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**SILGA 2026: GROWING TOGETHER
PRESIDENT'S WELCOME**

**LOUISE WALLACE RICHMOND,
SALMON ARM COUNCILLOR**



Dear SILGA Members,

On behalf of your Board of Directors, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 2026 SILGA Convention and AGM in Revelstoke. Please enjoy its small town charm and big mountain adventure.

The convention committee and the Board have worked diligently to put together a line up that will address key challenges, spark innovation, celebrate success and inspire positive growth.

We are pleased to feature three keynote speakers, three in-person Minister addresses as well as a host of memorable tours, workshops and experiences. From arts and culture, economic development, cross-border trade impacts, natural resources challenges and legal briefings, our objective is always to offer a broad scope of topics important to regional and community challenges.

Please take this opportunity to engage with delegates, presenters, sponsors, and trade show representatives, without whom this convention would not be possible. Your participation is key to a successful convention and we always appreciate your contribution and feedback.

This year marks the end of my time as President. It has truly been an honour to serve you. I have learned much and continue to marvel at the spirit of SILGA. Our region, our communities and our province are better for the commitment each of you has made to public service. With profound gratitude for the work each of you do, I wish you a successful 2026 convention.

Sincerely,
Louise Wallace Richmond

President, Southern Interior Local Government Association

P.S. Some last minute news from me - while I so looked forward to attending SILGA in Revelstoke this year - I'm sorry to be missing it. As an FCM Board Member, I was invited to participate in an international development project in Tunisia and an unexpected schedule change has prevented me from being with you this week. Thank you to our Executive Director and the Board for stepping in for me.

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Welcome to the 2026 SILGA Conference | April 29 – May 2, 2026

On behalf of the City of Revelstoke, council, staff and our residents, it is my honour to welcome you to our beautiful community for the 2026 SILGA Conference.

We're very proud to call Revelstoke home. For 127 years, families have travelled here to work, live and play in this beautiful area, on the original territory of the Sinixt First Nation, traditionally used also by the Secwépemc, Ktunaxa, and Syilx Okanagan First Nations. Today, Revelstoke prides itself on our living history, where old meets new in a way that honours our past as we move the community forward to embrace the future.

Since the incorporation of Revelstoke, Forestry has played a major role in our economic base, along with our ties to the railroad through CPKC. Our Heritage Management Plan ensures our historic downtown can act as the base for many activities year-round. Our business community blends modern amenities and activities with our historic buildings, as new growth and tourism adds to our business environment, making the best of both worlds. Our growth is resilient and fast-paced. Over the past couple of years, we have been investing in a new Wastewater Treatment Plant, along with continued work on our infrastructure needs and housing. Recreation investments include many multi-use pathways (MUPs) that connect throughout our community, allowing residents a continuous route across Revelstoke and up to Revelstoke Mountain Resort. These paths offer a safe transportation network for everyone, whether walking, cycling, running, skateboarding or motoring along in a mobility scooter.

We encourage you to explore our community and discover for yourself what makes Revelstoke unique. Over the winter, people came together to enjoy experiences such as skiing, Nordic skiing, snowmobiling, and Grizzlies hockey. Now, we look forward to classic Revelstoke summer experiences such as the wide variety of free music by 'Revy.Live' every night in Grizzly Plaza, or the outdoor activities, including mountain biking, trail running, kayaking, fishing and hiking.

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We're also lucky to have a wealth of urban amenities in Revelstoke, too, like our Aquatic Centre, Arena, pump track, pickleball and tennis courts, along with cricket, soccer and slow-pitch, and of course, our incredible golf course. On top of that, we accent our cultural history with our Revelstoke Museum and Archives and our Revelstoke Railway Museum, along with Revelstoke Hydro Dam tours.

No matter which activity keeps you occupied during the day, afterward you may relax and enjoy our variety of gastronomic experiences in our numerous unique eateries, along with our breweries, distillery and many local pubs.

Revelstoke is our pride and joy, and we want to share with you all that makes this community a very special place.

We are honoured to host this year's SILGA Conference. Our sincere thanks go to the organizing committee, staff and presenters for making this event possible. May you enjoy engaging, networking and learning in this community we call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gary Sulz', with a large, stylized flourish extending downwards and to the right.

Gary Sulz
Mayor, City of Revelstoke



PRE-CONFERENCE

GROWING TOGETHER

WEDNESDAY,
APRIL 29TH

REGISTRATION

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

NETWORKING

10:00am	Please register prior to attending any tours or activities					
10:30am						
11:00am	REGISTRATION AT REVELSTOKE COMMUNITY CENTRE Sponsored by Barkman Concrete	Bus pick-up from Revelstoke Community Centre & lunch included		At Revelstoke Community Centre with the Volunteer Firefighter Dept.		
11:30am						
12:00pm			At Revelstoke Art Gallery	FIREFIGHTER DEMONSTRATION & LUNCH		
12:30pm			COMMUNITY ART TOUR			
1:00pm			Tour the facility and create artwork of your own	Drop-In observation welcome please RSVP for participation and/or		
1:30pm						
2:00pm			COMMUNITY FOREST CORPORATION & DOWNIE MILL TOUR with Kevin Bollefer			At the Revelstoke Golf Club
2:30pm				REVELSTOKE DAM TOUR 1	At the Revelstoke Railway Museum	2026 SILGA GOLF TOURNAMENT
3:00pm					THE FUTURE OF TRANSPORTATION	
3:30pm				REVELSTOKE DAM TOUR 2	Tour & session on regional transportation with Gord Lovegrove	
4:00pm		Please wear appropriate footwear and clothes for walking outdoors				
4:30pm						
5:00pm					At the Roxy Theatre	
5:30pm					WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FORUM	
6:00pm					Moderator Mayor Barbara Roden Keynote Caroline Lachapelle	
6:30pm						
7:00pm	REGISTRATION AT CANTINA DEL CENTRO Sponsored by Barkman Concrete	Pick Up from Ramada, Best Western: 18:30, 18:45, 19:00, 19:15 To Cantina Del Centro SHUTTLE SCHEDULE Pick Up from Cantina Del Centro: 20:30, 20:45, 21:00, 21:15 To Ramada, Best Western				
7:30pm					At Cantina Del Centro	
8:00pm					PUB NIGHT & BOWLING	
8:30pm					Sponsored by Optiv & Palo Alto Networks	
9:00pm						



DAY 1

GROWING TOGETHER

THURSDAY,
APRIL 30TH

CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

TRADE SHOW

7:30am	CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST In Revelstoke Community Centre Auditorium			
7:45am				
8:00am	SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION: HEALTH EQUITY IN ACTION Panel & Workshop With Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning and Innovation	BREAKFAST CONTINUES		
8:15am				
8:30am				
8:45am				
9:00am	In Auditorium RURAL SESSION: INVESTING IN RESILIENCE Panel with Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions	In MacPherson Room URBAN SESSION: INFILL DEVELOPMENT For Sustainable Growth With Paul Simon, City of Revelstoke & Chris Crowell, CHBA		
9:15am				
9:30am				
9:45am				
10:00am	NUTRITION BREAK Sponsored by BC Hydro		In Revelstoke Community Centre Lobby REGISTRATION Sponsored by Barkman Concrete	
10:15am	SILGA 2026 OPENING CEREMONIES In Auditorium			
10:30am	SUSTAINABLE SILGA Briefing by Past President Aimee Grice			
10:45am	ETSI-BC SPONSOR TALK 10:55-11:00am			
11:00am	RURAL SESSION: IN-HOUSE JOURNALISM With Erick Thompson, RDOS	URBAN SESSION: MAKING TOURISM WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY With Tourism Revelstoke		
11:15am				
11:30am	LUNCH ON THE TOWN At Various Revelstoke Restaurants Pick up a meal ticket of your choice at registration & cash in downtown			In Lobby & Room MP1 TRADE SHOW
11:45am				
12:00pm				
12:15pm				
12:30pm				
12:45pm				
1:00pm				



DAY 1

GROWING TOGETHER

THURSDAY,
APRIL 30TH

CONFERENCE

REGISTRATION

TRADE SHOW

1:00pm	<p>In Auditorium</p> <p>KEYNOTE</p> <p>ZITA BOTELHO, CEO OF FRASER BASIN COUNCIL</p> <p>Sponsored by Municipal Insurance Association of BC</p>		
1:15pm			
1:30pm		<p>In Revelstoke Community Centre Lobby</p> <p>REGISTRATION</p> <p>Sponsored by Barkman Concrete</p>	<p>In Lobby & Room MPI</p> <p>TRADE SHOW</p>
1:45pm			
2:00pm	<p>TRANS MOUNTAIN SPONSOR TALK 2:00-2:05pm</p>		
12:30pm	<p>RESOLUTIONS SESSION BEGINS</p>		
2:45pm			
3:00pm	<p>NUTRITION BREAK</p> <p>Sponsored by BC Hydro</p>		
3:15pm	<p>BCLC SPONSOR TALK 3:15-3:25pm</p>		
3:30pm	<p>RESOLUTIONS SESSION CONTINUES</p> <p>Session will conclude when all resolutions have been debated and voted on</p>	<p>Registration continues in Boulder Room Friday AM</p>	
3:45pm			
4:00pm			
4:15pm			
4:30pm			
4:45pm			
5:00pm			
5:30pm	<p>At River City Pub</p> <p>WELCOME RECEPTION</p> <p>Sponsored by Tourism Revelstoke</p>	<p>Pick Up from Ramada, Best Western: Every 5 minutes from 17:00-18:00 To River City Pub</p> <p>SHUTTLE SCHEDULE</p> <p>Pick up from River City Pub: Every 5 minutes from 19:15-19:55 To Ramada, Best Western</p>	
6:00pm			
6:30pm			
7:00pm			
7:30pm			
8:00pm			



DAY 2 GROWING TOGETHER

FRIDAY,
MAY 1ST

CONFERENCE & AGM

WORLD CAFE

TRADE SHOW

7:00am	HOT BREAKFAST In Revelstoke Community Centre Auditorium			
7:15am	SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION Presentations from BC Snowmobile Federation & Outdoor Recreation Council of BC In Auditorium	BREAKFAST CONTINUES		
7:30am				
7:45am				
8:00am				
8:15am	AGM BEGINS In Auditorium			
8:30am	MFABC SPONSOR TALK 8:30-8:40am	In MacPherson Room		
8:45am	President's Report Five-Year Plan & 2025 Financials Nominations Report & Table Officer Speeches	8:30am-9:45am Louise Pedersen, ORCBC		
9:00am	In Auditorium MORE THAN A BOOK ON A SHELF Panel with the Okanagan Regional Library		TRADE SHOW CONTINUES In Lobby & Room MP1	
9:15am				
9:30am				
9:45am	NUTRITION BREAK Sponsored by Urban Systems			
10:00am	CHARTING YOUR OWN COURSE: FIRESIDE CHAT WITH DOUG GILCHRIST CAO, Kelowna	TABLE OFFICER VOTING		
10:15am				10:00am-10:45am Danielle Hubbard and Mark Reinelt, ORL
10:30am				
10:45am	2026 COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS			
11:00am	KEYNOTE GITANE DE SILVA, GLOBAL TRADE RELATIONS SPECIALIST Sponsored by BDO	11:00am-12:00pm Doug Gilchrist, Kelowna City Manager		
11:15am				
11:30am				
11:45am				
12:00pm	In Room MP1 TRADE SHOW LUNCH Sponsored by Enbridge			
12:15pm				
12:30pm				
12:45pm				
1:00pm				



DAY 2 GROWING TOGETHER

FRIDAY,
MAY 1ST

CONFERENCE & AGM

WORLD CAFE

TRADE SHOW

1:00pm	MINISTERIAL ADDRESS HON. RANDENE NEILL Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship			TRADE SHOW CONTINUES In Lobby & Room MP1
1:15pm	AGM CONTINUES Table Officer Results, Director-At-Large Nominations, Candidate Speeches		1:15-2:15pm Gitane De Silva, GD Strategic	
1:30pm	ICBC SPONSOR TALK 1:40-1:45pm			
1:45pm	UBCM PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS Councillor Cori Ramsay			
2:00pm	UBCM GOVERNANCE REVIEW With Gary Maclsaac and Allan Neilson	DIRECTOR AT LARGE VOTING		
2:15pm				
2:30pm				
2:45pm				
2:45pm	NUTRITION BREAK Sponsored by Urban Systems			
3:00pm	GORMAN GROUP SPONSOR TALK 2:55-3:00pm		3:00-4:00pm Gary Maclsaac and Allan Neilson, UBCM	
3:15pm	FORESTRY PANEL Moderated by Mayor Spencer Coyne With panelists from FESBC, BCCFA, ILMA, and Woodlots BC			
3:30pm				
3:45pm				
4:00pm	At Revelstoke Community Centre LESSONS AT THE LIBRARY Tour of the Revelstoke Branch of the Okanagan Regional Library	At the Roxy Theatre BC IS BURNING With Producer Murray Wilson		
4:15pm				
4:30pm				
4:45pm				
5:00pm				
5:15pm				
6:00pm				
6:30pm				
7:00pm	At the Revelstoke Mountain Resort Access by shuttle service (provided) only		Pick Up from Ramada, Best Western, Regent: 17:30, 17:45, 18:00, 18:15, 18:30 To Revelstoke Mountain Resort Off-Block Guests board at Regent Hotel SHUTTLE SCHEDULE Pick Up from Revelstoke Mountain Resort: 21:15, 21:30, 21:45, 22:00, 22:15, 22:30, 22:45, 23:00, 23:15 To Ramada, Best Western, Regent	
7:30pm	SILGA 2026 BANQUET Sponsored by Fortis BC Entertainment by The REV to follow			
11:00pm				



DAY 3 **GROWING TOGETHER**

**SATURDAY,
MAY 2ND**

CONFERENCE

WORLD CAFE

7:00am	<p>In Revelstoke Community Centre Auditorium</p> <p>CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST</p>			
7:15am				
7:30am				
7:45am				
8:00am	<p>In Auditorium</p> <p>HARNESSING LOCAL STRENGTHS FOR BIG IMPACT</p> <p>With Interior Health Jenny Green & Katrina Lehenbauer</p>	<p>In Room MPI</p> <p>EA DIRECTOR'S FORUM</p> <p>Moderated by Director Tricia Thorpe</p>	<p>In MacPherson Room</p> <p>ENGAGE & COMMUNICATE TO AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT</p> <p>With Aleece Laird, Amplify Inc.</p>	
8:15am				
8:30am				
8:45am				
9:00am	<p>In Auditorium</p> <p>KEYNOTE</p> <p>GEORGE ABBOTT, PHD, AUTHOR OF 'UNCEDED'</p> <p>Sponsored by Lidstone & Co.</p>			<p>In Room MPI</p> <p>9am-9:50am Jenny Green & Katrina Lehenbauer Interior Health</p>
9:15am				
9:30am	<p>NUTRITION BREAK Sponsored by BC Hydro</p> <p>BC CONSERVATIVE PARTY ADDRESS</p>			
9:45am				
10:00am	<p>MINISTERIAL ADDRESS</p> <p>HON. JOSIE OSBORNE</p> <p>Ministry of Health</p>			<p>10am-10:50am George Abbott, PhD</p>
10:15am				
10:30am	<p>MINISTERIAL ADDRESS</p> <p>HON. BRITNY ANDERSON</p> <p>Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities</p>			
10:45am				
11:00am	<p>COWICHAN TRIBES DECISION PANEL</p> <p>With Don Lidstone, K.C. and George Abbott, PhD</p>			<p>11:00am-11:50am Betty Brown, Jim Pattison Centre</p>
11:15am				
11:30am				
11:45am				
12:00pm	<p>CLOSING REMARKS</p> <p>Announcement of Directors at Large, Installation of President-Elect, 2027 Host Community Address</p>			
12:15pm	<p>GRAND PRIZE DRAW</p>			
12:30pm	<p>See you in 2027!</p>			



LOCATIONS **GROWING TOGETHER**

Main Conference Venue

REVELSTOKE COMMUNITY CENTRE

600 Campbell Avenue
Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0



Women In Leadership Forum and BC Is Burning Screening

ROXY THEATRE

115 MacKenzie Ave,
Revelstoke, BC V0E 0C2

Pub Night Venue

CANTINA DEL CENTRO

200 1 St E,
Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0



Welcome Reception Venue

RIVER CITY PUB

112 1 St E,
Revelstoke, BC V0E 2S0

Banquet Venue

REVELATION LODGE

BY SHUTTLE ONLY

SHUTTLE PICKUP LOCATIONS

RAMADA

Porte-Cochere

BEST WESTERN

Porte-Cochere

**REGENT HOTEL
(BANQUET ONLY)**

Porte-Cochere/Rear
Parking Lot



SPEAKERS & PANELS

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SILGA 2026
AGM & CONVENTION
REVELSTOKE, BC



CITY OF
REVELSTOKE.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

APRIL 29 - MAY 2, 2026

CAROLINE LACHAPELLE
REVELSTOKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CEO

4:30PM-5:00PM
APRIL 29TH
WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FORUM



Join us for a fireside chat with Caroline Lachapelle, CEO of BC's fastest-growing Chamber of Commerce.

Caroline stepped into the Chamber CEO role in January 2023, bringing nearly 20 years of leadership experience in hospitality, tourism, and operations management across Western Canada. Known for her people-first leadership style, she is passionate about building strong organizational culture, using data to guide decision-making, and supporting sustainable economic development in small and mid-sized communities.

Nationally, Caroline serves on the Canadian Chamber of Commerce's Policy Review Committee and sits on the boards of both the national and provincial Chambers of Commerce Executives. She is also the founding Chair of the Resort Chambers of Commerce Coalition, a national alliance amplifying the collective voice of Western Canada's resort communities on key issues such as workforce, immigration, and housing –positions that place her at the centre of conversations influencing Canada's economic future.

Based in Revelstoke, Caroline enjoys a creative and community-centered life. When she's not advocating for local businesses, she can be found making pottery, or gardening. She is a proud mother of two—her daughter currently attending university and her son pursuing his dream of playing professional volleyball.



ZITA BOTELHO
FRASER BASIN COUNCIL CEO

1:00PM-2:00PM
APRIL 30TH
WATERSHED SECURITY

Zita Botelho is the Chief Executive Officer of the Fraser Basin Council, a non-profit society that has brought people together to advance sustainability in British Columbia since 1997. Zita holds an MA in Environmental Studies from the University of Victoria and a BA (Hons) in Political Studies and Geography from Queen's University. She brings over 20 years of experience across the public, non-profit, and private sectors, with a career focused on aligning ecological health with community resilience and economic well-being. At the B.C. Ministry of Environment, she led the development of Living Water Smart—BC's Water Plan and the policy foundation for the Water Sustainability Act.

As founding director of Watersheds BC, she helped shape provincial investment in watershed security and co-led the delivery of \$42 million to more than 100 projects through the Healthy Watersheds and Indigenous Watersheds Initiatives. Zita is known for her commitment to collaborative governance, reconciliation, and inclusive process design that brings people together to solve complex challenges.

When she isn't collaborating across sectors to navigate complex challenges, Zita can be found gardening, cycling B.C.'s roads and gravel trails, or spending time with her partner and teenagers- often trying to keep up with them in the kitchen or on the road.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

APRIL 29 - MAY 2, 2026

GITANE DE SILVA GDSTRATEGIC FOUNDER

11:00AM-12:00PM
MAY 1ST
MAKING SENSE OF THE
BRAVE NEW WORLD



The pace of change in geopolitics over the past few months has been staggering. We are experiencing major shifts in foreign and trade policy, with traditional alliances being shaken up and new ones being written. We are also seeing changes in domestic policies, including a focus on building infrastructure quickly and a commitment to becoming an energy superpower. What does this mean for Canada and its place in the world? How do we grow and maintain sustainable communities in this shifting landscape? Gitane will examine the shifting nature of geopolitical relations with the US, its impacts on Canadian domestic policy, and what local governments need to know to navigate our brave new world.

