the use of private vehicles at the rate equivalent to that paid by the Province of British Columbia<sup>1</sup>,
  - 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 and parking; or
  - For private accommodation, in lieu of commercial accommodation, an allowance of \$50.00 per night may be claimed (no receipts required).
3. Per Diem Honorarium: (July 19, 2023)

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<sup>1</sup> February 23, 2005

- For all Executive and Executive Committee Meetings, an honorarium of \$150.00 per day will be paid if attending an in person meeting or \$100 for a virtual meeting.
- For the board chair or designate, when representing SILGA at non-SILGA functions an honorarium of \$150.00 per day will be paid if attending an in person meeting or \$100 for a virtual meeting. .
- For all other travel authorized by the Board an allowance of \$150.00 per day will be paid.
- For all other travel authorized by the Board, an allowance of \$75.00 per half day will be paid.<sup>2</sup>

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: (July 19, 2023)

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

Breakfast	\$25 including tips and tax
Lunch	\$35 including tips and tax
Dinner	\$50 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.

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<sup>2</sup> 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 (July 19, 2023)**

SILGA 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 (July 19, 2023)**

SILGA will pay a reasonable yearly amount for maintenance fees for the SILGA website.



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**RE: CENTENNIAL RECOGNITION OF MEMBER MUNICIPALITIES**  
**(July 19, 2023)**

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 including a certificate to the community.

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RE: **YOUTH AT UBCM POLICY (July 19, 2023)**

**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. A framework of what is expected

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

To promote youth involvement and interest in local government, SILGA will annually sponsor up to two youth to attend the UBCM convention. A call for nominations will be sent by SILGA by February 1<sup>st</sup> to all SILGA members with the youth representatives to be 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 will also join the SILGA board during their minister 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 Columbia<sup>3</sup>,
    - 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):

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3. Other Expenses:

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## 2023-24 SILGA EXECUTIVE

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# SILGA COMMITTEES

## 2023-24

<b>MEMBER SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY</b>	➤ Gord Lovegrove ➤ Keith Thom ➤ Ward Stamer
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Barb Wiebe
<b>COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Tasha Da Silva
<b>POLICY</b>	➤ Karen Cathcart ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Barb Wiebe
<b>COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS</b>	➤ Barb Wiebe ➤ Tasha Da Silva ➤ Keith Thom
<b>UBCM REP</b>	➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Alternate L Wallace Richmond
<b>UBCM YOUTH SELECTION</b>	➤ Committee of the whole
<b>2024 CONVENTION KAMLOOPS</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Tasha Da Silva
<b>FINANCE</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Ward Stamer
<b>NOMINATIONS</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond
<b>ADVOCACY</b>	➤ Committee of the whole

## PAST PRESIDENTS – SILGA/OMMA

2022-2024	Aimee Grice	Councillor	Oliver
2021-2022	Karla Kozakevich	Director	RDOS
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