

**SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Executive Meeting - Wednesday, June 19, 2019**  
**Meeting held at Spallumcheen Township offices, Spallumcheen, BC**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT**

President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS
2nd Vice President	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland
Past President	Councillor Shelley Sim, Clearwater
Directors	Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton
	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
	Councillor Debbie Cannon, Salmon Arm
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
	Executive Director Alison Slater
Absent	Councillor Akbal Mund, Vernon

**CALL TO ORDER**

President Mindnich called the meeting to order at 10:28 am.

**CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

The agenda be accepted with the following change:

Move to closed for staffing discussion

**CARRIED**

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Vernon on March 13, 2019 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**INTRODUCTION OF SILGA BOARD**

- Roundtable to introduce all the board members, their position and the community they represent.

**SPALLUMCHEEN UPDATE - Gerry Popoff, Councillor**

- Coffee with the Mayor - first Wednesday of every month
- Working with Ministry of Environment re: water aquifer problems
- Waste Water discussions with the Okanagan Indian Band, Armstrong and RDNO
- Working of flooding issues with OIB and Splatsin

- Recycle program – changing from clear plastic bags
- Currently have 14 water districts, Spallumcheen is slowly taking them over
- Community Round Tables – changes each meeting, can get up to 35-40 people
  - Industrial
  - Farming – dealing with army worms
  - Land commission

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community Foundation Okanagan/Similkameen letter re: convention 50/50 draw thanking SILGA for the donation of \$728.

#### **Moved/Seconded**

That the correspondence be received for filing.

**CARRIED**

### BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

N/A

### NEW BUSINESS

1. Youth at UBCM
  - SILGA received 4 excellent submissions:
    - Vivian McLean, Ashcroft
    - Emma Brennan, Salmon Arm
    - Zachary Naish, Salmon Arm
    - Cadence Taron, Vernon
  - Board increased amount to \$8,000 for 2019 as they considered only \$1,700 was spent in 2018 (had up to \$5,000 to spend). Staff commented that there is no carryforward provision set up in the finances for this line item.

#### **Moved/Seconded that:**

SILGA offer each applicant up to \$2,000 towards their UBCM convention costs. SILGA to approach the respective MLA's of the applications for additional funding.

**CARRIED**

**Move to closed meeting at 10:52 am**

2. Staffing – Independent Contractor contract ratification

**Move out of closed meeting at 11:17 am**

### **Committee Reports**

1. Director Updates

**Salmon Arm**

- Ban on plastic bags starting July 1<sup>st</sup> in the city
- Open house on new recycling/garbage program
- Communication protocol signed with 1<sup>st</sup> nations. 3 bands present at the meeting.
- Public street solicitation bylaw passed. Community now talking about “how can they help the homeless.”
- 105 units of housing coming for homeless
- FCM convention – noticed that there is a distinct appetite to bypass the province and talk directly to the local governments. Feds doubled gas tax payments directly to local governments.
- New indoor tennis facility grand opening.

**Kamloops**

- Trans Mountain pipeline approval great for the city especially with the mill closures and unemployed tradesman in neighbouring communities.
- Biosolids – to be trucking the treated biosolids to Turtle Valley (70 km away). Meeting with protests. Provincial government not defending their policies that land use is the best use of biosolids. Also working with Little Shuswap Lake Indian Band to put biosolids on the new golf course they are planning to build.

**Lumby**

- Kindness meter
- Resurfacing outdoor tennis courts
- Medical marijuana plant – first crop has been grown and sent to the Federal Government for testing before they can get their license.
- No flooding in 2019. In process of removing berms.
- Starting to look at plastic bag ban.
- Community Forests – getting fir beetle which will change up the cutting schedule
- Wastewater plant – looking at changes

**Clearwater**

- Plastic bags – student council sent out survey to community and hosted business luncheon to find out the pulse of the community. Council moving forward on ban.
- Community raised over \$15,000 for high school soccer team to attend provincials.
- Mill closing putting 175 people out of work. No help from Province.

**Logan Lake**

- District office should be ready to be moved into by end of the month.
- Community Forest received \$10,000 Robin Hood grant.
- Logan Lake RCMP members will be used to assist Merritt’s shortage during the summer
- 2 physicians are leaving shortly (at end of their term) but community has heard of interest from other doctors.

**RDOS**

- Plastic bag ban – on agenda June 20<sup>th</sup>. Concerned with the ability to enforce ban with businesses. Canadian Plastic Bag Association appealing the Victoria decision to ban bags and waiting to hear outcome.
- Library funding – need more funding across the province. Province funding down to 5% from 23%.

- Pilot project: homeless people welcomed at the library. No address is needed anymore to get a library card.

### Summerland

- Youth council forming at the Summerland high school next year. Plastic bag ban is on their agenda
- Official opening of the skate park
- Contingency site for the solar panel/battery storage site
- Asset management system – inventory is in place, policy and strategy are done.
- Looking to get an Agriculture Innovation Centre in Summerland.