Gitane is a public policy leader with executive experience at the provincial, national, and international levels and expertise in the areas of energy and environment, intergovernmental relations, and Canada-U.S. relations. Gitane is the Founder & President of the consulting firm GDStrategic, a Managing Director with Negotiations Collective, a Special Advisor at Blue Rock Law, a member the Advisory Council for the New North America Initiative at the University of Calgary, and a Board Member with the Public Policy Forum. She is a sought-after speaker and strategist who is known for her ability to explain complex issues in an accessible way. She loves talking about geopolitics, Canada-U.S. relations, Canada's energy sector, how Canada works, and why Wonder Woman is the superhero of diplomacy.



GEORGE ABBOTT, PHD BC TREATY COMMISSIONER

9:00AM-9:30AM
MAY 2ND
WHY RECONCILIATION?

George Abbott, Ph.D., is the Government of British Columbia appointed Commissioner. He is serving his first term as a Commissioner and was appointed in 2025.

George is a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and represented Shuswap for 17 years. During his time in office, he served in several cabinet positions, including Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation; Minister of Community, Aboriginal and Women's Services; Minister of Sustainable Resource Management; Minister of Health; and Minister of Education.

George has a Bachelor of Arts (Political Science and Government) from the University of British Columbia, and a Master of Arts (Political Science) and Doctor of Philosophy (Political Science and Government) from the University of Victoria. Currently, George is an adjunct professor in Political Science at the University of Victoria. He is Chair of the board at Technical Safety BC, a Director on the Board of the Land Title and Survey Authority, and former Chair of the Board of the Institute for Health System Transformation and Sustainability.

George lives in Victoria with his wife Lesley and is a proud father of three and grandfather of seven. He is the author of the BC bestseller "Unceded: Understanding BC's Colonial Past and Why It Matters Now".



WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP PANELISTS

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29TH 5:00-6:00PM

BARBARA RODEN MODERATOR, ASHCROFT MAYOR

Barbara Roden was first elected as a councillor for the Village of Ashcroft in 2014, and in 2018 became Ashcroft's first female mayor. She was re-elected by acclamation in 2022, and in that year became the second female chair of the Thompson-Nicola Regional District, a position she has occupied for the last four years. A journalist by profession, she is the recipient of a Jack Webster Award for community reporting; a theatre kid by nature, she has acted in or directed 14 plays as part of Ashcroft's Winding Rivers Arts & Performance Society.



ADRIENNE FEDRIGO RDOS DIRECTOR

Adrienne Fedrigo is a dedicated local government leader with more than 25 years of experience serving communities through policy development, strategic planning, and economic advancement. She is also Policy & Planning Chair for the Okanagan Regional Library Board and Vice Chair of the RDOS Electoral Area Committee, contributing strategic oversight and evidence-based policy direction. Passionate about strengthening local government, Adrienne is a strong advocate for policy innovation, economic development, and supporting other elected officials in building vibrant, sustainable communities across the region.

AIMEE GRICE OLIVER COUNCILLOR

Aimee Grice is a second-term councillor for the Town of Oliver and a collaborative community leader focused on practical solutions to local challenges such as healthcare recruitment, affordability, and sustainable growth. With a background in the nonprofit arts sector and experience bringing people together across organizations and regions, she is known for a pragmatic, people-first approach to public service. Aimee has also served as past president of the Southern Interior Local Government Association and currently holds the role of Third Vice President with the Union of BC Municipalities.



LORI MINDNICH LUMBY COUNCILLOR

Lori Mindnich is a five-term Councillor in the Village of Lumby. She is also a Second Term Trustee for the Vernon & Area School District. Lori is a Life Member of SILGA. She spent 2 years as a director and 6 years in an Executive Position then onto 4 years as Past President, for a total of 12 years. On Council, she also is a liaison for the Lumby & District Health Society and the Monashee 50 plus Club. In her other world Lori is the Manager/Book Keeper for the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #167. Lori also organizes the fun Saturday Curling League in Lumby.

MOHINI SINGH KELOWNA COUNCILLOR

Mohini Singh is an immigrant from India who moved to Kelowna for her work as a journalist in radio and television. Singh is now in her fourth term as City Councillor. She was awarded the Order of BC in 2008 and Kelowna Woman of the Year in 2009. She has also been awarded the Queen's Silver Jubilee medal, and more recently, the King's Coronation medal. Last year, she received the Changemaker of the Year Award given by Kelowna Women in Business. In her professional and personal capacities, Singh has always worked to build bridges across Kelowna's diverse communities.



CONFERENCE DAY 1

THURSDAY APRIL 30TH, 2026

8:00AM-9:00AM

SUSTAINABILITY & INNOVATION

HEALTH EQUITY IN ACTION

Local governments play a vital role in shaping the future of health care in their communities. We encourage you to actively seek out and support local innovators—entrepreneurs, problem-solvers, and creative thinkers—who can develop solutions to pressing health care challenges. The Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation is dedicated to strengthening the sustainability of Interior Region communities by advancing innovative solutions to complex health challenges. We are calling on innovators to collaborate with Centre partners by co-creating solutions that drive meaningful changes.



BETTY BROWN

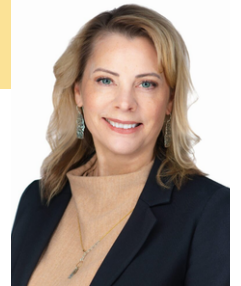
JIM PATTISON CENTRE INNOVATION LIAISON

Betty has dedicated her career to building strong, effective partnerships with government and community organizations across Canada—most extensively in British Columbia, including Vancouver and, more recently, the Interior Region. She is passionate about fostering collaborative, functional relationships that drive meaningful action and improve outcomes for those most in need of support. In her current role, she is committed to learning from individuals with both lived and professional experience to help shape the future of health care.

DR. DEANNE (DEE) TAYLOR

JIM PATTISON CENTRE CEO

Dee leads the Jim Pattison Centre for Health Systems Learning + Innovation where she brings together health care partners, community, and industry to drive practical, people-centered innovation. With deep experience in health systems research, including a PhD in Community Health Science, Dee is known for her collaborative approach and commitment to improving care through learning and action. She also serves in vital roles with the Rural Coordination Centre of BC (RCCbc), the Canadian Health Leadership Network, and UBC Okanagan.



TRICIA THORPE

TRND ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

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. Additionally, Tricia currently volunteers for the TLKemchEEN FireSmart Committee, Gold Country Tourism, Fraser Basin Council, and two Health Planning Tables.

9:00AM-9:45AM

INVESTING IN RESILIENCE

FOR SMALL COMMUNITIES AND RURAL AREAS

This panel session, hosted by the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions (PICS), will focus on land-use resilience in the Southern Interior's rural areas and small municipalities. Topics covered will range from investment opportunities to emergency planning. The session will wrap up with a reflection time for delegates to share their personal experiences.



DANIEL ARBOUR

PICS PARTNERSHIPS AND GRANTS SPECIALIST

Daniel Arbour, MA, has a passion for public service. He is the Partnerships and Grants Specialist at the Pacific Institute for Climate Solution at the University of Victoria. Daniel also serves as Electoral Area Director at the Comox Valley Regional District, representing five small communities and 9,000 residents.



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ALLISON HILL PICS PROJECT ANALYST

Alyssa Hill is a climate researcher who has collaborated with government representatives, non-profits, consultancies, and industries throughout Canada and internationally. Hill is interested in the process of moving from assessing climate risk to transformative resilience. Hill holds a BSc from Western University and a MCC from the University of Waterloo. She previously worked for the Climate Risk Institute, researching climate change impacts and supporting large scale climate change risk assessments.



ROBIN SMITH LOGAN LAKE MAYOR

Mayor Robin Smith was raised in Logan Lake and has been a resident of the community for nearly 45 years. She has served on Council for five terms and currently sits as Mayor, as well as sitting as Vice-Chair on the Thompson-Nicola Regional District Board. She has also sat on the SILGA Board of Directors in the past. Mayor Smith will speak on a wave of clean energy and other investments near her community, and the role small municipalities can play in clean energy transition.

TRICIA THORPE TNRD EA DIRECTOR

Director Tricia Thorpe was first elected on TNRD in 2022, running after losing her home and hobby farm in the 2021 Lytton fire. She is active in advocating for better land-use and emergency planning, including better collaboration by all orders of government. She will speak on her experience following the 2021 fire that impacted Area I. 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.



9:00AM-9:45AM

INFILL DEVELOPMENT FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH IN URBAN SPACES

As a resort municipality, Revelstoke has been experiencing record growth with hundreds of new units that have come online in recent years, and over 1000 units currently navigating the development approval process. New development can bring growing pains and spark fears in the community about changes to what they have become accustomed to. Paul Simon will provide an overview of the different tools that Revelstoke has implemented to accommodate infill, the internal culture shift that has occurred in facilitating the development approval process, and the genuine public engagement that has been undertaken to help discuss hard truths about development, municipal taxation, and the cost of providing services to the community. Chris Crowell will expand on this by sharing practical insights from an engineering and industry perspective to help local governments better understand how zoning changes translate into housing delivery on the ground. It will highlight how municipal policy, infrastructure capacity, servicing requirements, approval timelines, and development cost structures influence whether approved density results in homes being built.



CHRIS CROWELL CANADIAN HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Chris Crowell is a Registered Civil Engineer with deep experience in the land development sector and infrastructure delivery. In his work with TRUE Consulting, he supports projects from planning through construction – helping communities balance policy objectives with real-world implementation challenges. He regularly collaborates with local governments and industry partners across the region to improve approvals, coordinate servicing infrastructure, and support sustainable growth. Further, Chris serves as President of CHBA Central Interior, where he advocates for constructive municipal-industry dialogue and works on initiatives such as development cost charge reform and streamlined permitting processes.



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PAUL SIMON

REVELSTOKE DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Paul Simon is a Registered Professional Planner with over 10 years of experience, currently employed as the Director of Development Services at the City of Revelstoke. Paul completed his undergraduate and graduate degree from the University of Guelph before moving to Calgary to begin his career as a professional planner. When not at work, Paul can be found on the trails mountain biking, snowboarding on the slopes, or playing hockey in beautiful Revelstoke, British Columbia.



11:00AM-11:30AM

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ENGAGE

IN-HOUSE VIDEO JOURNALISM

In-house journalism is a vital part of effective local government communications, and short-form video is one of the most cost-effective tools available. This workshop will provide practical tips to help staff and elected officials record engaging interviews using Teams or Zoom. From lighting and audio to incorporating PowerPoint presentations and other visual elements, you'll be ready to hit record on almost any topic.



ERICK THOMPSON

RDOS SR MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND ENGAGEMENT

Erick Thompson oversees communications and engagement initiatives at the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS). He also supports intergovernmental relations and serves as the information section lead in the regional Emergency Operations Centre (EOC). Erick spent more than 20 years as a television and radio broadcaster. He is an avid trail runner and has produced and directed several short documentaries.

11:00AM-11:30AM

MAKING TOURISM WORK FOR YOUR COMMUNITY

WITH TOURISM REVELSTOKE

Come explore how local governments can harness tourism in a way that strengthens, not strains, communities. Using Revelstoke as a case study, this session demonstrates how shifting from pure promotion to holistic destination management can improve resident quality of life, protect ecosystems, and build resilient local economies. Participants will learn how tourism revenue (such as MRDT) can be strategically reinvested, how to build effective partnerships, how to integrate resident sentiment into decision-making, and how community-first initiatives, from transportation solutions to volunteer tourism and wildfire readiness, can align visitors, residents, and industry around shared goals. Rooted in real data, practical examples, and an actionable framework (as presented in Revelstoke's Destination Management Plan), this talk offers municipalities across the Southern Interior a roadmap for making tourism a positive, sustainable force in their communities.



LYDIA SYME

TOURISM REVELSTOKE BRAND & PR MANAGER

Lydia is the Brand & PR Manager for Tourism Revelstoke, bringing over a decade of experience in the tourism industry. In her role, Lydia ensures the REVELSTOKE. brand resonates with audiences around the world and showcases Revelstoke as an iconic and authentic destination. Lydia also founded and manages the organization's summer outreach team, which supports sustainability initiatives, community events, local non-profits, and helps shape both visitor and resident behaviour. Alongside this, she also holds graduate qualifications in Environmental Management and Sustainability. She is passionate about integrating destination management principles into brand storytelling, using innovative thinking to redefine how tourism shows up in communities in a way that supports residents, protects place, and strengthens local systems.



CONFERENCE DAY 2

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7:15AM-8:15AM

THE SOCIOECONOMIC BENEFITS OF OUTDOOR RECREATION

OUTDOOR RECREATION CENTRE OF BC & BC SNOWMOBILE FEDERATION

Outdoor recreation is one of the fastest-growing drivers of community well-being, economic development, and tourism in British Columbia. Yet, many communities, particularly in the Southern Interior, face challenges in maximizing the benefits of their natural assets while addressing pressures such as land-use conflicts, infrastructure needs, and sustainability. This workshop introduces the Guidebook: Outdoor Recreation for Community and Economic Development, providing practical tools, strategies, and examples to help local governments, community leaders, and partners plan, invest in, and manage recreation initiatives that foster resilient economies and vibrant communities. With the guidebook as a primer, the presentation will then hone in on a case study on the economic contributions of snowmobiling. By presenting the findings of the BC Snowmobile Federation's Socio-Economic Impact Study, this case study will explore how local governments can use this data to inform land-use planning, recreation management, tourism strategies, and infrastructure investment, while balancing environmental stewardship and public safety.



AMBER LANE

BC SNOWMOBILE FEDERATION EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Amber Lane is the Executive Director of the BC Snowmobile Federation, representing nearly 60 volunteer-driven snowmobile clubs across the province. She leads provincial advocacy on land access, recreation policy, safety, and stewardship, and works closely with local governments, tourism partners, and provincial ministries. Amber has a background in governance, finance, and community-based recreation management, and serves nationally as Treasurer of the International Association of Snowmobile Administrators. She is currently overseeing provincial research initiatives focused on economic impact, recreation access, and rural sustainability.

LOUISE PEDERSEN

OUTDOOR RECREATION COUNCIL OF BC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Louise Pedersen is the Executive Director of the Outdoor Recreation Council of BC. Louise joined ORCBC in 2019 with a strong commitment to growing the organization's impact, inclusivity, and long-term sustainability. She holds a Master's degree in Natural Resource Management and a postgraduate diploma in Public Relations. With a rich background in communications and philanthropy, Louise has worked with leading nature and conservation organizations in both Canada and the UK.



9:00AM-9:45AM

MORE THAN A BOOK ON A SHELF

PANEL HOSTED BY THE OKANAGAN REGIONAL LIBRARY

What if one of your most trusted, high-impact community tools was already in your budget? Public libraries are low-barrier, deeply rooted infrastructure that drive local success: supporting job seekers, entrepreneurs, digital equity, and social connection. Libraries can serve as emergency hubs such as heating and cooling centres, as well as safe spaces for housing, mental health, and settlement support. This session explores how libraries advance core municipal and provincial goals and how stronger partnerships can amplify their impacts. Hear from sector leaders and elected officials as they share proven strategies, compelling stories, and practical tools backed by real data and results.



TASHA DA SILVA

WEST KELOWNA COUNCILLOR AND ORL BOARD CHAIR

Tasha serves on numerous boards, including as 2nd Vice President of SILGA, Chair of the Okanagan Regional Library Board and is a Director on the West Kelowna Economic Development Corporation Board. She champions the role of local government in supporting public libraries as essential community infrastructure. She sees libraries as trusted, low-barrier spaces that expand economic opportunity, advance digital inclusion, and foster meaningful community connections. Tasha believes strong support for libraries helps communities respond to changing needs with greater access, resilience, and opportunity.



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ADRIENNE FEDRIGO

RDOS DIRECTOR, ORL POLICY & PLANNING CHAIR

Adrienne Fedrigo is a dedicated local government leader with more than 25 years of experience serving communities through policy development, strategic planning, and economic advancement. She is the Policy & Planning Chair for the Okanagan Regional Library Board and Vice Chair of the RDOS Electoral Area Committee, contributing strategic oversight and evidence-based policy direction. Passionate about strengthening local government, Adrienne is a strong advocate for policy innovation, economic development, and supporting other elected officials in building vibrant, sustainable communities across the region.

DANIELLE HUBBARD

ORL CEO

Danielle Hubbard is the CEO of the Okanagan Regional Library. She grew up in Victoria, BC, where she cut her teeth in public libraries as a shelver at the Greater Victoria Public Library. Other library gigs have included Salt Spring Island Public Library, IslandLink Library Federation, Western Manitoba Regional Library, and Port Moody Public Library. When not working, Danielle spends as much time as possible writing poetry and hiking in inclement weather.



MARK REINELT

ORL DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SERVICES



Mark Reinelt is the Director of Public Services for the Okanagan Regional Library. His focus is on leadership, community engagement, and commitment to inclusive public services. With a background in public service and team development, Mark focuses on building strong, collaborative workplace cultures. His work reflects a passion for accessibility, innovation, and the transformative power of libraries. He is involved with various non-profit organizations in his hometown of Kelowna, focusing on equity.

10:00AM-10:45AM

CHARTING YOUR OWN COURSE

A FIRESIDE CHAT WITH DOUG GILCHRIST

A fireside chat with Doug Gilchrist, CAO, regarding how Kelowna continues to challenge the status quo, move past traditional boundaries and become masters of their own destiny. From financial sustainability and new revenue generating businesses, to accelerated housing approvals and delegated authorities - everything is on the table.

DOUG GILCHRIST

KELOWNA CAO

Doug is a career civil servant who has worked at all three levels of government, but despite his nearly 22 years in local government, he still attributes an entrepreneurial outlook as a key reason for his success. Doug has a background in real estate, planning and finance and has been the CAO for Kelowna for 8 years.



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1:00PM-1:30PM

MINISTRY OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP ADDRESS



HON. RANDENE NEILL

MINISTER OF WATER, LAND AND RESOURCE STEWARDSHIP

Randene Neill was first elected as the MLA for Powell River – Sunshine Coast in 2024. Randene was appointed Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship in November 2024. Before being elected to the legislature, Randene spent almost 20 years as a reporter and news anchor at Global BC. Most recently, she worked with the BC Parks Foundation and prior to that, she worked on the new St. Paul's Hospital. Randene has volunteered with many organizations, including the Pender Harbour Living Heritage Society, PODS, the BC Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, and many others. Randene lives with her family in the community of Kalpilin/Pender Harbour on the Sunshine Coast.

1:45PM-2:00PM

UBCM PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

CORI RAMSAY

UBCM PRESIDENT

In the 2022 Local General Election, Cori Ramsay was elected to serve a second term on city council for the City of Prince George and appointed to the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George. She was elected to serve as President of the Union of BC Municipalities for the 2025-2026 term after serving three previous terms as First Vice President, Director at Large and NCLGA representative. Ramsay also advises the Minister of Social Development and Poverty Reduction as a member of the Province's Poverty Reduction Advisory Committee. She holds a Bachelor of Art in English and a graduate diploma in Public Relations and has worked in the finance sector for the last 15 years. In her spare time, she plays with her dog, tolerates her cat, and spends time with family and friends.



2:00PM-2:45PM

UBCM GOVERNANCE REVIEW

FACILITATED BY UBCM

Update and engagement on the UBCM governance review process, which responds to recent requests from the membership through resolutions and direct correspondence. The governance review focuses on representation of the range of UBCM members as reflected in the composition of the UBCM Executive board and the name of the organization. The speakers will be in the MacPherson room following their presentation to accept one-on-one or small group feedback on the governance review.



GARY MACISAAC

UBCM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gary is the Executive Director of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities – a position he has held since 2007. Gary has spent his entire career in local government. He started his career as Clerk-Treasurer of a small town in Nova Scotia, spent five years in the City Clerks Department with the City of Vancouver in the mid-1990s, and spent 9 years as the CAO for a county government in Nova Scotia. Gary has a Masters Degree in Public Administration from Dalhousie University. In his capacity with UBCM Gary also serves on a variety of boards and committees. Among these appointments, he is a Trustee on the Municipal Pension Plan Board of Trustees, a UBCM representative on the Municipal Pension Plan Partners Working Group, Co-chair of the Green Communities Committee and Chair of the Gas Tax Management Committee. Gary and his wife Marion live in Saanich. They have three children.



