

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting - June 6, 2025

Remote – via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
Past President	Councillor Aimee Grice, Oliver
Directors	Councillor Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton Councillor Stephen Karpuk, Kamloops Director Tricia Thorpe, TNRD Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna (left 9:34am) Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops Councillor Adam Etchart, Merritt (arrived 8:42am) General Manager Koryn de Vries
Absent	Mayor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream

CALL TO ORDER

President Louise Wallace Richmond called the regular board meeting to order at 8:35 am.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Addition to agenda: working group on Regional Transit.

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Spencer Coyne THAT:

The agenda be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Keith Thom/Gord Lovegrove THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held on March 7, 2025, remote, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

1. COFI Report from Tricia
 - a. Community Forest presentations – bring to SILGA
 - b. Volume-based community forest licenses – up for grabs
 - i. Recommend partnering with local FN – however they are under capacity because of Province requirements
 - c. Regional Districts also need to be included and there have been recent issues with their exclusion
2. Outdoor Recreation Council BC Economic Development Report
 - a. Keep as a potential resource for SILGA 2026

3. Joint AA UBCM Legislative Reform Proposal
 - a. Please review and let Koryn know if you have any speaker suggestions

BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

1. 2025-26 Committee Assignments

- Board to let President Louise Wallace Richmond know if they would like to be re-assigned/added to existing committees
- Indigenous Relations Committee to work with Tribal Associations for higher inclusion
 - A lot of complexities, Spencer to spearhead and create roadmap
 - Move slowly and carefully so we don't step on toes

2. Contract Renewal

- Koryn's current contract ends June 30th.

Moved/seconded by Tricia Thorpe/Aimee Grice THAT:

The HR Committee meet to review Koryn's contract.

CARRIED

3. Shared Notion/Wiki Workspace for Board

Notion workspace is good:

- Please look into calendar integration and regular calendar invites
- If no plugin available, use google calendar in tandem with Notion

4. Storage

- Mike Miltimore has agreed to assist with conference sign storage
- Need a long-term solution for historical files

Move/seconded by Spencer Coyne/Aimee Grice THAT:

A digital archive be created for Society Official Records and historical documents.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

1. SILGA Minister Meetings at UBCM

- a. Regional priorities: small water systems, regional transit and safety, community forests, infrastructure, cost sharing and rescue reimbursement, IH recruitment, schools,
- b. Aimee and Louise will work with Koryn to choose our Minister requests
- c. Funding increase for regional libraries – looking for letters of support
 - i. Advocate during Minister Meetings?
- d. RDOS – municipal affairs applying for policy advocacy
- e. Acknowledge and act on our region's needs first
 - i. Invite Brittny to retreat
- f. Policy committee meeting needed to prepare talking points for UBCM
- g. Need to figure out legal aspects of working with First Nations Groups – consult Ministers and/or create educational seminar?
- h. Aim for 2-3 meetings, apply to a couple extra to account for regrets

2. Regional Transit Working Group

- a. Spearheaded by SILGA but involving others not on Board
- b. Including the entire region enables implementation of light rail moving through RDs, planning of feeder lines, etc.
 - i. Look into funding and feasibility studies
- c. Spencer and Gord to create working plan for retreat

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Aimee Grice THAT:

SILGA create a Regional Transit Working Group.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE REPORTS**1. Finance Report**

- a) Need to better prepare for financial solvency
- b) Discussion for retreat – dues, income
 - a. Mario – invite to retreat
- c) Perhaps need to include membership in a financial literacy seminar

2. Convention Committee**a) Merrit 2025**

- a. Event planner – consideration to alleviate overtime by hiring a local who knows caterers, etc.
- b. Social Media committee will help with design standards for social media promotion
- c. Consider using Slido for Q&A periods, especially with MP/MLAs
- d. Wine is a standard at these events, however, we also need non-alcoholic options
- e. Nametags – look into more accessible options, such as larger font and clearer labeling (executive, life member, etc)
 - i. Make sure they stay accessible: many older officials still need paper copies
- f. Feedback poll was overall positive

b) Revelstoke 2026

- a. Wednesday, April 29th – Saturday, May 2nd
- b. Hotels and Community Centre are booked
 - i. Koryn to release booking blocks and notify members ASAP

UBCM REPORT:

Advocacy day was successful

Bill 14 and 15 pose issues for our local governments, lots more difficult legislation incoming

FCM REPORT:

FCM's convention wrapped up successfully – Louise will continue to represent SILGA there
Rural-Urban divide is growing and FCM is therefore beginning a rural caucus and outreach
FCM will prepare a briefing to share at Keeping it Rural

Next meeting:

August 18th, 1pm to August 19th, 4pm in Revelstoke

Koryn will invite: Mario Piroddi to speak to financial position and next steps, and Minister Britny Anderson to speak to rural cooperation with Province
Program to also include:
Regular Board Meeting
Meeting to discuss implementation of Strategic Plan (2023)
Advocacy and Convention Committee meetings

Moved/Seconded by Tricia Thorpe/Stephen Karpuk THAT:

At 10:03 am the SILGA Executive Meeting of June 6, 2025 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Koryn de Vries
General Manager