

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – June 26, 2024
Oliver BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Past President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver Directors
Directors	Councillor Isaac Gilbert, Penticton Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton Councillor Stephen Karpuk, Kamloops Director Tricia Thorpe, TNRD Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna (arrived 10:45 am) Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland Councillor Adam Etchart (arrived 11:00 am) General Manager Alison Slater
Absent	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops Councillor Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace Richmond called the regular board meeting to order at 10:34 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Isaac Gilbert/Tricia Thorpe THAT:

The agenda be adopted with the following additions:

1. New business President Wallace Richmond attend UBCM July meeting.
2. AA Presidents meeting to have meeting with Premier/Municipal Affairs.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Aimee Grice/Isaac Gilbert THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held via zoom on March 15, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

OLIVER MAYOR JOHANSEN UPDATE

- Downtown Revitalization with the Station St. market. Hoping to get more residents into downtown area by having a farmer/artisan market
- Community Unity forum with Town of Osoyoos, Osoyoos Indian Band and Town of Oliver discussing governance, shared services together. This is especially helpful .with the understanding of how OIB is governed.
- July 2023 Accessibility/age friendly committee ensuring community is accessible to all residents/tourists
- Physician recruitment/retention to help deal with South Okanagan hospital closures. Focus on extended housing for health care workers.,

- Airport master plan to grow the Oliver airport
- BC Build Initiative - identifying potential sites for new builds.
- Ditch Trail - new recreation trail developed
- Have new contract position for grant writer/emergency management. So far it has paid for itself.
- New solar lights for pedestrian safety at certain intersections that were identified as concerning. Can also ask ICBC to help fund but need to do a traffic study.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Wes Routley from AKBLG Executive thanking the board and SILGA convention committee on a successful convention.
2. Kamloops Mayor letter re: Mayor Reid Hamer-Jackson is no longer authorized to speak for the will of Kamloops City Council or on behalf of the City of Kamloops.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Stephen Karpuk THAT:

The correspondence be accepted and filed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. Strategic Plan follow up
 - Send out letters to regional MLAs for meeting with SILGA Executive to continue working on establishing better relationships, working on common issues and using each other's resources to advocate for our members.
 - Continue work on website to establish a members' section where SILGA can get feedback from elected officials as well as enhancing SILGA's social media presence.
 - Contact TRU to see if a student would like to use SILGA as part of their capstone project/volunteer internship.
 - Send out a survey to find out how members want to receive communications from SILGA.
 - Continue to involve staff/CAO's on pertinent issues and educational sessions.
 - Increase newsletters to four/year and include community news in each edition.
2. Establish Sponsorship working group to determine sponsorship policy for SILGA
 - Gord Lovegrove, Keith Thom, Stephen Karpuk, Tricia Thorpe and Spencer Coyne

NEW BUSINESS

1. Louise Wallace Richmond to attend UBCM July meeting.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Gord Lovegrove THAT:

SILGA will cover expenses (flight/hotel) to for the current SILGA President to attend the July UBCM executive meeting, shadowing the former SILGA President.

CARRIED

2. Area Association Presidents have requested a meeting with Premier or Minister of Municipal Affairs at UBCM.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report

- As at May 31, 2024 SILGA had \$44,992 in the bank and \$91,606 in the MFA account.
- Interest earned was \$1,933 to date in 2024.
- Membership dues invoices went out June 5th and funds are starting to come in.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to May 31, 2024.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Tricia Thorpe that:

The financial report be received as presented.

CARRIED

2. Conventions

a) Kamloops Convention

- Financially the final numbers were very close to budget. Revenues within \$2,000 on \$210,000 and net profit within \$3,000. The \$6,200 extra expense for A/V for the opening ceremonies was the only cost outside of budget.
- Approximately 270 in attendance over the three days.
- Holding the opening ceremonies on traditional band land had never been done in local government history before. It was very well received by SILGA members and the TteS band.
- Suggestion: have coffee mugs as delegate gift for 2025
- Is a band worthwhile after the banquet? Declining dance numbers, music too loud for networking.

b) Merritt Convention

- Merritt Civic Centre has been booked for April 29th to May 2nd.
- Hotel blocks have been opened. Not enough hotel rooms offered by hotels as they kept a number for their regulars.
- Considering using Nicola Valley Institute of Technology for opening ceremonies as Merritt does not have a lot of options for such a large group.

3. 2024-25 Committees

**SILGA COMMITTEES
2024-25**

<p>MEMBER SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gord Lovegrove ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Tricia Thorpe
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	➤ Stephen Karpuk
RESOLUTIONS	➤ Isaac Gilbert ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Tricia Thorpe
COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Keith Thom ➤ Tasha Da Silva
POLICY	➤ Isaac Gilbert ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Gord Lovegrove
COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS	➤ Tricia Thorpe ➤ Stephen Karpuk ➤ Keith Thom
UBCM REP	➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Aimee Grice (alt)
UBCM YOUTH SELECTION	➤ Committee of the whole
2025 CONVENTION MERRITT	➤ Adam Etchart ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Isaac Gilbert ➤ Aimee Grice
FINANCE	➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Stephen Karpuk
NOMINATIONS	➤ Aimee Grice
HUMAN RESOURCES	➤ Spencer Coyne ➤ Aimee Grice ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Keith Thom
ADVOCACY	➤ Committee of the whole

4. Resolutions

- 35 resolutions carried, 6 defeated and one rescinded
- Resolutions sent to UBCM on May 8th
- Board focused on a number of resolutions to decide the minister meeting requests

5. UBCM Convention

a) Minister meetings:

- Municipal Affairs: A regional update on the required changes to local by-laws and OCP as a result of the zoning changes.

- Labour: WorkSafe changes re: bullying/harassment by elected officials and/or public.
 - Mental Health: complex care facilities implementation and four pillars funding
 - Transportation: resource roads and management of highway contracts.
 - Housing: Increased funding for the implementation of the new provincial housing development requirements.
- b) Hotel rooms – a number of SILGA councils/boards are not attending UBCM as the costs of hotels are prohibitive. Or they are staying in Richmond/N. Vancouver to save money.

6. Constitutional Changes from SILGA Resolutions

- Four resolutions passed at SILGA convention; constitution amended.
- Policy amendment suggestion: if a SILGA board member is running for provincial election, they should step aside from the board. Policy committee will bring back a recommendation to the next board meeting.

7. Education Sessions

- Fall session on Infrastructure Deficits – staff to investigate potential speakers
 - Green Municipal Fund
 - Changing accounting practices
 - MIABC
 - Calgary staff/former Abbotsford Mayor Henry Braun
 - Small water systems (regional districts)

8. Human Resources discussion with HR committee

Next meeting: late August in West Kelowna

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded Spencer Coyne/Gord Lovegrove that:

At 1:30 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of June 26, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
General Manager