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ALLAN NIELSON NEILSON STRATEGIES PRINCIPAL

Allan is a recognized authority on local government service design and delivery, as well as local governance and administration. He is a strong facilitator, regularly engaged by clients to guide strategic planning processes, to assist decision-makers in developing collaborative, inter-jurisdictional services, and to guide public processes. Allan began working as a consultant to government in 1992 after graduating with his Master of Public Administration from Queen's University. From 1997 to 1999, and from 2014 to 2016, Allan worked inside local government as a senior manager. His most recent posting was at the Metro Vancouver Regional District where he served as General Manager of Planning, Policy and Environment.



3:00PM-4:35PM

FORESTRY PANEL

MODERATED BY MAYOR SPENCER COYNE

Join Mayor Spencer Coyne as he invites public and private forestry sectors to the table to discuss forestry's role in creating safe, healthy, and sustainable communities, be it through providing local jobs, preventing wildfire, or preserving the beautiful wilderness of the Southern Interior.

Learn from industry professionals from the BC Community Forest Association, the Forest Enhancement Society of BC, the Independent Lumber Manufacturers Association, and Woodlots BC.



KEVIN BOLLEFER REVELSTOKE COMMUNITY FOREST CORPORATION GENERAL MANAGER

Kevin is the General Manager at the Revelstoke Community Forest Corporation. He is a Registered Professional Forester and a Registered Professional Biologist who has been in the forest sector for almost 30 years, while working for the community forest for 19. At RCFC, Kevin and his team strive to improve forestry practices through alternative harvesting by mimicking natural systems in the area. He enjoys taking people into the field to see what can be accomplished with forest management in the Revelstoke area.

GORD CHIPMAN WOODLOTS BC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Gord is a Registered Professional Forester (RPF) with extensive experience working in the BC forest sector including the North Coast, Northern Interior and Central Interior. For 12½ years, Gord managed Alkali Resource Management Ltd. (ARM) – an integrated forest management company established to manage the Esk'etemc (Alkali Lake) First Nations' woodlot licence, community forest (27,000ha), woodland tenure (60,000ha), and several forest licences. Prior to his work with ARM, Gord worked for over 20 years as an area supervisor, operations manager, and log buyer for major forest companies in the Williams Lake area.



TED DERGOUSOFF INDEPENDENT LUMBER MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT



Ted Dergousoff is a veteran of the forest and lumber industry, with a career spanning operations and markets across North and Central America. In his current role with ILMA, Ted continues this work on behalf of members, who are predominantly value-added and specialty sawmills located in rural and regional communities across British Columbia. His work centers on fibre access, policy alignment, and ensuring that small and mid-sized manufacturers can continue to generate high-value products, local employment, and resilient community economies.



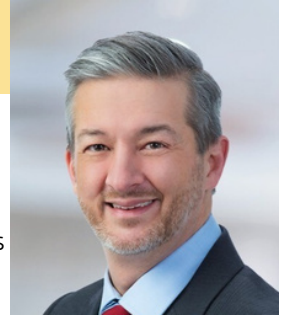
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JASON FISHER

FOREST ENHANCEMENT SOCIETY OF BC EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As ED of FESBC, Jason Fisher, RPF, oversees funding from the Ministry of Forests to support forest investment projects throughout British Columbia that reduce wildfire risk, enhance wildlife habitat, assist in the recovery of forests impacted by fire, insects, and disease, and reduce greenhouse gas emissions. Jason earned degrees in forestry and law and has worked in the private and public sectors, including as Associate Deputy Minister in B.C.'s forest ministry. Jason is also an instructor at the University of Northern BC, where he teaches a senior-level course on forest policy and management.



RANDY SPYKSMA

BC COMMUNITY FOREST ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT

Randy Spyksma is a Registered Professional Forester, a Senior Planner with Forsite Consultants Ltd., Manager of the Logan Lake Community Forest and President of the BC Community Forest Association. Randy is a specialist in planning process design and facilitation with a focus on strategic forest management and wildfire risk management. Randy's passion is bringing people together under complex wildfire and forestland management situations and collaboratively designing processes and analysis to support sound decision making.

4:15PM-5:15PM

BC IS BURNING

SCREENING & DISCUSSION

BC is Burning is an award-winning documentary examining the growing wildfire crisis in British Columbia and what it means for communities across the province. Since its release, the film has screened in more than 25 communities and conferences, reaching local government leaders, industry, and the public across British Columbia. The documentary brings together scientists, wildfire experts, forestry professionals and policy leaders to explain how current forest conditions developed and what can be done to reduce risk. Filmed across British Columbia, California, and Nevada, it highlights real-world examples of forest management practices that are reducing wildfire intensity and helping protect communities. This session includes the film followed by a discussion on what local governments can do to reduce wildfire risk in their communities.



MURRAY WILSON

RETIRED FORESTER | DOCUMENTARY PRODUCER

Murray Wilson is a retired forester with over 40 years of experience in operational forestry. He is the producer and director of BC is Burning, which has been screened to thousands of people across British Columbia. He has worked as a woodlands manager and in forest operations, and before retiring served as Stewardship and Tenures Manager for BC and Manitoba with Tolko Industries. His experience includes forest health, watershed management, and the conditions that influence wildfire behaviour. He brings a practical, on-the-ground perspective to how BC's forests are managed and what that means for communities facing increasing wildfire risk.



CONFERENCE DAY 3

SATURDAY MAY 2ND, 2026

8:00AM-9:00AM

ENGAGE & COMMUNICATE

TO AMPLIFY YOUR IMPACT

In a time where community members expect openness, inclusion, and results from their local governments, how we listen, engage, and communicate determines whether we grow together or apart. This session explores how local governments can start to build stronger relationships built on trust through both engagement (the pull of information) and communication (the push of information). Drawing on Amplify Consulting Inc's experience in strategic engagement, reputation management, and the development of communication strategies, this session offers a practical roadmap for building trust and alignment across councils, staff, Indigenous partners, businesses, and citizens.



ALEECE LAIRD
AMPLIFY CONSULTING INC. FOUNDER

Aleece Laird is the founder and CEO of Amplify Consulting Inc., a strategic communications and engagement firm based in Kamloops, B.C. With more than 20 years of experience in reputation management, public relations, and stakeholder engagement, Aleece has helped local governments, Indigenous organizations, and industry leaders build trust and meaningful connections. She is known for her ability to turn complex issues into clear, authentic conversations that lead to action and shared understanding. Aleece is passionate about strengthening communities by helping leaders communicate with purpose and grow together through collaboration.

8:00AM-9:00AM

HARNESSING LOCAL STRENGTHS FOR BIG IMPACT

BUILDING HEALTHY, VIBRANT & RESILIENT COMMUNITIES

Discover how to unlock the full potential of your community in this fast-paced, interactive session, led by the Healthy Community Development team, Mayor Sulz, and Paul Simon, Director of Development Services with the City of Revelstoke. Designed specifically for local government leaders, this workshop goes beyond theory to show how health and wellbeing are shaped every day through the places people live, work, play, and learn. You'll be introduced to asset-based community development—a practical, strengths-focused approach that helps communities leverage what they already have and do well—and explore how a collective impact approach can bring partners together to tackle complex challenges more effectively. After a brief presentation, you'll roll up your sleeves and apply these concepts directly to your own community context.

JENNY GREEN

INTERIOR HEALTH HEALTHY COMMUNITIES TEAM LEAD

Jenny Green supports a team comprised of Community Health Facilitators and Healthy Built Environment Specialists who collaborate with local and regional governments, Indigenous communities and community partners to strengthen the social and built environments where health is shaped. This work focuses on coordinated action, community design, and the development of health and equity-informed policies, bylaws, and engagement processes. Jenny has over 17 years of experience building partnerships, mobilizing knowledge, and fostering collective leadership to strengthen community action for healthier communities.



KATRINA LEHENBAUER
INTERIOR HEALTH HEALTHY COMMUNITIES MANAGER.



Katrina Lehenbauer oversees teams that work collaboratively with communities and partners to prevent disease, promote health, and strengthen the conditions that allow people to thrive. Her work focuses on building relationships, aligning local priorities with evidence-informed practice, and supporting sustainable, community-driven change. Katrina began her career supporting school health and wellness and later completed a master's degree in public health. She joined Interior Health 8 years ago supporting various programs and teams including Healthy Communities, Healthy Eating & Food Security, Tobacco and Vaping Prevention, and Injury Prevention.



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8:00AM-9:00AM

EA DIRECTORS' FORUM

FACILITATED BY DIRECTOR TRICIA THORPE

Join Director Thorpe for a round table on several pressing topics for Electoral Areas, including watershed governance and rural health. In this conversational session, Director Thorpe will facilitate open discussion on emergent community needs and search for collective solutions that engage our communities and highlight advocacy opportunities for SILGA and its members.



TRICIA THORPE
TNRD ELECTORAL AREA DIRECTOR

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 FireSmart, giving many interviews, and sharing her experiences in navigating life after the effects of climate change. Additionally, Tricia currently volunteers for the TLKemchEEN FireSmart Committee, Gold Country Tourism, Fraser Basin Council, and two Health Planning Tables.

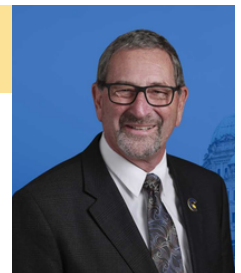
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PROVINCIAL OPPOSITION PARTY ADDRESS

TONY LUCK

BC CONSERVATIVE PARTY CRITIC FOR MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS

Tony Luck is a dedicated leader, community advocate, and the Conservative Party of British Columbia MLA for Fraser-Nicola. Born and raised in British Columbia, Tony has a deep connection to the region and a passion for serving its residents. With a diverse background spanning finance, public service, and community engagement, Tony is committed to bringing positive change to Fraser-Nicola.



9:45AM-10:30AM

MINISTRY OF HEALTH ADDRESS



HON. JOSIE OSBORNE
MINISTER OF HEALTH

Josie Osborne was elected MLA in 2020 and appointed Minister of Health in November 2024. Prior, she served as the Mayor of Tofino from 2013-2020, and also served as Chair and Vice-Chair for the Alberni Clayoquot Regional District. Josie also chaired the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional Hospital District for four years and sat on the Alberni-Clayoquot Health Network for six years. During her time in local government, Josie chaired the Tofino Housing Corporation and was a strong proponent for active transportation and regional transit.



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10:30AM-11:00AM

ADDRESS FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PREMIER

HON. BRITTNY ANDERSON

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND RURAL COMMUNITIES

Brittney Anderson was first elected as the MLA for Nelson-Creston (now called Kootenay Central) in 2020 and was appointed the Minister of State for Local Governments and Rural Communities in November 2024. She was elected to Nelson City Council in 2018 and served on the board of Regional District of Central Kootenay. Professionally, Brittney has worked for regional government in environmental services, focused on resource recovery and water systems. She loves spending time with her family and friends in the mountains.



11:00AM-11:50AM

THE COWICHAN TRIBES DECISION

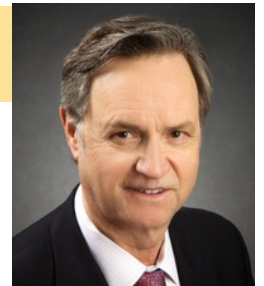
IMPLICATIONS FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Don Lidstone and George Abbott return to review their insights from SILGA's February educational webinar and discuss new developments in the ongoing Cowichan Tribes Decision. They will explain how we got here and share a clearheaded interpretation of the ruling's implications for local governments.

GEORGE ABBOTT, PH.D.

BC TREATY COMMISSIONER

George Abbott, Ph.D., is the Government of British Columbia appointed Commissioner. He is serving his first term as a Commissioner and was appointed in 2025. George is a former Member of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia and represented Shuswap for 17 years. During his time in office, he served in several cabinet positions, including Minister of Aboriginal Relations and Reconciliation. He is the author of the BC bestseller "Unceded: Understanding BC's Colonial Past and Why It Matters Now".



DON LIDSTONE, K.C.

LIDSTONE & CO. SENIOR PARTNER

Don Lidstone K.C. practices across Canada in local government and Indigenous law, in relation to governance, finance, taxation, development, environmental law, and Aboriginal and treaty rights and interests. He has published numerous papers and manuals and consulted on the development of the Community Charter and other municipal statutes in several provinces. Don was designated King's Counsel in 2008.





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SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on
May 1st and 2nd, 2025 in Merritt, BC

1. Call to Order

President Louise Wallace Richmond called the meeting to order at 8:19am on May 1, 2025.

2. President's Report

Thank you very much for joining us in Merritt. We are enjoying this opportunity to 'flourish under the sun' here. A huge thank you to the host committee and to the staff for all their work on the conference. We have a few MLAs joining us today: Tony Luck, David Williams, and Ward Stamer. As the provincial legislature is in session, it is challenging to have Ministers speak to us in person, but we have been in touch with Minister Anderson and others to advocate for our region and we look forward to following up with them after the convention. Furthermore, we are pleased to announce that next year's conference will be held from Wednesday to Saturday in hopes to facilitate Minister visitations to the region.

The 2024-25 SILGA Board, had the opportunity to meet in Oliver, Salmon Arm, and the TNRD, and we would love to be in your communities this upcoming year. We are laser-focused on local priorities, and we are pleased to have four members sitting on the Board at UBCM. Thank you to the SILGA Board and to the members for their continued support. The 2025-2026 board looks forward to listening to you and prioritizing your needs. A huge thank you to outgoing Alison Slater and incoming Koryn de Vries for their support with this year's conference.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Gord Lovegrove THAT:

The minutes of the 2024 Kamloops Annual General Meeting be adopted.

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4. Business Arising From the Minutes

There was no business arising from the minutes.

5. Financial Report

Mario Piroddi from BDO Canada presented the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2024. BDO Canada gave a clean report for SILGA as a not-for-profit association.

The assets and liabilities were stable and consistent. Covid fluctuations have reduced and are back to somewhat normal. Last year's statement of operations versus the incoming revenues can be understood due to the increase in convention attendance. Reserves have been set aside for future contingencies. This includes \$30,000 for convention and a general operating reserve and executive reserve totaling \$100,000.

The 5-year plan was presented by SILGA Director Bill Sarai and Stephen Karpuk, who commented that SILGA's increased administrative costs for 2025 will cover training new GM Koryn de Vries and ensuring a smooth transition of operations. Executive travel permitted our Board to visit communities and receive updates from various local governments. In the winter, SILGA opted to stay safe and host meetings online. The online

educational seminar last year was well-attended and therefore reflects an increase in cost. We are looking forward to another great program this year. SILGA has also streamlined accounting through BDO to clearly define the various roles of staff and to streamline our organization's operations. Bill thanked Mario and Alison for steering us through Covid so that SILGA can be proactive instead of reactive to future contingencies. With this in mind, Stephen presented on what the SILGA Executive is planning for the future. Currently, SILGA's membership dues cover approximately half of the association's operating costs while also having some of the lowest operating costs of all five Area Associations. Operating costs include all of the costs SILGA incurs to continue running, with the exclusion of costs concerning our annual convention. Despite this, our convention registration fees are also lower than other Associations despite SILGA offering a full day more programming and including the cost of the Banquet in our registration fees. SILGA works hard to reduce costs to our membership by keeping our in-person meetings to only 3 a year, contracting one individual, and relying on our generous sponsors to supplement SILGA's conference costs. However, we face a projected deficit, continued increases to the cost of living, and unforeseen environmental hazards - such as covid - that could force us to once again cancel our convention and consequently reduce association income. Therefore, the SILGA executive anticipates the need to gradually increase membership dues from 2026 to 2029. In tandem with this increase, we hope to make the dues calculation system more equitable by eliminating the base fee of \$300 that causes smaller communities to pay more in proportion to larger ones. This proposed model would not go into effect until 2026, after a resolution is passed at our next convention, but we would like to give our members ample time to prepare and weigh in on the best course of action prior. We are briefing you on the planned change now because our highest aim is for SILGA to continually improve service to our membership through education, advocacy, and opportunities to connect with other delegates across the Southern Interior. To succeed in this, SILGA must continue to be fiscally independent and accountable solely to our membership, thereby permitting us to continue serving our communities first and foremost.

Moved/Seconded by Stephen Karpuk/Debbie Cannon THAT:

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2024 be adopted.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded by Bill Sarai/Simone Runyan THAT:

Mario Piroddi be appointed as accountant for the 2025 fiscal year.

CARRIED

Moved/seconded by Michael Lewis/Brian Guy THAT:

The 5-year financial plan be amended to fix the 2027 cost for Interest and Bank Charges from 7510 to 750.

CARRIED

Moved/seconded by Victor Cumming/Robin Smith THAT:

The 5-year financial plan be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

6. Nomination Committee Report

Nomination Committee Chair Aimee Grice read out the nominations and after calling three times for nominations from the floor, the following results were announced for the 2023-24 term.

Table Officers:

President:	Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Bill Sarai, Kamloops (acclaimed)
2 nd Vice-President	Tasha Da Silva, West Kelowna (acclaimed)

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

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Adam Etchart, Merritt
Mayor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
Councillor Stephen Karpuk, Kamloops
Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna
Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland
Director Tricia Thorpe, TNRD

Past President Grice then asked for nominations from the floor, and after calling for nominations three times, Past President Aimee Grice announced that the following will be Directors at Large for SILGA for the 2025/26 term.

Mayor Spencer Coyne, Princeton
Councillor Adam Etchart, Merritt
Mayor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
Councillor Stephen Karpuk, Kamloops
Councillor Gord Lovegrove, Kelowna
Councillor Keith Thom, Peachland
Director Tricia Thorpe, TNRD

8. Resolutions

Moved/Seconded by Stephen Karpuk/Jim King THAT:

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

CARRIED

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COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

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- 36. Sicamous Municipal Infrastructure Plan Library
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- 38. Vernon UBCM Voting Schedule

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

(1) TITLE: Reimbursing Local Governments for Medical Services Provided By Local Government Fire and Rescue Services

Sponsor: Merritt

Whereas communities across BC are facing significant increase in calls to respond to emergency medical incidents;

And whereas this increase in calls can be directly attributed to the prehospital patient care provided by fire departments in response to the opioid crisis and limited resources of the Provincial BC Ambulance Service;

And whereas many first responder agencies have signed agreements to provide this service without any financial funding to support the increased service requests required in their communities;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to develop a funding model to compensate local governments who provide emergency medical services through their fire and rescue services fulfilling the responsibility of the provincial government with consideration given to community population and the fire departments authorized level of emergency medical response.

Carried

(2) TITLE: Implementation of Provincially Mandated Accessibility and Inclusion Plans

Sponsor: West Kelowna

Whereas the *Accessible BC Act* reflects the provincial government's commitment to fostering a society where individuals with disabilities can participate fully and equally;

And whereas the implementation of the Act is contingent upon the availability of resources to support local governments in meeting the outlined requirements;

And whereas solutions which support accessibility require the involvement of all stakeholders, including local governments, community organizations and the Province working together to achieve key objectives, a unified approach is necessary to effectively address the needs of disabled persons across the province;

And whereas the financial burden of implementing these accessibility initiatives will disproportionately impact local taxpayers, despite the Province allocating funding for critical areas like housing and environmental management, it has failed to provide equitable financial support for accessibility initiatives:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to allocate annual grant funding specifically for audits, expert consultant assistance, and capital improvements to assist local governments in implementing accessibility initiatives identified in provincially mandated accessibility plans;

And be it further resolved that the Province work alongside local governments to make the goal of accessibility become a reality by ensuring local governments have the necessary resources to provide essential training in the field.

Carried

(3) TITLE: Adequate Public Sanitary Facilities and Toilets

Sponsor: Kamloops

Whereas the BC *Public Health Act* Regulations include Regulated Activity Regulation 161/2011, which addresses public sanitary facilities and toilets, and these regulations have been put in place to ensure public places contain, and the public has access to, adequate sanitary facilities;

And whereas more and more public toilets are being shut indefinitely, if not permanently, for many reasons including vandalism, drug use, and cost of maintenance;

And whereas in many areas, there are no longer public toilets available, and the current Act no longer results in access in many places:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government review the *Public Health Act* in consultation with residents, businesses, local governments, and health authorities, to find viable solutions to ensure public toilets are available and accessible in communities across BC to improve access for those traveling through communities, as well as visitors to and residents of communities.

