

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting - August 23, 2024
West Kelowna BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Past President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
Directors	Councillor Isaac Gilbert, Penticton
	Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
	Councillor Stephen Karpuk, Kamloops
	Director Tricia Thorpe, TNRD
	Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna (left 12:15 pm)
	Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland
	Councillor Adam Etchart, Merritt
	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Councillor Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna
	General Manager Alison Slater

CALL TO ORDER

President Wallace Richmond called the regular board meeting to order at 10:43 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Stephen Karpuk/Tricia Thorpe THAT:

The agenda be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Keith Thom/Aimee Grice THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held on June 26, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

WEST KELOWNA COUNCILLOR TASHA DA SILVA

- New CAO on board – Ron Bowles
- New City Hall and Library in operation which includes ICBC, Service BC, MLA and MP offices. Cost of 21.8 million but receiving rent from other tenants
- Building new fire hall
- Starting the West Kelowna Development Corporation

CORRESPONDENCE

1. AVICC letter re: legislation reform for Regional Districts
 - Working to get the province to establish a working group
 - Currently RDs are not a taxing authority
 - Rural areas need a larger voice

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Keith Thom that:

SILGA contribute \$500 to the working group on RD reform. TNRD Director Tricia Thorpe and Princeton Mayor Spencer Coyne will be the SILGA representatives.

CARRIED

2. SILGA letter supporting Oliver re: housing for IHA medical staff
 - Sent to CEO Susan Brown and Health Minister Adrian Dix
3. TRU letter re: thanking SILGA for the donation from convention fundraiser.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Stephen Karpuk THAT:

The correspondence be accepted and filed.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. SILGA Sponsorship Policy

Moved/Seconded by Gord Lovegrove/Stephen Karpuk that:

Sponsorship Committee to look at a sponsorship policy for all of the SILGA operations, including convention, website and educational sessions.

CARRIED

- Should SILGA be the moral compass as each person's morals and ethics are different?
- Big cities don't see the mines/companies that produce the natural resources to make the products everyone uses.
- Need balanced approach and try to get more "green" companies to sponsor
- Get companies to talk about their approach to their green focus and how they are changing their operations.
- Current sponsorship policy is working fine for the organization so association will stay with the status quo with the suggestion to put sponsor speaking opportunities into breakout sessions.

2. Constitutional Changes re: SILGA board running for Federal/Provincial elections

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Keith Thom that:

A SILGA Executive Member who is running for nomination or is a nominee for elected office outside of a local government election will be required to take a leave of absence from the SILGA Executive until after the election.

CARRIED

3. Minister Meetings at UBCM

- Transportation – no meeting – requested staff meeting
- Housing – no meeting, requested staff meeting
- Municipal Affairs – no meeting, request staff meeting
- Haven't heard back from Labour or Mental Health

NEW BUSINESS

1. Website Updates – Tasha Da Silva

- Add a regional graphic of the SILGA area
- Work on the flow of the website – create a new site menu
- Add pictures of SILGA communities on the main header
- Add scroll bar at the bottom of the page for all SILGA members and another scroll bar on the convention page for the sponsors.
- Update colors to reflect the new logo
- On another page show what SILGA does for its members – connect – educate – advocate – give specifics, talk about services provided for member dues
- What does SILGA represent? By population/area/economic
- Add older Community Excellence Awards to website
- Put together a budget for updating/maintenance of the website – Tasha/Louise/Alison
 - Get sponsor for website?

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Finance Report

- As at July 31, 2024 SILGA had \$76,510 in the bank and \$92,353 in the MFA account.
- Interest earned was \$2,680 to date in 2024.
- All but four members have paid their dues.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to July 31, 2024.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Isaac Gilbert that:

The financial report be received as presented.

CARRIED

2. Merritt Convention

- Hotel and main venues tentatively booked including NVIT for the welcome Reception. It will be a dry, outdoor event.
- Potential theme is “Economic and Community Development”
- Presentation proposals
 - Gateway 286 – joint venture with Troika Developments and a number of local bands
 - Redevelopment of the former visitor centre at the highway junction
 - ETSI BC and Stats Canada also will be putting in proposals
- Looking to buy travel mugs for the delegate gift

3. Communications

- Poll on how SILGA members want to receive information from SILGA

- Direct council email and SILGA website (75% recommend)

4. Fall Educational session infrastructure deficits update - Alison

- Pillars of the session include:
 - Financial – CFO from Ashcroft
 - Insurance – MIABC representative
 - Operational – Asset Management BC and/or Greg Sawatzky/Greg Whiteman from Kamloops
 - Communications – Jan Enns?
- Also need to include the impact of climate change on our infrastructure – ie diking/flooding and downloading of assets from the provincial government.

5. Staff Update

- The General Manager will be retiring at the end of 2024. GM has offered to train replacement.
- HR committee to meet to start the hiring process for the next GM.

Next meeting: Monday, September 16th at 12:30 pm at Mahony’s Restaurant.

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded Bill Sarai/Isaac Gilbert that:

At 1:15 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of August 23, 2024 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
General Manager