



Southern Interior Local Government Association

## Fall 2025 Newsletter



**Greetings from SILGA! We have had a busy summer and are delighted to share with you updates on current and upcoming initiatives.**

**Sustainable Communities;  
Sustainable SILGA**



This August, the 2025-26 Board journeyed to Revelstoke to in preparation for Revy 2026: Growing Together. Just as our 2026 theme is "Sustainable Communities," the Board also hopes to create a sustainable SILGA that can continue advocating for the region well into the future.

This Revelstoke visit was an opportunity for the Board to continue their strategic planning, receive financial consultation from BDO, and begin developing new advocacy initiatives.

## NOW OPEN! SILGA 2026 Session Applications

Are you passionate about building and maintaining sustainable communities? We want to hear from you! Our conference will focus on sustainable communities through two lenses: Rural/Urban Social Development and Sustainable Growth.

Session applications will be accepted anytime between now and December 31st, 2025 and reviewed on a first-come basis. Please send applications to [yoursilga@gmail.com](mailto:yoursilga@gmail.com).



[Download the Application](#)

# Reflections on SILGA 2025





During a recent tour of the Southern Interior, Daniel Arbour from the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS) met with local government officials and community organizations to explore on-the-ground stories of climate action. He has written an article highlighting insights from his visits to Lytton, Kamloops, Kelowna,

and our Merritt 2025 conference. This month, PICS will be opening applications for their Internship Program, which provides up to \$15,000 in funding for a climate action internship. Please use the buttons below to learn more about PICS and their opportunities for local governments.

[Read the Article](#)

[Internship Program Details](#)

## SILGA at UBCM

### SILGA Luncheon In Memoriam

Submissions for this year's In Memoriam will be accepted until Monday, September 15th at 4pm.

Please send a brief description of the individual's contributions to your local government along with a photo using the button below. Please contact GM Koryn de Vries for more information.

[Submit Here](#)





## Advocating for the Interior

SILGA will be meeting with four Provincial Ministries to discuss this year's most important resolutions. When choosing which resolutions to prioritize, we took your feedback from our Merritt 2025 survey into account.

If you see us at UBCM, please feel free to say hello and let us know how we can continue to support your communities' needs!

## Regional District Legislative Reform

SILGA has joined with the other Area Associations to advocate for Legislative Reform of the Local Government Act. Thank you to those who joined our online and in-person seminars, filled out our feedback survey, and otherwise contributed to this initiative.

[Read our letter to UBCM here](#)

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Do you have a story from your community that you would like to see featured in our newsletter?

Send a 3-4 sentence briefing, along with a photo and any relevant links, to GM Koryn de Vries for a chance to be featured in future correspondence.

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