Carried

HOUSING

(4) TITLE: Funding Support for Infrastructure Upgrades Required Due to Bill 44

SPONSOR: Revelstoke

Whereas in the fall of 2023, the BC government passed Bill 44: *Housing Statutes (Residential Development) Amendment Act, 2023*, which amends the *Local Government Act* to support the supply of significantly more homes, faster, in British Columbia;

And whereas the provincial requirement to allow small-scale, multi-unit housing has a significant impact on existing municipal and regional district infrastructure:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the government of British Columbia to provide consistent funding to municipalities and regional districts to manage the infrastructure costs resulting from increased densification under Bill 44.

Carried

(5) TITLE: Implement a Regionally Balanced Approach to Supportive Housing

SPONSOR: Penticton

Whereas the Province of British Columbia, through BC Housing, has made significant investments in supportive housing and shelter services, yet many smaller and rural communities continue to face challenges in accessing these resources;

And whereas ensuring that individuals experiencing homelessness can access housing and supports within their home communities promotes stability and well-being;

And whereas a more equitable distribution of supportive housing and shelter services would ensure that all communities – urban, rural and regional – have access to supportive housing and shelter services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to implement a regionally balanced approach to supportive housing by increasing dedicated funding streams for smaller and rural communities, ensuring supportive housing projects are proportionally distributed based on local needs assessments, and providing targeted incentives for non-profits and service providers to operate outside major urban centers and regional hubs.

Carried

(6) TITLE: Homeless Encampments Within City Limits on Provincial Land

SPONSOR: Revelstoke

Whereas the Province of BC is experiencing a housing crisis and the number of unhoused individuals is increasing;

And whereas municipalities and regional districts have adopted certain bylaws that prohibit encampments within the municipal or regional district boundary, yet these bylaws cannot be enforced when the homeless encampments are on provincial land;

And whereas some of these homeless encampments on provincial land are on the sides of roads and highways, and therefore fall under the purview of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) to manage homeless encampments on provincial road and highway lands within municipal or regional district boundaries.

Moved/seconded by Matt Cherry/Gary Sulz

Amend final whereas clause and TBIR to read: And whereas some of these homeless encampments on provincial land are on the sides of roads and highways, and therefore fall under the purview of *Provincial Ministries*:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province *for a single Provincial ministry to be appointed to address homeless encampments within all Crown jurisdiction lands.*

Amendment Carried

Carried

COMMUNITY SAFETY

(7) TITLE: FireSmart and Wildfire Mitigation Funding

SPONSOR: West Kelowna

Whereas the Province of BC continues to face devastating wildfire events year after year and the risk of these events continues to climb;

And whereas the Province spends hundreds of millions of dollars on wildfire suppression, yet the amount dedicated to local governments for wildfire prevention via the Community Resilience Investment Grant is exponentially smaller;

And whereas In April 2024, the Premier’s Expert Task Force on Emergencies called the FireSmart program a “success story” but recommended “building capacity to expedite wildfire risk reduction projects” and “streamline administrative requirements, and providing more year-over-year certainty for communities applying for FireSmart funding”;

And whereas while improvements are being made, portions of the existing grant process is onerous and resource intensive, and does not allow for long term planning:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to dedicate additional grant funds to wildfire prevention and further ease and simplify the program, fully changing the process from a competition-based application process to an allocation-based formula for a term of at least 5 years to reduce red tape, and allow for future planning and more effective prevention-based response;

And be it further resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to reduce the grant approval timelines to less than 30 days.

Carried

(8) TITLE: Installation of Early Wildfire Detection Technology

SPONSOR: Coldstream

Whereas the Province of BC spent \$1.1 billion on fire management in 2023 and continues to spend millions on fire management annually, and understanding that detecting and responding to fires at their earliest stage saves lives, structures, forests, the environment and reduces the costly burden of wildfire control;

And whereas early wildfire detection technology exists, is financially attainable and has been installed in some interface areas and successfully tested and used to detect fires:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to undertake installation of early wildfire detection technology in wildland-urban interface areas with a priority for installation in wildland interface areas bordering local government residential neighbourhoods.

Carried

(9) TITLE: Increase Funding for Wildfire Prevention

SPONSOR: Chase

Whereas wildfire seasons are worsening due to climate change and wind-driven wildfire embers are responsible for igniting structures in up to 90% of wildfire-related losses;

And whereas home hardening and fire-resilient landscaping is a cost effective ways to mitigate a community against a wildfire disaster:

Therefore be it resolved that the provincial government increase financial commitments for wildfire prevention in the Wildland-Urban Interface by providing funding to harden community infrastructure against wildfire threats, support the drafting and implementation of policies and bylaws that enhance wildfire resilience, and offer resources and incentives to assist homeowners in improving the wildfire resilience of their properties.

Carried

(10) TITLE: Shift of Provincial Wildfire Response Responsibilities onto Regional Districts

SPONSOR: CSRD

Whereas the effects of climate change are increasing disaster intensity, duration, frequency, and scale of emergencies and regional districts do not have the ability to increase the capacity of personnel, finances, or resources to meet the demands within identified jurisdictional fire protection zones to manage the increasing number of local wildfire emergencies;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia has outlined changes to the Cooperative Community Wildfire Response program with an unattainable expectation of the role expected of the regional district that includes the expectation the service area goes beyond established regional district fire protection zones:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to assume full responsibility of wildfire response efforts in areas outside of fire protection zones, with recognition of operational capacities of regional districts;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Province of BC to support collaboration between BC Wildfire Service and regional districts to share resources in continued efforts to effectively respond to wildfire emergencies and enhance community resilience.

Carried

(11) TITLE: FireSmart Policy Crown Lands

SPONSOR: TNRD

Whereas the Province of BC faces the worsening effects of climate change, with wildland urban interface fires becoming more and more prevalent;

And whereas many residents and properties impacted by wildfire are located adjacent to Crown lands;

And whereas residents are encouraged to mitigate the threat of fire to their properties following FireSmart principles, Crown lands adjacent to private property are often not mitigated:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to commit to working with interested parties to develop a policy which would allow residents adjacent to Crown lands to follow FireSmart principles on those adjacent Crown lands (within a prescribed distance of private property) to reduce the risk of wildland urban interface fires.

Carried

(12) TITLE: Disaster Financial Assistance Eligibility

SPONSOR: TNRD

Whereas the Province of BC faces the worsening effects of climate change, the disasters resulting in significant costs to rebuild homes and farms;

And whereas many residents and properties impacted by wildfire are located in rural, unincorporated areas outside of fire protection with these residents reporting that trying to obtain insurance has been met with refusal by insurance providers;

And whereas wildfire is considered to be an insurable event and therefore not eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to commit to working with the Insurance Brokers of Canada to ensure it is a legislative requirement that all insurance providers denying coverage provide a letter outlining the reasons insurance is being denied.

Carried

(13) TITLE: RCMP Cost Sharing

Sponsor: Kamloops

Whereas the difficulty faced by local governments in responding to rapidly increasing policing costs, combined with limited mechanisms to generate revenue, is putting significant pressure on local budgets and creating challenges for local governments to adequately address other mandated responsibilities;

And whereas the RCMP contract policing model, which includes Police Service Agreements negotiated by provincial and federal orders of government, leaves local governments with very minimal control over policing decisions:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government, as part of the upcoming Police Service Agreement negotiations, work with BC local governments to develop a new RCMP cost - sharing arrangement that considers local government revenue streams, mandated responsibilities, and ability to pay.

Carried

(14) TITLE: Modernize the Police Cost Sharing Formulas

SPONSOR: Merritt

Whereas inflation, rising equipment costs, and increasing officer salaries have made the existing cost sharing formulas and RCMP costs unsustainable for local governments;

And whereas local governments have no ability to negotiate or regulate the rising costs;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to work with local governments to develop a new RCMP funding framework that gradually increases the cost-share rate for local governments.

Carried

(15) TITLE: Fire Underwriters Survey Policy on Community Size Definition

SPONSOR: Logan Lake

Whereas fire suppression is a local government responsibility including the procurement of firefighting apparatuses;

And whereas there is a significant difference between the Fire Underwriters Survey's definition for insurance grading recognition, with Medium Sized Cities at 1,000 or greater to Major Cities at 100,000 or greater, with this definition having a direct impact on when fire apparatuses must be replaced;

And whereas fire apparatuses in communities of under 5,000 are still in excellent condition after 15 years due to very low hours of operational use, while the cost of replacement for first line fire apparatus every 15 years is extremely onerous to the taxpayer:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby for the Fire Underwriters Survey to change the definition of Small Communities and Rural Centres to include communities of under 5,000 in population.

Carried

(16) TITLE: Compensation for Road Rescue Services

SPONSOR: Sicamous

Whereas the Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness does not compensate local governments for providing road rescue service in response to highway accidents within their jurisdiction;

And whereas provincial funding mechanisms fail to account for the full cost of road rescue, including training, equipment and operational costs;

And whereas ICBC, despite being the Province's primary auto insurer, does not contribute to road rescue response costs;

And whereas rural and remote municipalities provide road rescue services within and outside their jurisdictions, placing additional financial strain on local governments;

And whereas many non-profit road rescue societies in the province are experiencing reduced numbers of volunteers, resulting in pressure for more local governments to take on the service:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to establish a sustainable funding model to fully compensate road rescue service providers for response, training, equipment and operational costs.

Carried

(17) TITLE: Victim Services Program Funding

SPONSOR: Meritt

Whereas victim service programs provide support and assistance to victims of crime;

And whereas a variety of agencies and local governments deliver victim services programs in different communities, with varying degrees of expertise and resources;

And whereas the funding formula for victim services is built around population it does not take into consideration the absence of a community based program resulting in the responsibility falling on local police based programs along with additional responsibilities of committees, such as being the facilitator for Integrated Case Assessment Teams (ICAT):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to fully fund all victim services programs in British Columbia.

Carried

(18) TITLE: Mailing Illegal Substances via Canada Post
SPONSOR: Lumby

Whereas Canada Post Corporation is the primary postal operator in Canada;

And whereas it has been reported that Canada Post unknowingly shipped controlled and illegal drug to and from individual residences and postal boxes;

And whereas there is no oversight as to the age of the persons ordering the illegal substances throughout our province;

And whereas British Columbia's communities are experiencing devastation caused by illegal substance use among youth;

And whereas the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General's office is responsible to advocate on behalf of the residents and youth of British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General advocate to Canada Post to implement immediate process changes, such as increasing the use of ion scanners, narcotic sniffing dogs, and other means to detect and divert illegal drugs.

Carried

ENVIRONMENT

(19) TITLE: Ministerial Oversight of Proposed Sewerage (Septic) Systems
Sponsor: Coldstream

Whereas the Sewerage System Regulation, under the *Public Health Act*, does not require an environmental impact study for sewerage systems (including septic systems) that receive a flow of less than 22,700 litres per day (5,000 Imperial gallons);

And whereas there is no requirement for provincial review of the cumulative effect of multiple systems on a parcel of land or their location relative to water sources that may be present, as part of the onsite sewerage system permitting process:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request, that as part of the onsite sewerage system permit approval process, the Ministry of Environment be required to review all permit applications for onsite sewerage systems when there is more than one onsite system to be installed on a parcel of land or where the sewerage system is proposed to be on a parcel adjacent to a water source.

Moved/seconded by Simone Runyan/Jeremy Levy

Amend TBIR to read: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request, that as part of the onsite sewerage system permit approval process, the Ministry of Environment be required to review all permit applications for onsite sewerage systems when *the combined septic effluent from a parcel exceeds 80% of the Municipal Wastewater Regulation threshold of 22,700 liters per day and a septic system malfunction could contaminate a municipal water source.*

Amendment Carried

Carried

(20) TITLE: British Columbia Conservation Officer Service Capacity

SPONSOR: Revelstoke

Whereas the provincial government is responsible for managing wildlife through its Conservation Service, with a reduction in the number of conservation officers in the field and the zone deployment model having a negative impact on the ability of the BC Conservation Officer Service to meet the needs of communities experiencing an increase in habituated wildlife population;

And whereas the British Columbia Conservation Officer Service has not been able to adequately address public safety, focus on natural resource law enforcement, off road vehicle enforcement, illegal dumping, human wildlife conflicts prevention, or respond to wildlife human conflict;

And whereas the UBCM membership previously endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to increase numbers of conservation officers and resources to support wildlife management (through resolutions 2018-B36, 2017-B29, 2016-B30, 2015-B26, 2013-B27, 2012-B22, 2010-B25, 2003-B32, 1996-B27, 1996-B64, 1992-B35):

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the provincial government provide additional funding, offices and staffing to fully support the BC Conservation Officer Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing conservation services.

Carried

(21) TITLE: BC Building Code Amendment to Include Natural Gas

SPONSOR: Spallumcheen

Whereas the BC Building Code has incorporated the BC Energy Step code, which sets increasingly stringent energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction requirements for new buildings and major renovations, effectively limiting the current uses and eliminating the future uses of natural gas as a fuel in areas of BC that use the BC Building Code;

And whereas many local governments, including those with significant agricultural, industrial, and rural residential needs, require flexibility and ongoing energy investment to ensure affordable, reliable, and diverse energy options for residents, businesses, and farms;

And whereas limiting or eliminating natural gas as an energy option could increase energy and construction costs, reduce economic competitiveness, and limit the ability of local governments to attract and retain families, businesses, and agricultural entities that rely on natural gas for their operations:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future, allowing residents, businesses and local governments the flexibility to determine the most appropriate energy solutions for their unique economic, geographic, and community needs, while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals.

Carried

(22) TITLE: Inclusion of Agricultural Plastics Under Recycling Regulations

SPONSOR: TNRD

Whereas agricultural plastics, including net wrap and baler twine, typically end up in landfills or are burnt or buried on farms, resulting in decreased landfill capacity and environmental pollution;

And whereas the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in the Canada-Wide Action Plan for Extended Producer Responsibility has identified ICI packaging including agriculture plastics be a material to be considered in the future;

And whereas the Ministry will engage with local government as staff work towards strengthening current programs, while prioritizing options for potential program expansion:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy expedite the inclusion of agricultural plastics as a new product category under the Recycling Regulation.

Carried

LAND USE

(23) TITLE: Provincial Oversight of Water, Streams, Wetlands and Riparian Areas

SPONSOR: Sicamous

Whereas the Province has oversight through applications, permitting and leases for works in and around water, streams, wetlands and riparian areas;

And whereas the timelines for the completion of these processes are now extended to the point of hardship for communities and property owners:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to commit additional resources to oversight processes to reduce timelines and increase responsiveness to communities' needs.

Moved/seconded by Siobhan Rich/Marty Gibbons

Amend TBIR to read: Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to commit additional resources to oversight processes *for works in and around water, streams, wetlands and riparian areas*, to reduce timelines and increase responsiveness to communities' needs.

Amendment Carried

Carried

(24) TITLE: Permit Vacation Rentals Within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

SPONSOR: RDOS

Whereas the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is no longer permitting vacation rentals on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land;

And whereas local governments may have an objective to support agriculture and the local economy through agritourism;

And whereas allowing vacation rentals supports tourism and the local economy:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Agricultural Land Commission to permit vacation rentals within the Agricultural Land Reserve and remove the existing requirement for a resident owner.

Carried

(25) TITLE: Provincial Funding for Archaeological Costs Borne by Local Government

SPONSOR: Lillooet

Whereas local governments within British Columbia are required to undertake major construction projects to provide services such as roads, community sewer systems and community water systems to service properties within their jurisdictions;

And whereas these works involve the excavation of lands, which may include First Nations lands, during the construction phase of such projects;

And whereas the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* requires that all archaeological sites and findings be recorded and documented in accordance with the legislation and the costs incurred by local governments to comply with the legislation are prohibitive:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of BC to consider providing specific funding of the expenditures borne by local governments in all aspects of recording and documentation of archaeological findings in accordance with the provincial *Heritage Conservation Act* in order to enhance government-to-government relationships with First Nations.

Carried

(26) TITLE: Approval of Aggregate Activities

SPONSOR: Summerland

Whereas conflicts can arise when the provincial Ministry responsible for mining chooses to override local government zoning to approve new gravel pits and other aggregate activities in areas not zoned for such purposes;

And whereas provincial Aggregate Management Principles state that the Ministry should work with local governments to reduce conflicts that can develop when aggregate activities are proposed in urban and populated rural areas;

And whereas consideration of the provincial Aggregate Management Principles is at the discretion of the Statutory Decision Maker within the responsible Ministry, and there is no requirement to follow their principles:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Government of British Columbia to require Statutory Decision Makers to work with local governments to resolve conflicts prior to approving aggregate activities under a *Mines Act* permit whenever a proposed activity does not conform to existing local government zoning.

Carried

(27) TITLE: Updated Ancillary Uses for Airports Located on Crown Land

SPONSOR: Oliver/RDOS

Whereas airports located on Crown Land have Crown Grants from the Province of BC to operate and must adhere to the ancillary airport uses listed in the Land Use Operational Policy;

And whereas the list of airport uses is restrictive and limited to what is considered necessary for the viable operation and management of a public airport;

And whereas capital renewal and operational costs for Crown Grant Airports continue to increase and are far outpacing the revenue generating opportunities from ancillary land use leases, and the socio-economic impacts from Crown Grant Airports is significant for local municipalities and their surrounding area:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to work with Crown Grant Airport owners to update the list of ancillary uses in the Land Use Operational Policy to allow for increased revenue generating opportunities to improve the economic viability of Crown Grant Airports.

Carried

TAXATION

(28) TITLE: Burden of Delinquent Property Taxes

SPONSOR: Merritt

Whereas the current *Community Charter* allows for taxpayers to become delinquent on their property taxes over a period of three years;

And whereas the *Local Government Act* further exacerbates the collection of taxes for an indefinite number of collection years regarding mobile homes;

And whereas property tax arrears significantly impact the operating capacity of municipalities thereby forcing significant tax increases or limits to essential services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask that the provincial government revise the *Community Charter* by reducing the number of years a property owner can be in arrears on their property tax;

And be it further resolved that the provincial government implement a province-wide, cost-effective solution for municipalities to recover taxes owed by mobile homes; and revise the *Local Government Act* and other related Acts, such as the *Manufactured Homes Act*, accordingly.

Carried

TRANSPORTATION

(29) TITLE: Small Community Transit Service Funds

SPONSOR: Merritt

Whereas transit costs in small communities for the operation and leasing of vehicles continues to rise at a rate that is unaffordable for maintaining systems with smaller population bases;

And whereas the transit riders in rural and small communities rely on the systems to attend appointments in larger urban centres and to commute to places of employment;

And whereas rural and small communities have limited tax bases to draw on to pay for increased costs they are facing reductions in transit services to limited routes:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to develop a funding model for a small community transit service fund in addition to the small community transfer tax to support continuation of the vital links between and within smaller communities for those with limited means of transportation.

Carried

(30) TITLE: Ministry of Transportation and Transit Approval on Minor Rezoning Applications

Sponsor: Kamloops

Whereas rezoning applications within 800 metres from the intersection of a controlled access highway with any other highway requires approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit;

And whereas Kamloops is like many other local governments which have many kilometres of highways through their jurisdiction;

And whereas minor rezoning applications are considered those not requiring a Traffic Impact Assessment by generating no more than 100 new trips in the peak hour;

And whereas the approval times for rezoning applications can be many months;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province that minor rezoning applications not require approval of the Ministry of Transportation and Transit.

Carried

(31) TITLE: Highway Speed Limits

SPONSOR: Revelstoke

Whereas highways in British Columbia are managed by the Ministry of Transportation and Transit, who oversee the maintenance, service and safety standards, which includes setting and adjusting speed limits;

And whereas certain highway intersections, that are the only access to neighbourhoods, experience a high collision frequency:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Ministry of Transportation and Transit amend the current warrant process criteria to include community safety concerns when requesting a review of speed limits for municipalities and regional districts experiencing significant highway collisions where alternate neighbourhood access is unavailable.

