



Southern Interior Local Government Association

June 2026 Newsletter



Greetings from the Southern Interior Local Government Association! A month has passed since we adjourned SILGA 2026, Growing Together, in Revelstoke, BC. Thank you for helping us make this year's conference a resounding success!

The booking blocks for Penticton 2027 will release in late June.

SILGA 2026 in Numbers



231 registered attendees
27 trade show booths
20 Bronze, Silver, and Gold Sponsors
47 speakers, panelists, and tour facilitators
33 endorsed resolutions
127 local government elected officials
3 Provincial Ministers
1 host community
4 incredible days!

The SILGA Executive would like to thank everyone who attended this year's conference in Revelstoke. We cannot run SILGA without you!

2026 Call for Youth at UBCM

Each year SILGA pays up to \$5,000 for two youth to attend the UBCM convention through our Keith Thom Memorial Scholarship. Please see Policy #8 for all the information. If you know of a deserving student in your community, please nominate them at your next local government meeting and submit the nomination, along with a letter of interest from the student, directly to info@silga.ca.

The deadline for nominations is July 15, 2026.

Review Policy #8 Details

2026 Community Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the winners of our 2026 Community Excellence Awards.

We cannot wait to see what our members have planned for 2027!



**Economic
Development**
RDNO
sncəcmatqtn
Agricultural Park

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**Environmental
Sustainability**
City of Kelowna
DeHart
Community Park

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**Social
Responsibility**
Town of Osoyoos
85th Street Plaza

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Climate Interns coming to the Southern Interior



SILGA is pleased to feature Lake Country and Chase in this newsletter. Both member communities have been selected for the Pacific Institute for Climate Solutions' (PICS) Climate Intern Program, creating a student opportunity to work on a community climate project through the summer of 2026.

Your community can also partner with PICS through their numerous initiatives for wildfire resiliency, drought management, Indigenous partnership, and more.

[Learn more about PICS](#)

Your Community Here



Have a community story worth highlighting? We want to feature our members' communities and initiatives in our next newsletter!

Please contact Koryn de Vries, SILGA Executive Director, with your community stories.

Contact SILGA

Resources for SILGA Resolutions on Local Roads

Successful provincial advocacy relies on unassailable data, not legacy static maps. Validating the real-time physical integrity of emergency egress and access routes gives local governments the empirical ammunition needed to back SILGA resolutions and secure critical infrastructure funding. IntelliMass delivers this data-driven ground truth passively through your existing municipal fleets, transforming unpaved liabilities into verifiable, climate-resilient lifelines.

2026 Voted Resolutions

IntelliMass.ai Road Mapping



Your 2026-27 Executive

We are pleased to announce the elected officials who will sit on the SILGA Board for the 2026-27.

From left to right: Councillor Gord Lovegrove (Kelowna), Director Adrienne Fedrigo (RDOS), Councillor Alena Glasman (Peachland), Mayor Spencer Coyne (Princeton), Councillor Tasha Da Silva (West Kelowna), Councillor Bill Sarai (Kamloops), Councillor Sue Peters (Cache Creek), Director Tricia Thorpe (TNRD), Councillor Adam Etchart (Merritt), and Councillor Stephen Karpuk (Kamloops)

Not pictured: Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond (Salmon Arm)

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