Carried

(32) TITLE: Commercial Transport Training Standards

SPONSOR: TNRD

Whereas serious crashes and other incidents, such as truck fires, involving commercial transport trucks continue to happen more frequently on BC highways in all weather conditions;

And whereas crashes involving commercial transport trucks often result in serious injuries or death, and crashes often lead to lengthy highway closures that cause significant disruptions and detours for other commercial and non-commercial motorists;

And whereas some commercial transport truck crashes may be attributed to unsafe driving actions or poor driver training, which puts all drivers at risk:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA and UBCM request that the Ministry of Transportation and Transit (MOTT) investigate whether commercial transport driver training standards are satisfactory and rigorous, (including for Class 1 and 3 licensing, Air Brake endorsements, and Mandatory Entry Level Training requirements), to increase in-class and on-the-road training to meet a higher standard and reach a level of safety that the traveling public should expect from professional drivers;

And be it further resolved that MOTT investigate and report publicly on enforcement actions taken against commercial transport trucks by BC Highway Patrol, the Commercial Vehicle Safety and Enforcement branch, RCMP, and other agencies if applicable.

Carried

(33) TITLE: Equitable Status and Funding for Inland Ferries as Essential Infrastructure

SPONSOR: CSRD

Whereas inland ferries provide historically critical infrastructure to the communities served, equivalent to roads, highways and bridges;

And whereas inland ferry services are essential services whose costs are funded by a portion of the taxes on sales of gasoline and diesel:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to ensure that all inland ferries are entitled to the same legal status as roads, highways and bridges, that all remain toll-free, and that the regular schedule of each inland ferry (whether on-demand or set schedule) be deemed the minimum necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the communities served.

Carried

LEGISLATION

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

SPONSOR: 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.

Carried

COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

(35) TITLE: Local Government Response to US Imposed Tariffs

SPONSOR: Lake Country

Whereas the US government is imposing tariffs on manufacturers in many local government jurisdictions;

And whereas federal and provincial officials are considering counter tariffs on US products;

And whereas federal and the provincial officials want to encourage more made in Canada goods:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province set aside funds collected from US counter tariffs for local governments to access to create economic opportunities for local Canadian manufacturers to invest in their communities.

Moved/Seconded by Spencer Coyne/Todd Mckenzie

Amend TBIR to read: Therefore be it resolved that the *Federal Government* set aside funds collected from US counter tariffs for local governments to access to create economic opportunities for local Canadian manufacturers to invest in their communities.

Amendment Carried

Carried

SELECTED ISSUES

(36) TITLE: Municipal Infrastructure Plan Library

SPONSOR: Sicamous

Whereas hiring firms to design common infrastructure buildings such as municipal halls, firehalls, water treatment plants and wastewater treatment plants requires substantial time, money, and resources;

And whereas “For Construction” drawings represent substantial public investment and technical expertise;

And whereas a centralized repository of these designs would allow local governments to efficiently reuse existing designs, thereby expediting infrastructure projects and saving public funds and resources:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province implement an infrastructure plan library that is accessible to local governments.

Carried

(37) TITLE: Provincial Government Water Panel

SPONSOR: 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, along with maintaining and growing the agricultural sector to feed this new population;

And whereas UBCM is the voice of 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 governments’ members.

Carried

(38) TITLE: UBCM Voting Schedule

SPONSOR: Vernon

Whereas the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Convention is the main forum for BC local governments to take a united position on key issues through resolutions submitted at the annual Convention;

And whereas these resolutions, if supported, are carried to other orders of government and other organizations involved in local affairs;

And whereas voting on submitted resolutions at the Convention currently occurs during the last 3 days, creating time constraints for all items to be addressed and for all members to be in attendance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM change the Convention agenda by scheduling resolutions at the start of Convention, providing time to address all resolutions submitted and allowing members to schedule their attendance accordingly.

Carried

9. Community Excellence Awards

Social Responsibility	Village of Keremeos	Every Child Matters Crosswalk
Economic Development	Town of Osoyoos	Station Street Market
Environmental Sustainability	Town of Lumby	Waste Management Program

10. President’s Closing Remarks

President Louise Wallace Richmond addressed the delegates and expressed gratitude for the work of our elected officials and extended thanks to their families who, without their support, delegates cannot do this important work. She thanked outgoing Director-At-Large Isaac Gilbert for his service on the 2024 SILGA board and welcomed District of Coldstream Mayor Ruth Hoyte to our Executive. Looking back to Alison Slater’s 17 years of service and forward to Koryn de Vries’ new position, she thanked both for their collaboration on the 2025 SILGA Conference and reflected on the many facets of Economic Development that had been showcased through this year’s conference.

11. 2026 Convention – Revelstoke

The 2026 Convention will be held in Revelstoke from April 29th to May 2nd, 2026. Mayor Gary Sulz invited all the delegates to join him in his community.

12. Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Adam Etchart/Spencer Coyne THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 12:16pm on May 2, 2025.

CARRIED

Southern Interior Local Government
Association
Financial Statements
For the year ended December 31, 2025
(Unaudited)

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Independent Practitioner's Review Engagement Report

To the Board of Directors of
Southern Interior Local Government Association

Report on the independent review of the financial statements

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Southern Interior Local Government Association that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Southern Interior Local Government Association as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.



Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by the Societies Act (British Columbia), we report that, in our opinion, the accounting principles in Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations have been applied on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year.

Chartered Professional Accountants

Kamloops, British Columbia
March 20, 2026

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Statement of Financial Position
(Unaudited)

December 31 2025 2024

Assets

Current

Cash	\$ 39,067	\$ 48,216
GST receivable	3,914	2,823
Investments (MFA account) (Note 2)	106,688	93,987
Prepaid expenses	2,465	1,744
	\$ 152,134	\$ 146,770

Liabilities and Net Assets

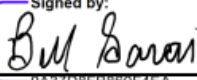
Current

Accounts Payable	\$ 731	\$ -
Deferred revenue	-	10,500
	731	10,500

Net assets

Contingency reserve (Note 3)	40,000	40,000
Convention reserve (Note 3)	30,000	30,000
General operating reserve (Note 3)	27,500	27,500
Executive workshop reserve (Note 3)	5,000	2,500
Unrestricted	48,903	36,270
	151,403	136,270
	\$ 152,134	\$ 146,770

Approved on behalf of the Board:

Signed by:

 _____, Director
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Signed by:

 _____, Director
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Southern Interior Local Government Association
Statement of Changes in Net Assets
(Unaudited)

December 31			2025	2024
	Internally restricted	Unrestricted	Total	Total
Net assets, beginning of year	\$ 100,000	\$ 36,270	\$ 136,270	\$ 136,463
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	15,133	15,133	(193)
Transfers	2,500	(2,500)	-	-
Net assets, end of year	\$ 102,500	\$ 48,903	\$ 151,403	\$ 136,270

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Statement of Operations
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	Budget	2025	2024
Revenue			
Convention	\$ 195,000	\$ 222,483	\$ 196,375
Memberships	62,697	61,270	60,871
Investment income	4,000	2,701	4,313
Education & newsletter revenue	1,000	1,485	-
Other sponsorships and donations	1,000	889	4,632
	263,697	288,828	266,191
Expenses			
Administrative expenses:			
Contractor fees	55,296	54,841	70,196
Training and transition	10,500	18,001	-
Communication allowance	3,712	3,723	2,787
Travel expenses	3,516	3,574	3,414
Meals	-	395	1,063
Director expenses:			
Per diem allowance	12,500	11,950	11,950
Travel expenses	6,500	7,704	6,627
Meals	1,105	1,224	-
Convention expenses	169,500	147,184	142,792
Donations and gifts	2,000	1,912	1,318
Education expenses	7,500	8,108	10,152
Executive workshops	2,500	4,036	-
Interest and bank charges	750	467	588
Insurance	2,465	2,651	2,481
Office expenses	2,123	1,685	1,195
Professional fees	8,961	6,240	6,762
Provincial meetings	3,000	-	1,565
Website	1,000	-	448
Youth initiative	5,000	-	3,046
	297,928	273,695	266,384
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenses for the year	\$ (34,231)	\$ 15,133	\$ (193)

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Statement of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)

For the year ended December 31	2025	2024
Cash provided by (used for)		
Operating activities		
Cash receipts from membership and sponsorship	\$ 274,536	\$ 266,679
Cash paid to employees and suppliers	(273,685)	(265,045)
Interest received	2,701	4,313
Cash flows provided by (used for) operating activities	<u>3,552</u>	<u>5,947</u>
Investing activity		
Increase of short-term investments	<u>(12,701)</u>	<u>(4,314)</u>
Net increase in cash	(9,149)	1,633
Cash, beginning of year	<u>48,216</u>	<u>46,583</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 39,067</u>	<u>\$ 48,216</u>

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2025

1. Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of Business

The Southern Interior Local Government Association (the "Association") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated under the Societies Act of British Columbia and, accordingly, is exempt from income tax under provisions of the Income Tax Act provided certain requirements of the Income Tax Act are met. This Association is a body formed for the purposes of representing in one organization, the various municipalities and regional districts of the British Columbia southern interior.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements have been prepared using Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

Revenue Recognition

Memberships are recognized ratably over the memberships period. Sponsorships and convention revenues are recognized as revenue when received and the related event has occurred.

Restrictions on Net Assets

The Association has internally restricted net assets committed for future expenditures. The internally restricted amounts are not available for other purposes without approval of the Board of Directors.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make assumptions and estimates that have an effect on the reported amounts of asset, liabilities and disclosures at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2025

1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Financial Instruments

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, equities traded in an active market and derivatives are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in operations. In addition, guaranteed investment certificates have been designated to be in the fair value category, with gains and losses reported in operations. All other financial instruments are reported at cost or amortized cost less impairment, if applicable. Financial assets are tested for impairment when changes in circumstances indicate the asset could be impaired. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale or issue of financial instruments are expensed for those items remeasured at fair value at each statement of financial position date and charged to the financial instrument for those measured at amortized cost.

2. Short-term Investments

Short-term portfolio investments are measured at fair market value.

	2025	2024
MFABC money market fund	\$ 96,688	\$ 93,987
GIC	10,000	-
	\$ 106,688	\$ 93,987

The Association holds a Guaranteed Investment Certificate ("GIC") in the amount of \$10,000, which has been pledged as security for the Association's corporate credit card facility. The pledge restricts the Association's ability to access or use the GIC for general operating purposes while the security arrangement is in place. The GIC earns interest at 2.05% and matures on May 12, 2026. As at year-end, there is no amount outstanding on the related credit card. The restriction on the GIC will continue until the financial institution removes the security requirement.

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2025

3. Internally Restricted Net Assets

Internally restricted net assets are held as reserve for future expenditures as follows:

	2025	2024
Contingency Reserve	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Convention Reserve	30,000	30,000
General Operating Reserve	27,500	27,500
Executive Workshop Reserve	5,000	2,500
	<u>\$ 102,500</u>	<u>\$ 100,000</u>

General Operating Reserve

Funds set aside for future operating shortfalls.

Convention Reserve

Funds set aside for future convention shortfalls and/or to allow a smaller community the opportunity to host the convention.

Contingency Reserve

Funds set aside for unanticipated future events.

Executive Workshop Reserve

Funds set aside to fund strategic planning sessions, which will be held once every 2 - 4 years. The current policy is to allocate \$2,500 per year to this reserve until the session occurs.

Southern Interior Local Government Association
Notes to Financial Statements
(Unaudited)

December 31, 2025

4. Financial Instrument Risk

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Association is exposed to this risk through its GICs. The Association holds these instruments with a fixed interest rate which involves risks of price changes due to, without limitation, such factors as interest rates and general economic conditions.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices. The Association is exposed to this risk by virtue of its investments, which are traded in active market. There have not been any changes in the risk from the prior year.

Southern Interior Local Government Association

Draft Five Year Financial Plan

For the years 2026 - 2030

		2025	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030
		Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget
Revenues								
Convention		\$195,000	\$222,483	\$200,850	\$206,876	\$213,082	\$219,474	\$226,058
Memberships*		62,697	61,270	71,991	\$80,878	92,067	102,240	105,307
Newsletter/Education Income		1,000	1,485	1,000	\$1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Sponsorships and Donation Income		1,000	889	1,000	\$1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Return on Investments		4,000	2,701	3,000	\$3,000	3,000	2,500	2,000
		\$263,697	\$288,828	\$277,841	\$292,754	\$310,149	\$326,214	\$335,366
Expenditures								
Administrative Expenses								
	Contractor Fees	\$55,296	\$54,841	\$70,000	\$72,100	\$74,263	\$76,491	\$78,786
	Training/transition	35,000	18,001	-	-	- 0	- 0	-
	Communication Allowance	3,712	3,723	2,712	2,766	2,822	2,878	2,936
	Travel Expenses	3,516	4,149	3,621	3,730	3,842	3,957	3,842
Director Expenses								
	Per Diem Allowance	12,500	11,950	12,875	13,261	13,659	14,069	14,491
	Travel Expenses	6,500	7,704	7,250	7,613	7,993	8,393	8,645
	Meals	1,105	1,224	1,138	1,172	1,208	1,244	1,281
Convention		145,000	147,184	150,000	155,000	160,000	165,000	170,000
Donation		1,000	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Education (net)		7,500	8,108	7,725	7,957	8,195	8,441	8,695
Executive Workshops (Retreat)		2,500	4,036	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
Gifts		500	412	500	500	500	500	550
Interest and Bank Charges		750	467	750	750	750	750	750
Insurance		2,465	2,651	3,500	3,570	3,641	3,714	3,789
Office Expenses		1,219	1,685	1,256	1,293	1,332	1,372	1,413
Provincial Liaison/Meetings		3,000	-	3,000	3,300	3,300	3,300	3,500
Youth Initiative at UBCM		5,000	-	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,250
Other		500	-	500	500	500	500	500
Accounting/Bookkeeping/Legal fees		8,961	6,240	9,230	9,507	9,792	10,086	10,388
Website		1,000	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
		\$297,024	\$273,695	\$283,557	\$292,519	\$301,297	\$310,195	\$319,314
Net Revenues (Expenditures)		-\$33,327	\$15,133	-\$5,716	\$234	\$8,851	\$16,019	\$16,051

*Due to the current member fees resulting in fiscal insolvency, the membership revenues reflected here are based on the increased member fees as proposed in the 2026 Resolutions Book.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2025 - 2028

PRIORITIES	2025	2026	2027	2028
Strengthening Board Roles and Responsibilities				
Coordinate five Ministry meetings per year outside of Convention including dedicated area directors meetings	Underway	Complete	Complete	Complete
Communicate outcomes of board meetings to membership	Initiated	Underway	Complete	Complete
Develop tool kit to prepare for advocacy meetings	Initiated	Underway	Complete	Complete
Publish one pager with SILGA demographics and priorities (see sample)	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Represent SILGA interests at UBCM and FCM	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Attend COFI, Keeping It Rural, one sister area association convention	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Promote SILGA at Regional District meetings	Underway	Complete	Complete	Complete
Enhancing Support and Engagement				
Expand newsletter to quarterly issues	Underway	Complete	Complete	Complete
Create web portal for members to share updates about relevant initiatives	Initiated	Initiated	Underway	Complete
Develop online tool kit for local advocacy efforts	Initiated	Underway	Complete	Complete
Fund one student delegate to UBCM	Underway	Complete	Complete	Complete
Host C2C forum	Complete	Initiated	Underway	Complete
Create Regional Transit Working Group	Initiated	Underway	Complete	Complete
Empowering Effective Governance				
Develop affordable and sustainable membership fee schedule	Initiated	Initiated	Underway	Complete
Build one-year operating reserve	Complete	Initiated	Complete	Complete
Host three in person meetings within SILGA area per year	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete
Offer 2 workshops per year enhance governance knowledge and skills	Initiated	Underway	Complete	Complete
Rank resolutions post convention to inform advocacy	Underway	Complete	Complete	Complete
Promoting Inclusive Engagement				
Reflect size, economic and geographic differences	Initiated	Complete	Complete	Complete
Provide spaces for specific groups (Electoral Areas, rural, mid-size)	Initiated	Complete	Complete	Complete
Create spaces at convention for informal discussions	Initiated	Complete	Complete	Complete
Represented members regardless of community personal background	Complete	Initiated	Underway	Complete
Collaborate with other Area Associations on key issues	Initiated	Underway	Complete	Complete
Develop and implement communications strategy	Complete	Initiated	Underway	Complete

Initiated
 Underway
 Complete

2026 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 Aimee Grice, Town of Oliver

Koryn de Vries, SILGA Executive Director

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:

Louise Wallace Richmond, City of Salmon Arm, will be Past President.
(Elect one each)

President	Councillor Bill Sarai	City of Kamloops
1st Vice-President	Councillor Tasha Da Silva	City of West Kelowna
2nd Vice-President	Mayor Spencer Coyne	Town of Princeton

For Directors At Large:

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

Adam Etchart	Councillor	City of Merritt
Adrienne Fedrigo	Director	RD Okanagan-Similkameen
Ruth Hoyte	Mayor	District of Coldstream
Gordon Lovegrove	Councillor	City of Kelowna
Tricia Thorpe	Director	Thompson Nicola RD

Nominated for:

President

2026 SILGA

AGM



Councillor

Bill Sarai

City of Kamloops

Bill is currently elected as 1st Vice President after serving three years as Director at Large and a year as 2nd Vice President with SILGA.

He retired from Canada Post after 31 years of service and was fortunate to be elected as City Councillor for Kamloops in October 2018. Currently, he is serving his second term as a City Councillor with the City of Kamloops and he currently sits as President of the Kamloops Airport Authority Society, Chair of the Governance & Service Excellence Select Committee, as well as being a member of the Safety & Security Select Committee and the Build Kamloops Select Committee. Since 2022, he has been a City of Kamloops Director with the TNRD and is Chair of the Solid Waste Management Committee.

Nominated for:
1st Vice President

**2026 SILGA
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**Councillor Tasha
Da Silva**
City of West Kelowna

Tasha Da Silva is seeking election as 1st Vice President of the Southern Interior Local Government Association for the 2026/27 term and asks for your support.

SILGA plays a critical role in educating members on the challenges affecting our communities and advocating for change through resolutions brought to UBCM. Tasha is committed to working with the board to seek initiatives which foster collaboration, amplify our collective voices, and ensure that the diverse needs of our 37 communities are heard.

With a passion for inclusive advocacy and a dedication to strengthening regional connections, Tasha is eager to continue serving in this role. She is committed to working alongside SILGA members to champion policies that benefit all communities throughout the Southern Interior region. She asks for your vote to continue building on this momentum and advancing the priorities that matter most to our region.

- SILGA - 2nd VP 2024/25 and Director at Large in 2023
- Okanagan Regional Library Board - Chair 2024/25/26
- West Kelowna Economic Development Corporation - Director 2024/25/26
- Glenrosa Resident Association - Past President & Director/ Current Member
- Rotary Club of West Kelowna - Member since 2022
- Accelerate Okanagan - Member since 2016
- Greater Westside Board of Trade - Member since 2012

Nominated for:

2nd Vice President

**2026 SILGA
AGM**



**Mayor
Spencer Coyne**
Town of Princeton

After four terms in the role of Director at Large with the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA), Spencer is running for 2nd Vice President for the 2026-27 term.

He is firm in his 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. As a director and past 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 proud member of the Upper Similkameen Indian Band and a devoted single father of three (ages 16, 13, and 5), Spencer strives to incorporate the wisdom of the Seven Generations teachings into his decision-making. His goal is always to create a stronger, more vibrant community for future generations.

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*

2026 SILGA
AGM



**Councillor
Adam Etchart**
City of Merritt

City of Merritt Councillor Adam Etchart has a 27-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, totaling hundreds of thousands of dollars.

*Nominated for:
Director at Large*

2026 SILGA
AGM



**Director
Adrienne
Fedrigo**
Regional District
of Okanagan-
Similkameen

Adrienne Fedrigo is a dedicated local government leader with more than 25 years of experience serving communities through policy development, strategic planning, and economic advancement. As an Electoral Area Director and Community Economic Development Officer, she brings experience in governance, community engagement, and long-term planning. Her professional interests include economics, strategic policy design, and effective governance frameworks that strengthen rural and small-community resilience.

Adrienne's commitment to community leadership extends to several regional and national boards. She serves as President of the Tiny Home Builders Association of Canada, where she champions innovative, attainable housing solutions. She is also Policy & Planning Chair for the Okanagan Regional Library Board and Vice Chair of the RDOS Electoral Area Committee, contributing strategic oversight and evidence-based policy direction.

Her academic background includes a Master's degree in Community Economic Development from Athabasca University, an undergraduate degree in Sociology from York University, a Business and Entrepreneurship diploma in Sports and Recreation Administration from Mount Royal University.

Passionate about strengthening local government, Adrienne is a strong advocate for policy innovation, economic development, and supporting other elected officials in building vibrant, sustainable communities across the region.

*Nominated for:
Director at Large*

2026 SILGA
AGM



**Mayor
Ruth Hoyte**
District of
Coldstream

Ruth has been honored by the opportunity to serve on the SILGA Board of Directors, three times previously, and currently serving as your MIABC representative for the past six years. She appreciates how the experience of serving on SILGA with talented colleagues has expanded her knowledge and benefits of this organization.

Elected as Councillor in 2018, she now serves as Mayor for the beautiful District of Coldstream. This provides the ability to serve her community and give back, a personal philosophy of hers.

She currently represents the District of Coldstream both on the Regional District of North Okanagan and the Greater Vernon Advisory committee. She also lends her participation to the Regional Growth Committee and Regional Hospital Board.

Retired from the Insurance Industry after 27 years, she continues to be involved in the community and believes her varied experience can provide some positive input to SILGA.

Past and Current experience in a leadership capacity include:

- Past President - Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce
- Downtown Vernon Association (BIA)
- North Okanagan Employment Enhancement Society (now NExuS)
- Insurance Brokers Association - Treasurer
- Insurance Council of BC – Chair
- First Vice President - BC Elks Association

Ruth sincerely asks for your support and consideration in letting her name stand for participation on the Board of SILGA.

*Nominated for:
Director at Large*

2026 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*

2026 SILGA
AGM



Director
Tricia Thorpe
Thompson Nicola RD

Tricia Thorpe is currently seeking a third term as Director at Large with the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA). Tricia is the Electoral Area Director for Area I (Blue Sky Country) of the Thompson Nicola Regional District.

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 health care. We are stronger together.

In her first term as EA Director at Large, Tricia implemented quarterly zoom meetings for SILGA EA Directors as an opportunity to get together informally, discuss issues of concern and look for opportunities to collaborate for joint advocacy.

Tricia spent her early years growing up on her family's cattle ranch in Southeastern British Columbia. 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 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.

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 FireSmart and sharing her experiences in navigating life after the effects of climate change. Additionally, Tricia currently volunteers for the TLKemchEEN FireSmart Collaboration, Gold Country Tourism, Friends of Historic Hat Creek Ranch, and two Health Planning Tables. In her role as Director for the TNRD, Tricia currently sits on the Utilities Committee, Policy and Governance Committee, Electoral Area Director's Committee, Parks and Trails Committee, Boundary and Governance Review Committee, and Invasive Plant Management Committee, as well as the Fraser Basin Council and the Regional Hospital Board.

It has been an honour to serve as a Director for SILGA, and I ask for your continued support please.



SILGA ANNUAL MEETING

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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]

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, 10th Edition)

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6. Vernon Provision of Short-Term Rental Legislation Data
7. Clearwater FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program
8. TNRD FireSmart Long-Term Funding for Community Wildfire Response Groups
9. Chase FireSmart Program Funding
10. Merritt Provincial Diking Reform
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18. Kamloops/Lytton Regional Consultation for *Heritage Conservation Act and Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*
19. Coldstream Creation of Farm-Use Subclasses for Property Taxation

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26. Revelstoke/CSRD Improve Old Growth Ecosystem Conservation
27. Revelstoke/Sicamous Forest Service Road Closures and Crown Land Access
28. Merritt Cost of a Public Transit System in Communities under a Population of 10,000
29. Lake Country Legislate Local Government Consultation

30. Sicamous

Transparency of Governance

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31. Kamloops

Expand Pilot Education Support

REGIONAL

32. Kamloops/Clearwater

Improve Highway Maintenance Standards

SILGA CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

1. SILGA Constitution Fee Amendment - Appendix A

Sponsor: SILGA

Whereas current SILGA membership fees do not cover the base operations costs of the organization;

And whereas UBCM and other Area Associations use a progressive collection formula to share the burden of cost across member local governments;

And whereas SILGA's member services continue to expand to better support local government officials across the Southern Interior;

And whereas SILGA endeavours to be in good fiscal standing to reliably deliver services to its members:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA request an amendment to the SILGA Bylaws to reflect the following fee structure for each member:

\$1.00/Resident	First 5,000 Residents*	Next 10,000	Next 15,000	Residents after 30,000
2026	0.15**	0.13	0.11	0.085
2027	0.18	0.14	0.12	0.10
2028	0.21	0.165	0.14	0.11
2029	0.25	0.18	0.15	0.12
2030 & further: Annual BC CPI increase – estimated here at 2%	0.255	0.1836	0.153	0.1224

Dues will be calculated using the most recently available population data from UBCM

*Mandatory minimum \$500

**Multiplied by designated percentage of population

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:

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ENDORSE RESOLUTIONS

This section contains resolutions that support existing policy and are recommended Endorse or Endorse with Proposed Amendment.

LAND USE

2. Modernize Industrial Water Rates

Sponsor: Lake Country

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has limited funding available for watershed protection, while water is the most critical resource that requires protection and long-term stewardship;

And whereas British Columbia currently has the lowest industrial water rates in Canada, which have not been updated in over a decade;

And whereas aligning industrial water rates with those of other provinces could generate significant new revenue, \$38 million if aligned with Saskatchewan, \$84 million if aligned with Quebec, or up to \$357 million if aligned with Nova Scotia;

And whereas this additional revenue could be directed to watershed protection, helping to address critical funding gaps during a challenging fiscal period:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province of British Columbia modernize industrial water rates by bringing them in line with those of other provinces and dedicate the resulting revenue to watershed protection.

UBCM Recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to modernize industrial water rates by bringing them in line with those of other provinces and dedicate the resulting revenue to watershed protection.

However, the Committee notes that the UBCM Executive endorsed referred resolution 2025-NR92 which asked the Province to share a portion of natural resource royalty income to provide financial support to local watershed governance organizations.

More generally, the Committee notes that the 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 (2024-NR71, 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 the membership endorsed resolution 2019-B154 which asked the Province to immediately cease the licensing and extraction of groundwater for commercial water bottling and/or bulk water exports from aquifers.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

3. Foreshore Lease Applications

Sponsor: Sicamous

Whereas the Province requires and oversees applications for foreshore specific permissions and leases for the placement and use of private moorage facilities on Crown land;

And whereas application processing timelines for these approvals have become unreasonably prolonged, creating uncertainty, hardship and economic challenges for property owners, communities and local governments:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to immediately provide a timeline for when existing applications will be processed and commit additional resources to the administration and oversight of foreshore special permissions and leases in order to address approval backlogs, reduce processing timelines and improve responsiveness to community needs.

UBCM Recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to immediately provide a timeline for when existing applications will be processed and commit additional resources to the administration and oversight of foreshore special permissions and leases in order to address approval backlogs, reduce processing timelines and improve responsiveness to community needs.

Permitting

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to review its permitting processes that relate to local government development and infrastructure projects and investigate opportunities to streamline those processes (2023-EB12, 2021-LR3, 2020-EB52, 2019-B153).

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed other resolutions seeking streamlining and improved wait times for other applications, including:

- *2025-EB55 which asked the Province to streamline land-use and permitting processes by ensuring timely decision-making, aligning cumulative effects policies with economic priorities, and providing long-term regulatory certainty;*
- *2023-EB59 which asked the Province to, in part, considerably increase the provincial government resources for the processing of site alteration permit applications at the BC Archaeology Branch;*
- *2023-NR42 which asked the Province to 1. Substantially increase the resources allocated for the processing of water licence applications; and*
- *Prioritize water licence applications to give urgency based on health and safety, particularly in light of the current climate conditions; and*
- *2022-NR52 which asked the Province to increase funding to reduce application wait times and improve the application process for sponsored crown grants and nominal rent tenures.*

Waterway Access

The Resolutions Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2008-B115, which called on the provincial government to retain administration of water leases and licenses for all docks, to ensure control and management of its waterways and public life safety. The resolution also requested that the Province increase its staffing resources for enforcement and compliance regarding water leases and licenses for docks.

The Committee also notes that the membership endorsed resolution 2006-B113 which asked the Province to establish policies and procedures for the purpose of transferring to local governments such public foreshore access lands as may be identified by such local governments as being desirable for public recreational foreshore access, and that such transfers be by means of free Crown grant, conversion to park dedication or alternative secure tenure option.

The Committee further notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions addressing public access to lakes, including:

- *2023-NR68 which asked the Province to recognize highway access points established under provincial legislation as official public access points and that the Province maintain these sites to provide the public with access to British Columbia's lakes;*
- *2019-B200 which asked the Province to increase investments in repair and maintenance of boat launches in BC parks;*
- *2012-B99 which asked MOTI to survey and provide signs identifying public access points to the Province's lakes and rivers to confirm public access to the foreshore for recreation and emergency purposes; and*
- *2007-B137 which asked MOTI to amend its regulations to provide that rural subdivision development must include protected access to Crown lands, rivers and lakes frequented by the public.*

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

TRANSPORTATION

4. Off-Road Vehicle Management Framework

Sponsor: Sicamous

Whereas the *Off-Road Vehicle Act* (ORV) was intended to create safe and convenient incidental access to public roads and highways, better connect British Columbia's rural communities, support a first-rate ORV trail network and allow local governments to expand their trail networks to build economic development opportunities by way of tourism;

And whereas the administrative process to obtain Operation Permits as required under the ORV Act is onerous and not conducive to convenient incidental access to trail networks connecting communities because a separate operation permit must be obtained from each jurisdiction:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province amend the *Off-Road Vehicle Act* (ORV) to require only one (1) Operation Permit for approved access to multiple jurisdictions and/or communities along a connected, designated ORV route and trail network issued in any of the jurisdictions along the route; to allow Operation Permits to be issued by any local RCMP or local government along a connected, designated

ORV route; and to extend the Operation Permit term from two (2) years to five (5) years to align with the driver's license term.

UBCM Recommendation: Endorse

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2019-B121 which is worded exactly the same as the current resolution. However, given that the 2019 resolution is more than five years old, the Committee is admitting this resolution for debate.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

NO RECOMMENDATION RESOLUTIONS

This section contains resolutions that offer the recommendation of No Recommendation.

HOUSING

5. Provision of Data Concerning the Speculation and Vacancy Tax

Sponsor: Vernon

Whereas the Province of British Columbia implemented the Speculation and Vacancy Tax (SVT) with the stated objective of increasing long-term rental supply and improving housing availability for British Columbians;

And whereas the Province has publicly stated that approximately 20,000 homes province-wide have been returned to the long-term rental market as a result of the SVT;

And whereas despite the implementation of the SVT, many communities continue to experience persistently low rental vacancy rates and/or rising rental costs;

And whereas municipal governments require clear, verifiable, and community-level data in order to assess the effectiveness of provincial housing policies and to inform local land-use, housing, and affordability strategies:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to provide municipalities with clear, transparent, and verifiable data regarding long-term rental outcomes attributed to the Speculation and Vacancy Tax (SVT), including the methodology used to collect and interpret the data, the total SVT revenue collected within each community, and a detailed accounting of how much of that revenue has been reinvested locally in both affordable and supportive housing.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide municipalities with clear, transparent, and verifiable data regarding long-term rental outcomes attributed to the Speculation and Vacancy Tax (SVT), including the methodology used to collect and interpret the data, the total SVT revenue collected within each community, and a detailed accounting of how much of that revenue has been reinvested locally in both affordable and supportive housing.

UBCM, through the 2018 Housing Strategy, has however encouraged an evidence-based approach to decision making, in part through improved data collection, development and sharing.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

6. Provision of Short-Term Rental Legislation Data

Sponsor: Vernon

Whereas the Province of British Columbia has enacted strengthened short-term rental (STR) legislation with the stated objectives of reducing housing speculation, increasing long-term rental supply, and improving housing affordability;

And whereas local governments are responsible for long-range land use planning, housing needs assessments, infrastructure investment, and many municipalities provide their communities with economic development, and tourism management, all of which rely on accurate, localized housing and accommodation data;

And whereas the absence of transparent outcome-based reporting makes it difficult for local governments to evaluate any unintended consequences that affect community sustainability and economic resilience requiring imminent action:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province of British Columbia to provide local governments with clear, consistent, and verifiable data to evaluate the local impacts of provincial short-term rental legislation, along with the tools needed to confirm outcomes and mitigate unintended consequences.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to provide municipalities with clear, consistent, and verifiable data to evaluate the local impacts of provincial short-term rental legislation, along with the tools needed to confirm outcomes and mitigate unintended consequences.

UBCM, through the 2018 Housing Strategy, has however encouraged an evidence-based approach to decision making, in part through improved data collection, development and sharing. In addition, the Joint UBCM-Province Advisory Group on Short-Term Rentals acknowledged in 2021 that “Local governments need data on short-term rentals that allows them to understand STR [short-term rental] activity in their community, develop bylaws or policies to support community objectives, and enforce those bylaws or policies”.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

COMMUNITY SAFETY

7. FireSmart Community Funding and Supports Program

Sponsor: Clearwater

Whereas the UBCM-administered FireSmart Community Funding and Supports (FCFS) program provides critical funding to First Nations and local governments to undertake FireSmart planning and activities that reduce community wildfire risk including staffing, mitigation operations, and consistent implementation of wildfire risk reduction measures year over year;

And whereas UBCM has advised applicants that the FCFS intake was closed on January 30, 2026 due to lack of funding, and that the program transitioned to a competitive, adjudicated intake beginning February 2, 2026, creating uncertainty and reducing local governments' ability to plan and sustain ongoing wildfire risk reduction capacity;

And whereas communities throughout British Columbia rely on FCFS funding to deliver local wildfire risk reduction initiatives, and funding instability, reduction and uncertainty creates downstream impacts on program continuity, staffing retention, multi-year planning and undermines the continuity and effectiveness of local wildfire risk reduction efforts:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to reinstate stable, predictable, long-term funding for the UBCM FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program sufficient to support ongoing local FireSmart staffing and mitigation operations, and to ensure communities can plan and implement multi-year wildfire risk reduction initiatives.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to reinstate stable, predictable, long-term funding for the UBCM FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program sufficient to support ongoing local FireSmart staffing and mitigation operations, and to ensure communities can plan and implement multi-year wildfire risk reduction initiatives.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide sustainable funding and/or support for the purpose of wildfire mitigation, preparedness, response and/or recovery (2025-EB23, 2024-NR34, 2023-NR33, 2023-EB28, 2022-NR26, 2022-NR27, 2022-EB36, 2022-EB37, 2022-EB88, 2021-NR10, 2020-EB12, 2020-NR12, 2019-B13, 2019-B26, 2019-B27, 2019-B76, 2019-B77, 2019-B91, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2019-B95, 2019-B10, 2018-B22, 2018-B43, 2018-B96, 2018-B97, 2018-B99, 2018-B100, 2018-B107, 2017-B4, 2017-B84, 2017-LR1, 2017-LR2, 2017-LR4, 2016-B6, 2015-B5, 2014-A1).

In January 2026, the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program was changed significantly and moved to a competitive closed intake. Funding for fuel management was also removed from the program. Since the changes we announced, UBCM has written to the Premier to request consideration of continued funding for the program. Although Budget 2026 committed \$15 million to the program, this is likely to provide short term funding only.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

8. FireSmart Long-Term Funding for Community Wildfire Response Groups

Sponsor: Thompson-Nicola RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is experiencing increased wildfire risk due to rising temperatures and drought associated with climate change;

And whereas an increasing number of community-based wildfire protection and response groups have formed, particularly in rural, remote, and unprotected areas outside established fire protection boundaries, to support FireSmart objectives, safeguard communities, and assist the BC Wildfire Service when requested or directed, and these groups require appropriate training (including, but not limited to, S-100 and S-185) and reliable funding to operate safely and effectively:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia, Community Wildfire Roundtables, and other relevant partners to establish a reliable, long-term funding program to support training for community wildfire response groups as part of FireSmart implementation and broader community wildfire resilience.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to establish a reliable, long-term funding program to support training for community wildfire response groups as part of FireSmart implementation and broader community wildfire resilience.

However, the UBCM membership did endorse 2025-NR46 that called on the Province to assume full responsibility of wildfire response efforts in areas outside of fire protection zones, with recognition of operational capacities of regional districts and to support collaboration between BC Wildfire Service and regional districts to share resources in continued efforts to effectively respond to wildfire emergencies and enhance community resilience.

In 2024-2025, UBCM administered a pilot program to support Cooperative Community Wildfire Response (CCWR) Organizations through funding to regional districts. This program did not continue beyond the pilot phase, however, eligible training for CCWR organizations was added to the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program.

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide sustainable funding and/or support for the purpose of wildfire mitigation, preparedness, response and/or recovery (2025-EB23, 2024-NR34, 2023-NR33, 2023-EB28, 2022-NR26, 2022-NR27, 2022-EB36, 2022-EB37, 2022-EB88, 2021-NR10, 2020-EB12, 2020-NR12, 2019-B13, 2019-B26, 2019-B27, 2019-B76, 2019-B77, 2019-B91, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2019-B95, 2019-B10, 2018-B22, 2018-B43, 2018-B96, 2018-B97, 2018-B99, 2018-B100, 2018-B107, 2017-B4, 2017-B84, 2017-LR1, 2017-LR2, 2017-LR4, 2016-B6, 2015-B5, 2014-A1).

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

9. FireSmart Program Funding

Sponsor: Chase

Whereas climate change is real, and is accelerating faster than most climate scientists have predicted;

And whereas climate change, coupled with the continued drought experienced in British Columbia is heightening wildfire risk particularly in the Interior of British Columbia;

And whereas the BC Wildfire Service is comprised of highly skilled, trained and dedicated firefighters, additional equipment and resources are very costly to the taxpayers of British Columbia in a time when other costs are straining the livability of a large proportion of British Columbians;

And whereas home hardening and fire-resilient landscaping are one of the least expensive and most effective ways to protect communities against wildfire disasters:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the Province to reconsider its decision to reduce funding for the FireSmart program particularly for vulnerable, small communities who are at high risk of wildfire and whose residents are at their limit of taxation and other living costs.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to reconsider its decision to reduce funding for the FireSmart program particularly for vulnerable, small communities who are at high risk of wildfire and whose residents are at their limit of taxation and other living costs.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed numerous resolutions calling on the provincial government to provide sustainable funding and/or support for the purpose of wildfire mitigation, preparedness, response and/or recovery (2025-EB23, 2024-NR34, 2023-NR33, 2023-EB28, 2022-NR26, 2022-NR27, 2022-EB36, 2022-EB37, 2022-EB88, 2021-NR10, 2020-EB12, 2020-NR12, 2019-B13, 2019-B26, 2019-B27, 2019-B76, 2019-B77, 2019-B91, 2019-B92, 2019-B93, 2019-B95, 2019-B10, 2018-B22, 2018-B43, 2018-B96, 2018-B97, 2018-B99, 2018-B100, 2018-B107, 2017-B4, 2017-B84, 2017-LR1, 2017-LR2, 2017-LR4, 2016-B6, 2015-B5, 2014-A1).

In January 2026, the FireSmart Community Funding and Supports program was changed significantly and moved to a competitive closed intake. Funding for fuel management was also removed from the program. Since the changes we announced, UBCM has written to the Premier to request consideration of continued funding for the program. Although Budget 2026 committed \$15 million to the program, this is likely to provide short term funding only.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

10. Provincial Diking Reform

Sponsor: Merritt

Whereas provincial legislation requires local governments to conduct and report on annual dike inspections, and most local governments must contract this work at high cost to taxpayers due to a lack of certified staff;

And whereas there is a significant need for dike maintenance and construction, yet a clear gap exists in both technical expertise and sustainable funding models which contribute to delays and construction setbacks that leave local governments vulnerable:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government to commit to stable flood and drought funding with predictable intake programs like the Disaster Resilience Innovation Fund; create a

funded path forward to bring orphan dikes up to standard and assign authority to them or decommission them; provide cost-sharing and standardization for dike maintenance and inspection; update flood protection guidelines with clear, scalable targets so small systems aren't held to the same standard as high-consequence areas; define how climate change is applied in design; and develop a single strategy that links flood mapping, land use rules, dike standards, funding, and responsibility.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously endorsed a resolution that calls on the Province to address all of the following with respect to flood management: implement stable flood and drought funding with predictable programs; allocate funding to bring orphan dikes up to standard; decommission or assign authority to orphan dikes; develop a cost-sharing framework for dike maintenance and inspection; amend flood protection guidelines with clear targets that ensure small systems are not held to the same standards as larger areas; define how climate change is applied in the design of dikes; and, develop a new flood strategy that links flood mapping, land use rules, dike standards, funding and responsibility.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions requesting support and/or funding for flood protection, prevention and mitigation measures (2024-EB35, 2022-SR3, 2021-EB6, 2020-SR1, 2020-NR16, 2019-B12, 2018-B123, 2018-B37, 2018-B94, 2016-B56, 2015-B7, 2015-B97).

Furthermore, the membership has endorsed multiple resolutions addressing diking standards and upgrades, including:

- *2025-NR52 which asked the Province to amend dike policies to allow interim dike upgrades that are part of a plan to meet all provincial dike standards, and serve as a step toward full compliance as funding allows in recognition of both the short-term need to reduce existing risk to communities and the long-term need for the highest standards of flood protection;*
- *2024-NR50 which called on the Province to engage in meaningful consultation with municipalities, diking authorities, and interested parties to develop and implement revised standards that strike a balance between ensuring public safety and mitigating undue financial burdens on local governments;*
- *2022-EB39 which called on the Province to, in part, fund dike maintenance in order to bring BC dikes up to regulatory requirements and proactively forestall catastrophic dike failures during weather events and spring freshet;*
- *2020-EB14 which called on the Province to consider applications for funding essential and cost-effective minor dike upgrades that may not meet seismic standards;*
- *2018-B33 which, among other things, called on the Province to clarify the roles and responsibilities of local governments in relation to dike upgrades and climate change, and provide long-term funding to support municipal dike corridor upgrade strategies; and*
- *2017-B85 which called on the Province to revise the Seismic Design Guidelines for Dikes to reflect predicted local ground settlement conditions with the primary goal of community flood protection.*

The Committee also notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions calling on the Province to be established as the diking authority in all local governments (2023-EB29, 2022-SR3, 2015-B52) and in local governments under 20,000 in population (2014-B75).

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

ENVIRONMENT

11. Adopt CleanBC Review Recommendations

Sponsor: Kamloops

Whereas the Government of British Columbia commissioned an independent review of CleanBC to assess its effectiveness and identify actions needed to meet provincial greenhouse gas emission reduction targets;

And whereas the final report of the independent CleanBC review concludes that British Columbia is not on track to meet its 2030 climate targets;

And whereas the review recommends establishing a Citizens' Assembly on Building a Sustainable Economy in British Columbia to help build public understanding and consensus on the actions required to achieve these targets;

And whereas the review identifies the need to strengthen CleanBC in order to ensure that British Columbia's clean energy system remains affordable and reliable, with energy efficiency and electrification as key components of the transition:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the Government of British Columbia to establish a Citizens' Assembly, as recommended in the independent CleanBC review, to support implementation of the review's recommendations;

And be it further resolved that UBCM request the Government of British Columbia to adopt the CleanBC review recommendation to promote and increase the production of clean, provincially generated renewable electricity, biofuels, and renewable natural gas, in accordance with social, economic, and environmental best practices.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to a Citizens' Assembly, as recommended in the independent CleanBC review, to support implementation of the review's recommendations. Nor has the membership asked the Province to adopt the CleanBC review recommendations to promote and increase the production of clean, provincially generated renewable electricity, biofuels, and renewable natural gas, in accordance with social, economic, and environmental best practices.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions pertaining to CleanBC review recommendations, including:

- *Establishing a sustainable, permanent transit funding framework to support increasing transit use and electrification (2024-EB84; 2022-NR57);*
- *Enhancing support for northern, rural and remote communities to achieve CleanBC targets for emissions reductions in the transportation and buildings sectors (2023-EB43, 2021-EB40); and*
- *Increasing and expanding incentives for high-efficiency retrofits and 100%-efficient heating and cooling equipment such as heat pumps (2025-NR32, 2024-NR24).*

SILGA Recommendation: No recommendation

12. Provincial Certification for Mosquito Control Drone Technology

Sponsor: Columbia Shuswap RD

Whereas current mosquito control methods by local governments in British Columbia rely on costly helicopter and ground applications of federally approved larvicides to improve quality of life for its residents;

And whereas Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) offer a cost-effective, environmentally friendly, and efficient alternative for aerial larvicide application;

And whereas British Columbia currently lacks a provincial certification process for RPAS in pest management, thereby preventing local governments from adopting this technology:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to develop and implement a provincial certification process for Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) pesticide application.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to develop and implement a provincial certification process for Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) pesticide application.

However, the Committee notes that the membership endorsed resolutions addressing mosquito control measures, as they related to the West Nile Virus (2010-LR1, 2006-B49).

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to develop and implement a provincial certification process for Remotely Piloted Aircraft Systems (RPAS) ~~pesticide~~ **larvicide** application.

FINANCE

13. Eligibility Expenses for Grant-Funded Projects

Sponsor: Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas the Province of British Columbia currently does not consider in-house expenses such as staff time, administrative support, and other internal resources used in the delivery of grant-funded projects as eligible recoverable expenses;

And whereas recognizing in-house expenses as eligible costs would increase administrative efficiency, reduce reliance on external contractors, and support local governments in delivering grant-funded projects more effectively and cost efficiently:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to amend its grant program criteria to include in-house expenses as eligible recoverable costs.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to amend its grant program criteria to include in-house expenses as eligible recoverable costs.

However the Committee notes that the membership endorsed two identical resolutions 2024-EB60 and 2021-EB21 which asked the governments of British Columbia and Canada to 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 (in order to address administrative burden for local governments).

The membership also endorsed resolution 2018-B111 which identified limited staff and financial resources to complete grant applications and unnecessary reporting requirements.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

14. Revenue Sharing of PST and GST with Local Governments

Sponsor: Barriere

Whereas local governments across British Columbia face significant infrastructure deficits, with many municipalities and electoral areas unable to meet these needs through property taxation alone;

And whereas many infrastructure funding programs require local governments to compete through application-based grant processes that are unpredictable, resource-intensive, and often resemble a lottery system that creates winners and losers while diverting valuable staff capacity at both local and provincial levels;

And whereas reliance on competitive, application-driven funding programs creates uncertainty in long-term financial planning and delays critical infrastructure, fire smarting, and community resilience projects, while predictable and sustained funding would enable local governments to plan responsibly, deliver infrastructure upgrades more efficiently, and reduce overall costs to taxpayers;

And whereas in other jurisdictions, such as the United States, local governments retain a share of sales tax revenue, providing a stable funding source for community infrastructure and services:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM advocate that the Province of British Columbia and the Government of Canada to establish a revenue-sharing model that allocates a portion of Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues collected within municipal boundaries and electoral areas directly back to local governments;

And be it further resolved that this revenue stream be designed to gradually reduce reliance on competitive, application-based infrastructure grant programs, replacing a portion of those programs with predictable, sustained funding, while not affecting statutory or annually allocated grants currently provided to local governments.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the provincial and federal governments to establish a revenue-sharing model that allocates a portion of Provincial Sales Tax (PST) and Goods and Services Tax (GST) revenues collected within municipal boundaries and electoral areas directly back to local governments. Nor has the membership considered the second ask that this revenue stream be designed to gradually reduce reliance on competitive, application-based infrastructure grant programs, replacing a portion of those programs with predictable, sustained funding, while not affecting statutory or annually allocated grants currently provided to local governments.

Infrastructure Funding

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling for increased long-term, predictable allocation-based funding from the provincial and federal governments that would support growth and complete communities, and that recognizes the limited financial capacity of local governments under the current financial framework (2025-SR5, 2024-SR2, 2024-NR22, 2024-RR26, 2024-RR27, 2023-EB11, 2023-EB34, 2022-EB49, 2020-SR5, 2020-EB35, 2018-B111, 2012-A1, 2012-B13, 2011-B34).

Revenue Sharing

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership has endorsed two resolutions asking the Province to share one percent of the PST with local governments to provide steady and predictable revenue for local governments (2020-EB34 and 2012-B11). These endorsed resolutions do not note restrictions on the use of the allocated funds for infrastructure and asset renewal for a defined time period, as the current resolution does.

The Committee also notes that that membership has supported resolutions asking for local government to receive a share of other taxation revenues, including:

- *Cannabis Taxation Revenue (2022-NR30, 2022-EB32, 2020-SR2, 2019-A2, 2018-SR1, 2017-SR1, 2016-A3);*
- *Fuel Tax (2021-EB20, 2013-B99, 2012-B19, 2010-B24, 2007-B21, 2007-A5);*
- *Liquor Tax (2019-B31, 2014-B60, 2011-B26); and*
- *Property Transfer Tax (2021-EB20, 2019-B30, 2017-B17, 2012-B18, 2011-B67, 2008-A3, 2007-B23, 2007-B109, 2006-B23).*

The Resolutions Committee further notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions calling on the provincial government to create revenue sharing programs as a way of establishing new revenue sources for local governments (2015-B82, 2011-B28, 2011-B29, 2011-B30, 2010-B24, 2010-B76, 2009-B30, 2009-LR9, 2008-B119, 2006-B24).

SILGA Recommendation: No recommendation

TAXATION

15. Increase Municipality Authority Regarding Tax Sales

Sponsor: Clinton

Whereas municipalities have been given the responsibility and obligation to conduct tax sales but must follow prescriptive and inflexible provincial statutes in the conduct of tax sales;

And whereas municipalities should have more authority over the regulations governing tax sales including the issuance of disqualifications and fines for attendees who do not follow auction rules or use unfair tactics to delay or invalidate a tax sale;

And whereas municipalities currently do not have this jurisdiction:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province grant all municipalities greater authority to set and enforce the terms of the conduct of tax sales.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to grant all municipalities greater authority to set and enforce the terms of the conduct of tax sales.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that have sought solutions to specific challenges presented by the tax sale process, including:

- *Province, asked in part, to revise the Community Charter by reducing the number of years a property owner can be in arrears on their property tax (2025-NR97);*
- *Province to amend the regulations in the Local Government Act, to allow for a system of recovery for administrative costs and other expenses in relation to the annual municipal tax sale (2023-NR73);*
- *Province to conduct a survey of municipal tax collectors to obtain their feedback on the effectiveness of the tax sale process (2016-B78);*
- *funding to assist local governments in remediating brownfield sites acquired through tax sale (2014-B91);*
- *shorter statutory timelines for collection of property taxes in arrears, so that local governments may satisfy their budgetary requirements without having to borrow money to compensate for delinquent and arrears tax revenue that they may be owed (2012-B128);*
- *Escheat Act handling of properties in arrears that should revert to the Crown—specifically, enable local governments to transfer such properties to the Crown, while ensuring that the*

Crown compensates local governments for any unpaid taxes or other government levies on these properties (2006-B58);

- *replacement of the tax sale with a process based on the forfeiture process in Section 39 of the Taxation (Rural Area) Act (2005-B17); and*
- *local government authority, in the case of manifest error, to set aside a tax sale including proceedings before the tax sale and the entire tax sale procedure (2005-B86).*

SILGA Recommendation: No recommendation

TRANSPORTATION

16. Publicly Accessible Website for Tracking Rural Gravel Road Maintenance

Sponsor: Thompson-Nicola RD

Whereas the BC Ministry of Transportation is often unable to manage local gravel roads to a reasonable standard:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the BC Ministry of Transportation to substantially increase the annual funding allocation towards repair and maintenance of rural gravel roads across BC;

And be it further resolved that the BC Ministry of Transportation produce a publicly accessible website on the service category for each rural gravel road the maintenance standards for each road category, and a public hotline to report and track road deficiencies which do not meet contracted service standards to help enforce contract standards during the contract period, track/grade contractor performance relative to confirmed hotline deficiencies, and incorporate that performance metric when renewing service contracts.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee notes that the UBCM membership endorsed resolution 2024-EB78 titled Funding for Rural Road Maintenance which asked the Province to direct and fund the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to establish a capital asset management plan for secondary road networks across the province.

The Committee also notes that the membership has consistently endorsed resolutions seeking improved road and highway maintenance, including:

- *MOTI to consult with local governments and be more transparent and share Road Maintenance Plans and Infrastructure priorities with local governments (2023-EB62, 2021-EB14);*
- *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);*
- *improved service level standards and maintenance funding for secondary provincial roads (2020-EB18, 2015-B74, 2014-B54, 2010-B19, 2009-B16, 2008-B17);*
- *improved maintenance of rural and resource roads (2020-EB20, 2020-EB22, 2017-B58, 2017-B59, 2015-B74, 2013-B128, 2010-B19, 2008-B17);*
- *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); and*

- *regular provincial government audits and performance assessment of highway maintenance services, and communication of the audit findings to local governments (2017-B10, 2008-B113).*

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Whereas the BC Ministry of Transportation is often unable to manage ~~local~~ **gazetted** gravel roads to a reasonable standard:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the BC Ministry of Transportation to substantially increase the annual funding allocation towards repair and maintenance of ~~rural~~ **gazetted** gravel roads across BC;

And be it further resolved that the BC Ministry of Transportation produce a publicly accessible website on the service category for each ~~rural~~ **gazetted** gravel road the maintenance standards for each road category, and a public hotline to report and track road deficiencies which do not meet contracted service standards to help enforce contract standards during the contract period, track/grade contractor performance relative to confirmed hotline deficiencies, and incorporate that performance metric when renewing service contracts.

LEGISLATIVE

17. Letters Patent for New Municipalities

Sponsor: Okanagan-Similkameen RD

Whereas electors vote to incorporate a new municipality based on information provided through a provincial incorporation study which considers matters, including but not limited to, the name, boundary, area and classification and from which the Province of BC establishes a letters patent;

And whereas the most recent incorporation process in British Columbia is varying from this usual process causing concern to the residents and businesses, delaying the election of a Council and causing local economic decline:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM lobby the Province of BC to ensure that establishment letters patent are based on the incorporation study outcomes, and where the Province of BC determines a need to vary from those outcomes, the Province be required to provide notice to electors in the proposed municipality as outlined in the *Local Government Act* prior to finalizing the letters patent.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to ensure that establishment letters patent are based on the incorporation study outcomes, and where the Province of BC determines a need to vary from those outcomes, the Province be required to provide notice to electors in the proposed municipality as outlined in the Local Government Act prior to finalizing the letters patent.

SILGA Recommendation: No recommendation

18. Regional Consultation for *Heritage Conservation Act* and *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*

Sponsors: Kamloops, Lytton

Whereas local governments in British Columbia are responsible for land-use planning, infrastructure, permitting, and development approvals, all of which are directly affected by provincial reconciliation policy, archaeology requirements, and the *Heritage Conservation Act* and Regulations;

And whereas the Province of British Columbia is implementing the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* (DRIPA) and also undertaking reviews of reconciliation, archaeology, and heritage policy frameworks;

And whereas local governments are not consistently included as formal partners in provincial policy development related to DRIPA implementation, archaeology processes, and heritage legislation, despite being responsible for implementation at the community level and for public infrastructure projects that are significantly impacted by these policies;

And whereas the current *Heritage Conservation Act* is outdated, and existing archaeology processes create uncertainty, delays, and cost impacts for local governments, Indigenous communities, and the public, which further contribute to challenges in delivering affordable development and housing in British Columbia:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to ensure that senior representatives of all local government associations in British Columbia are formally included in discussions and decision-making related to the review, reform, and implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, reconciliation policy, archaeology processes, and any replacement or reform of the *Heritage Conservation Act*;

And be it further resolved that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, North Central Local Government Association, Lower Mainland Local Government Association, and Association of Kootenay and Boundary Local Governments.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution asking the Province to ensure that senior representatives of all local government associations in British Columbia are formally included in discussions and decision-making related to the review, reform, and implementation of DRIPA, reconciliation policy, archaeology processes, and any replacement or reform of the Heritage Conservation Act.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed several resolutions emphasizing the importance of communication and consultation with local government (2025-EB77, 2025-EB86, 2025-EB88, 2025-NR98, 2024-EB87, 2019-SR1, 2019-B3, 2014-B37, 2013-B34, 2012-B119, 2009-B54, 2009-B141).

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

And whereas local governments are not consistently included as formal partners in provincial policy development related to DRIPA implementation, archaeology processes, and heritage legislation, despite being responsible for implementation at the community level and for public infrastructure projects that are significantly impacted by these policies;

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to ensure that ~~senior~~ **elected** representatives of all local government associations in British Columbia are formally included in discussions and decision-making related to the review, reform, and implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act*, reconciliation policy, archaeology processes, and any replacement or reform of the *Heritage Conservation Act*;

ASSESSMENT

19. Creation of Farm-Use Subclasses for Property Taxation

Sponsor: Coldstream

Whereas the Minister of Finance establishes property tax classifications, and all forms of farm use are currently grouped under Class 9 without distinguishing between small-scale, light-impact farm operations and large-scale, intensive industrial farm operations;

And whereas large-scale industrial farming typically places significantly greater demands on municipal infrastructure and services, yet is assessed and taxed at the same rate as small-scale farms with minimal impacts:

Therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Finance create farm-use property tax subclasses to differentiate between small-scale, light-impact farm operations and major, large-scale industrial farm operations, enabling municipalities to equitably allocate the property tax burden across farm property types.

UBCM Recommendation: No Recommendation

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that the UBCM membership has not previously considered a resolution calling on the Province to create farm-use property tax subclasses to differentiate between small-scale, light-impact farm operations and major, large-scale industrial farm operations, enabling municipalities to equitably allocate the property tax burden across farm property types.

However, the Committee notes that the membership has endorsed resolutions that seek reforms that will encourage and support farm use of ALR land, including:

- *2025-EB59 strengthen the ALC compliance and enforcement team to improve oversight and reduce non-compliant land uses that threaten the integrity of agricultural land in BC;*
- *2025-EB89 which asked the Province to raise agriculture funding in BC to the national average to support much-needed investments in the agricultural sector;*
- *2024-NR76 which asked the Province for elimination of the 50% school tax exemption for vacant and unused land and residential purpose land in the ALR;*

- *2024-NR77 which asked the Province to establish a targeted unfarmed land tax, to discourage speculation and encourage farming in the ALR;*
- *2024-NR92 which asked the Province to increase the income thresholds to achieve Farm classification, to a single minimum gross farm income of \$7,000, and review the income threshold every five years;*
- *2023-NR71 which asked the Province to extend the tax exemptions and assessed value methodology provided to rural area farms to farms located within municipal boundaries to help promote fairness among farmers and reduce barriers to agricultural activity within urbanized areas;*
- *2018-B105 which asked for taxation reform measures to prioritize and promote the use of Agricultural Land Reserve lands for primary 'farm uses';*
- *2014-A3 which asked the provincial government to work with the agricultural community, UBCM and local governments to identify and implement additional measures that will increase the viability of farming and food production in British Columbia; and*
- *2013-B111 which asked for strengthened powers for the Agricultural Land Commission and taking measures to protect the agricultural land base from price speculation.*

SILGA recommendation: Endorse

RESOLUTIONS CAPTURED BY FOUR CRITERIA PER UBCM EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2025-ER1

The following are the resolutions that UBCM has deemed to be captured by one or more of the four criteria as outlined in the Extraordinary Resolution 2025-ER1 Extraordinary Resolution to Amend the UBCM Bylaws to Streamline the Resolutions Process. The four criteria are:

1. Resolution is existing UBCM policy (policy for or policy against);
2. Resolution is outside of the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations;
3. Resolution is within the scope of BC local governments and member First Nations, but does not meet UBCM criteria for format or clarity; or
4. Resolution is regional in focus.

Current policy is set for the last five years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025.

CURRENT POLICY

HEALTH AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

20. Brain Injury Supports

Sponsor: Revelstoke

Whereas acquired brain injury is highly prevalent among people experiencing homelessness, substance use, repeated overdose, and involvement with emergency and justice systems, yet remains significantly under-diagnosed and under-supported in British Columbia;

And whereas untreated and unsupported brain injury contributes to housing instability, repeated emergency service use, and increased pressures on policing, fire, health, and shelter services, creating ongoing costs and impacts for local governments across the province:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA urge the Province of British Columbia to establish consistent, long-term provincial funding for community-based acquired brain injury supports as part of the Province's response to homelessness, mental health and substance use, and public safety, recognizing these supports as a cost-effective means of reducing downstream pressures on health, housing, justice, and municipal emergency services.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2024-NR5.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

HOUSING

21. Establish a Permanent Provincial Housing Policy Roundtable

Sponsor: Revelstoke

Whereas British Columbia is facing ongoing challenges related to housing affordability, supply, and policy coordination across the province;

And whereas the complexity and scale of the housing situation have highlighted the need for meaningful, ongoing consultation with stakeholders who are directly involved in housing delivery and policy impacts;

And whereas local governments, Indigenous housing organizations, market and nonmarket housing providers, academic experts, and other housing sector stakeholders have emphasized the importance of collaborative, evidence-based housing policy development;

And whereas UBCM recently endorsed a resolution calling for the establishment of a Permanent Provincial Housing Policy Roundtable that would bring together representatives from multiple sectors to advise and inform provincial housing policy:

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA request that the provincial government establish a Permanent Provincial Housing Policy Roundtable composed of representatives from local governments, Indigenous housing organizations, market and non-market housing sectors, academic experts, and provincial and federal housing ministries or officials, with a mandate to collaboratively develop, review, and provide advice on housing policies to ensure balanced, informed, and outcomes-focused housing solutions for communities across British Columbia.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-NR123.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

COMMUNITY SAFETY

22. Victim Services Program Funding

Sponsor: Merritt

Whereas statistics show that family violence and intimate partner violence is on the rise in BC, often with tragic consequences;

And whereas a variety of agencies and local governments deliver victim services programs in communities with varying degrees of expertise and resources;

And whereas the funding formula for victim services is built around population and does not take into consideration the absence of a community based program, resulting in the responsibility falling on local police-based programs and additional responsibilities falling to committees:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ask the provincial government to assess what funding is needed to expand victim services capacity and update the formula utilized to determine provincial contributions accordingly.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-EB33.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Therefore be it resolved that ~~UBCM~~ **SILGA** ask the provincial government to assess what funding is needed to expand victim services capacity and update the formula utilized to determine provincial contributions accordingly.

ENVIRONMENT

23. Compensation for Food Recovery Programs

Sponsor: Revelstoke

Whereas community food recovery programs have organized to collect food that would otherwise go to the landfill from grocery chains, fast food establishments, and locally owned food businesses along the procurement, processing, and distribution chain;

And whereas the costs of diverting organic and recyclable items from for-profit businesses from mainstream landfill sites is being shouldered by non-profits, thereby adversely burdening food recovery programs who addressing food security and improving food access to vulnerable community members:

Therefore be it resolved that the province offer rebates to food recovery programs to offset escalating costs of organics, recycling, and waste disposal fees.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2023-NR48.

SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation

SILGA Comments:

SILGA proposes the following amendment to refine the enactment clause:

Therefore be it resolved that **SILGA request** the province offer rebates to food recovery programs to offset escalating costs of organics, recycling, and waste disposal fees.

24. BC Building Code Amendment to Include Natural Gas

Sponsor: Spallumcheen

Whereas the BC Building Code has incorporated the BC Energy Step Code, which sets increasingly stringent energy efficiency and greenhouse gas (GHG) reduction requirements for new buildings and major renovations, effectively limiting the current uses and eliminating the future uses of natural gas as a fuel in areas of BC that use the BC Building Code;

And whereas many local governments, including those with significant agricultural, industrial, and rural residential needs, require flexibility and ongoing energy investment to ensure affordable, reliable, and diverse energy options for residents, businesses, and farms;

And whereas limiting or eliminating natural gas as an energy option could increase energy and construction costs, reduce economic competitiveness, and limit the ability of local governments to attract and retain families, businesses, and agricultural entities that rely on natural gas for their operations;

And whereas there have also been recent changes to implementation strategies in the CleanBC legislation by the Province of BC government, in coordination with the federal government, that should also be considered in context with the BC Energy Step Code and BC Building Code:

Therefore be it resolved that the Township of Spallumcheen asks the members of SILGA to request that UBCM petition the Province of British Columbia to amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future, allowing residents, businesses and local governments the flexibility to determine the most appropriate energy solutions for their unique economic, geographic, and community needs, while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy efficiency goals, and that any such amendment consider applicable provincial building and energy regulations, and be implemented in a manner that expands rather than restricts local autonomy and opportunity, and is flexible and practical for all British Columbia local governments.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on not endorsed resolution 2025-NR68.

SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation

SILGA Comments:

SILGA proposes the following amendment to refine the enactment clause:

Therefore be it resolved that ~~the Township of Spallumcheen asks the members of SILGA to request that UBCM petition~~ the Province of British Columbia ~~to~~ amend the BC Building Code to ensure that natural gas remains a viable energy option now and in the future, allowing residents, businesses and local governments the flexibility to determine the most appropriate energy solutions for their unique economic, geographic, and community needs, while still supporting reasonable and achievable energy

efficiency goals, and that any such amendment consider applicable provincial building and energy regulations, and be implemented in a manner that expands rather than restricts local autonomy and opportunity, and is flexible and practical for all British Columbia local governments.

FINANCE

25. Capital Funding Program and Advisory Body for Libraries

Sponsor: Thompson-Nicola RD

Whereas Public Libraries in British Columbia are primarily funded by local governments, the Provincial Government's financial contribution is also critical to ongoing library operations;

And whereas the Province's \$14 million in core funding for BC's 71 library systems has not increased since 2010, even as the population has grown by nearly 30 percent and inflation by more than 35 percent;

And whereas libraries have taken on an ever-expanding role in advancing provincial objectives for community well-being: helping job seekers and small businesses, providing safe spaces during emergencies and extreme weather, supporting residents facing mental health, addiction, and housing challenges, and advancing reconciliation with Indigenous peoples;

And whereas despite the passage of a Special Resolution at the 2025 UBCM Convention calling for increased provincial investment in libraries, no additional funding has been provided, and libraries continue to shoulder growing expectations without the necessary provincial support:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM call on the provincial government to immediately increase the annual core funding for public libraries to \$30 million, and to index that amount to cost-of-living and inflationary pressures in future years, as recommended by the Select Standing Committee on Finance and Government Services and repeatedly requested by the BC Public Library Partners;

And be it further resolved that UBCM urge the provincial government to establish both a dedicated capital funding program to assist local governments in upgrading, expanding, and constructing library facilities, and an advisory body under Section 52(1) of the *Library Act* to review the provincial library funding model in consultation with local governments and First Nations.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-SR3.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

And be it further resolved that ~~UBCM~~ **SILGA** urge the provincial government to establish both a dedicated capital funding program to assist local governments in upgrading, expanding, and constructing library facilities, and an advisory body under Section 52(1) of the *Library Act* to review the provincial library funding model in consultation with local governments and First Nations.

LAND USE

26. Improve Old Growth Ecosystem Conservation

Sponsors: Columbia Shuswap RD, Revelstoke

Whereas intact old-growth forests provide province-wide public benefits including climate regulation and mitigation, biodiversity conservation, watershed stability, fresh water, clean air and reduced hazard risk (e.g. floods, fires, landslides), while improving ecological resilience, community public safety, and economic outcomes associated with British Columbia's growing tourism industry;

And whereas local governments throughout British Columbia bear direct responsibility and expense for responding to the downstream impacts of deforestation, giving all municipalities and regional districts a legitimate and shared interest in the protection of remaining intact old-growth forests regardless of location;

And whereas the Inland Temperate Rainforest is a red-listed ecosystem underrepresented in existing protected area networks:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province of British Columbia to act on provincial conservation commitments, including the protection of 30% of lands by 2030 and Old Growth Strategic Review recommendations, and work with First Nations and local governments to establish long-term protection measures for intact ancient and old-growth ecosystems of provincial significance, including increased conservation efforts for the Rainbow-Jordan wilderness and the Inland Temperate Rainforest.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2023-EB55.

SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation

SILGA Comments:

SILGA acknowledges that not all old-growth should be preserved in the same ways depending on the region; preserving pine is a fire hazard.

SILGA proposes the following amendment to refine the enactment clause:

Therefore be it resolved that ~~UBCM~~ **SILGA** urge the Province of British Columbia to act on provincial conservation commitments, including the protection of 30% of lands by 2030 and Old Growth Strategic Review recommendations, and work with First Nations and local governments to establish long-term protection measures for intact ancient and old-growth ecosystems of provincial significance, including increased conservation efforts for the Rainbow-Jordan wilderness and the Inland Temperate Rainforest.

TRANSPORTATION

27. Forest Service Road Closures and Crown Land Access

Sponsor: Revelstoke, Sicamous

Whereas the Province of British Columbia is responsible for the management of forest service roads (FSRs) and associated infrastructure on Crown land, and declining forest harvesting activity has resulted in the closure and deactivation of many FSRs and bridges across the province, limiting public access to backcountry areas;

And whereas forest service roads provide essential access for outdoor recreation, tourism, search and rescue, wildfire suppression, emergency response, and resource-based economic activity, particularly in rural, remote, and destination communities;

And whereas the closure or deactivation of forest service roads without adequate consultation has increased public safety risks, reduced emergency access and egress options, negatively impacted tourism and recreation-based economies, and shifted costs and operational pressures onto local governments, volunteer organizations, and first responders;

And whereas the UBCM membership has repeatedly endorsed resolutions recognizing the importance of forest service roads and calling on the Province to maintain access for recreation, tourism, and emergency response (2013-B128, 2017-B58, 2017-B59, 2020-EB19 through 2020-EB22, 2024-EB79, 2024-EB80, and 2025-EB68):

Therefore be it resolved that SILGA urge the Province of British Columbia to maintain and protect public access to backcountry and public lands by strengthening consultation, coordination and collaboration between local governments, Indigenous partners, and BC Timber Sales when planning logging road deactivation to ensure access decisions support recreational, economic and emergency response interests.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-EB68.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse

SILGA Comments:

SILGA would like to note there is significant ambiguity on where liability falls concerning the maintenance of these private roads.

28. Cost of a Public Transit System in Communities under a Population of 10,000

Sponsor: Merritt

Whereas local governments with populations under 10,000 people are predominantly rural in nature, characterized by low population density, dispersed development patterns, and limited ridership potential;

And whereas these smaller rural communities lack the tax base and ridership volumes necessary to offset operating and capital costs through fares or local revenues;

And whereas provincial transit funding models tend to favour large urban centres, leaving rural communities to shoulder a disproportionate share of transit costs through local taxation resulting in low-ridership rural transit systems which are financially unsustainable to maintain and which divert limited local government resources from essential services and infrastructure:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request the provincial government develop flexible, long-term, and predictable funding programs tailored specifically to rural transportation needs.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-EB75.

SILGA Recommendation: No Recommendation

SILGA Comments:

SILGA notes that by putting transit under Provincial direction, service levels could be further reduced due to the Province's continued roll back of services.

SILGA proposes the following amendment to refine the enactment clause:

Therefore be it resolved that ~~UBCM~~ **SILGA** request the provincial government develop flexible, long-term, and predictable funding programs tailored specifically to rural transportation needs.

LEGISLATIVE

29. Legislate Local Government Consultation

Sponsor: Lake Country

Whereas local governments are key partners in the implementation, administration, and enforcement of provincial legislation and regulatory changes;

And whereas provincial legislation introduced under accelerated or urgent timelines can have significant financial, operational, planning, and service delivery impacts on local governments;

And whereas meaningful consultation with local governments supports improved policy outcomes, reduces unintended consequences, and strengthens collaborative governance between the Province and local governments;

And whereas local governments may have limited opportunity to review, analyze, and provide feedback on proposed legislation when bills are introduced or advanced under urgent or expedited timelines:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM request that the Province ensure any new or pending legislation or regulatory changes be subject to a minimum six-month consultation period prior to implementation or final approval.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-EB77.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM ~~UBCM~~ **SILGA** request that the Province ensure any new or pending legislation or regulatory changes be subject to a minimum six-month consultation period prior to implementation or final approval.

30. Transparency of Governance

Sponsor: Sicamous

Whereas local governments have primary responsibility for land use planning and decision-making and rely on timely, clear, and consistent engagement from the Province of British Columbia when decisions or discussions affect lands within local government boundaries;

And whereas significant and precedent-setting court decisions related to land use in British Columbia, together with the provincial implementation of the *Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples Act* and the *Heritage Conservation Act*, have created uncertainty for property owners and local governments regarding provincial expectations, legal implications, and future land use considerations;

And whereas a lack of early, coordinated, transparent, and ongoing communications with affected municipalities during and following such decisions has hindered local government planning processes and undermined public confidence in local and provincial governance:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the Province to increase transparency by engaging directly with local governments when the province is involved in decisions, discussions, or policy developments affecting lands within local government boundaries to reduce uncertainty for local governments and the public.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be existing policy based on endorsed resolution 2025-EB77.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Therefore be it resolved that ~~UBCM~~ **SILGA** urge the Province to increase transparency by engaging directly with local governments when the province is involved in decisions, discussions, or policy developments affecting lands within local government boundaries to reduce uncertainty for local governments and the public.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT SCOPE

TRANSPORTATION

31. Expand Pilot Education Support

Sponsor: Kamloops

Whereas Canada is facing a critical airline pilot shortage due to retirements, rising training costs, and insufficient public investment that have created critical gaps between workforce demand and supply;

And whereas this national shortage in airline pilots is reducing service to regional and rural communities, increasing economic disruption, threatening aviation safety, and putting a growing strain on the national transportation system;

And whereas excessive training costs and inadequate government funding have unnecessarily prevented qualified Canadians from becoming pilots:

Therefore be it resolved that UBCM urge the provincial and federal governments to take immediate action to expand funding, training capacity, and financial support for pilot education in order to protect public safety, economic stability, and reliable air service for all Canadians.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be outside of local government jurisdiction.

SILGA Recommendation: Not Endorse

SILGA Comments:

This resolution falls outside of the scope of local governments.

REGIONAL

TRANSPORTATION

32. Improve Highway Maintenance Standards

Sponsors: Clearwater, Kamloops

Whereas the Interior Health and Northern Health regions of BC in combination make up the largest number of fatalities for vehicle incidents in the province, being 189 out of 331 deaths in 2023 or 57%, while only representing 22% of the province's population;

And whereas the Interior Health region has a death rate of 15.2 per 100,000, and the Northern Health region has a death rate of 18.1, both of which are well in excess of the provincial average of 6.0;

And whereas the safety of highways in the Interior Health and Northern Health regions impacts all British Columbians due to the centrality of these highways;

And whereas the province's commitment to a \$728 million to upgrade Highway 1 between Kamloops and the Alberta border mitigates safety issues on one specific corridor, but does not address safety concerns on the many other highway corridors in Interior and Northern BC:

Therefore be it resolved that the Province work with regional districts and municipalities in the Interior Health and Northern Health regions to prioritize upgrades, as well as ongoing road maintenance standards and oversight, to provincial highways within municipal borders and in regional districts;

And be it further resolved that the Province commit to funding improvements with the goal of reducing death rates in the Interior Health and Northern Health regions.

UBCM Recommendation: None Provided

UBCM Comments:

The Resolutions Committee advises that this resolution is deemed to be too regional in focus for the UBCM membership.

SILGA Recommendation: Endorse with Proposed Amendment

Therefore be it resolved that **SILGA request** the Province work with regional districts and municipalities in the Interior Health and Northern Health regions to prioritize upgrades, as well as ongoing road maintenance standards and oversight, to provincial highways within municipal borders and in regional districts;

And be it further resolved that **SILGA request** the Province commit to funding improvements with the goal of reducing death rates in the Interior Health and Northern Health regions.

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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, 2023)

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 (May 2, 2024)

The following individuals shall receive basic complimentary convention registrations:

- 1) Prime Minister
- 2) Life Members (including any current mayors, councillors or regional district directors)
- 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 Columbia¹,
 - 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)

¹ 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.²

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.

² 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. Deadline for nominations for 2024 is July 15th.

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 Columbia³,
 - 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; or
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- allowance of \$50.00 per night may be claimed (no receipts required).

3. Other Expenses:

- 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
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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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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, 2023)

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 (May 2, 2024)

The following individuals shall receive basic complimentary convention registrations:

- 1) Prime Minister
- 2) Life Members (including any current mayors, councillors or regional district directors)
- 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 Columbia¹,
 - 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)

¹ 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.²

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.

² 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. Deadline for nominations for 2024 is July 15th.

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:

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2025-26 SILGA EXECUTIVE

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President	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond 500 2nd Ave.NE, Box 40 Salmon Arm, BC V1E 4N2	Local Government Phone lwallacerichmond@salmonarm.ca	250-803-4000
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2 nd Vice President	Councillor Tasha Da Silva 2760 Cameron Road, West Kelowna, BC V1Z 2T6	Local Government Phone tasha.dasilva@westkelownacity.ca	778-797-1000
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Director at Large	Councillor Stephen Karpuk 7 Victoria St. W Kamloops BC V2C 1A2	Local Government Phone skarpuk@kamloops.ca	250-828-3311
Director at Large	Councillor Gord Lovegrove 1435 Water St. Kelowna, BC V1Y 1J4	Local Government Phone glovegrove@kelowna.ca	250-469-8500
Director at Large	Councillor Keith Thom 5806 Beach Ave Peachland, BC V0H 1X7	Local Government Phone keithpthom@gmail.com	250-767-2647
Director at Large	Director Tricia Thorpe 300-465 Victoria Street Kamloops BC V2C 2A9	Local Government Phone director.tthorpe@tnrd.ca	250 377-8673
Executive Director	Koryn de Vries PO Box 563 Salmon Arm Stn Main, BC V1E 4N7	Cell info@silga.ca	250-851-6653

SILGA COMMITTEES

2025-26

MEMBER SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY	<input type="radio"/> Adam Etchart <input type="radio"/> Gord Lovegrove <input type="radio"/> Stephen Karpuk
RESOLUTIONS	<input type="radio"/> Ruth Hoyte <input type="radio"/> Aimee Grice <input type="radio"/> Spencer Coyne <input type="radio"/> Tricia Thorpe
COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA	<input type="radio"/> Aimee Grice <input type="radio"/> Keith Thom <input type="radio"/> Tasha Da Silva
POLICY	<input type="radio"/> Adam Etchart <input type="radio"/> Bill Sarai <input type="radio"/> Gord Lovegrove
COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE AWARDS	<input type="radio"/> Adam Etchart <input type="radio"/> Ruth Hoyte <input type="radio"/> Keith Thom
UBCM REP	<input type="radio"/> Louise Wallace Richmond <input type="radio"/> Bill Sarai (alt)
UBCM YOUTH SELECTION	<input type="radio"/> Committee of the whole
2026 CONVENTION	<input type="radio"/> Louise Wallace Richmond <input type="radio"/> Tricia Thorpe <input type="radio"/> Spencer Coyne <input type="radio"/> Bill Sarai <input type="radio"/> Gord Lovegrove <input type="radio"/> Tasha Da Silva
FINANCE	<input type="radio"/> Louise Wallace Richmond <input type="radio"/> Adam Etchart <input type="radio"/> Stephen Karpuk
NOMINATIONS	<input type="radio"/> Aimee Grice
HUMAN RESOURCES	<input type="radio"/> Spencer Coyne <input type="radio"/> Aimee Grice <input type="radio"/> Louise Wallace Richmond <input type="radio"/> Keith Thom
ADVOCACY	<input type="radio"/> Committee of the Whole
MIABC Representative	<input type="radio"/> Ruth Hoyte
Indigenous Relations	<input type="radio"/> Committee of the Whole (for now)



PAST PRESIDENTS – SILGA/OMMA

2024-2026	Louise Wallace Richmond	Councillor	Salmon Arm
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