### Penticton

- 4-3 vote to approve councillor's/mayor's salary back to even re: loss of the 1/3 tax free allowance
- Councillors to be reported on quarterly re: community and council attendance
- Cannabis – approved 14 stores, 8 applications have been set to the Province
- Doctor shortage – 10,000 people without a doctor. Looking to get more nurse practitioners.
- Homelessness – 162 units being built
  - Changing bylaws re: getting people off the streets/panhandling

### Coldstream

- Open house for parking lot for rail trail access
- Plastic bag ban – starting to investigate
- Organic waste education for the community
- New water facility – UV light to clean the water; just won award
- Housing and rules to bring in out of country farm workers - seasonal and migrant

## 2. Finance Report

- As at May 31, 2019 SILGA had \$45,886 in the bank and \$111,495 in the MFA account.
- Membership dues letters in the amount of \$42,436 were sent out in early June. SILGA has received payments to date of \$1,500. No complaints or comments have been received with the increased amounts.
- Area Association comparison given to board showing the differences in the revenues/membership dues etc around the province.
- Staff noted that the 50/50 draw at the convention was too successful and SILGA went over on the amount raised for a Class D license. Next year SILGA will have to have two separate draws.
- SILGA to change signing authorities as follows:

### Moved/Seconded that:

Any two of the following three:

Shelley Sim, Past President

Bill Sarai, Director

Alison Slater, Executive Director

**CARRIED**

**Moved/Seconded that:**

The finance report be received.

**CARRIED**

**3. Convention Reports****a) Penticton 2019**

- Excellent reviews – a number of “best ever convention” from the delegates, especially with regard to the keynote speakers. Delegates loved the venues, food trucks and the timely presentations.
- More interactive sessions are recommended for future conventions.
- Financials
  - Revenues
 

Registration	\$83,000
Sponsorship	\$93,500
Total	\$174,271 (\$25,000 over budget)
  - Expenses
 

Food/drink	\$53,605 (\$5,000 under budget)
Venues	\$15,000 (on budget)
Speakers	\$31,300 (\$2,000 under budget)
Other exp	\$22,500 (\$5,000 under budget)
Total exp	\$122,405
  - Net Profit
 

	\$55,670 (\$37,000 over budget)
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**b) Vernon 2020**

- Staff to meet with Vernon Lodge staff after board meeting to bring back signed contracts for hotel rooms.
- Staff to investigate using the Vernon Recreation Centre for the convention.

**c) 2022 Convention – Kamloops has expressed interest in hosting.****4. Resolutions**

- SILGA received 27 resolutions, 24 early and 3 late. Of those, 26 passed and one was defeated.
- Main complaint was the lack of debate. No one came to the nay microphone.
- How does SILGA get more debate? With 50% of the delegates just getting elected should SILGA have a session on “how to debate” along with a session on how to write a proper resolution?
- Should SILGA plant a designated “nay” voice to get the debate started and/ or have a humorous resolution to get the delegates discussing the pros and cons?

**5. UBCM**

- **Minister Meeting Requests**

- a) Agriculture

- i. Secondary suites/seasonal worker housing
- ii. Bills 15 and 52

- b) FLNRO

- i. Cariboo
- ii. Economic Recovery – mill closures

- iii. Milfoil out of control
- c) Health
  - i. Physician recruitment
  - ii. New health care models
- d) Social Development and Poverty Reduction
  - i. Homelessness
  - ii. Library funding/outreach
- e) Premier
  - i. SILGA student introduction
  - ii. Provincial plastic bag ban policy
- Executive Director attendance
  - Arrive Tuesday morning, leave Thursday

**6. Communication**

- Newsletter suggestions for the June newsletter.

**7. Committee Structure**

**SILGA COMMITTEES  
2019-2020**

<b>MEMBER SERVICES, EDUCATION AND ADVOCACY</b>	➤ Karla Kozakevich ➤ Bill Sarai ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond
<b>RESOLUTIONS</b>	➤ Toni Boot ➤ Ruth Hoyte ➤ Robin Smith ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond
<b>COMMUNICATION/SOCIAL MEDIA</b>	➤ Toni Boot ➤ Louise Wallace Richmond ➤ Bill Sarai
<b>POLICY</b>	➤ Ruth Hoyte ➤ Shelley Sim
<b>MIA REP</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich or Ruth Hoyte
<b>UBCM REP</b>	➤ Lori Mindnich
<b>UBCM YOUTH SELECTION</b>	➤ Committee of the whole

2020 CONVENTION VERNON	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Shelley Sim</li> <li>➤ Ruth Hoyte</li> <li>➤ Akbal Mund</li> <li>➤ Debbie Cannon</li> <li>➤ Lori Mindnich</li> <li>➤ Judy Sentes</li> </ul>
FINANCE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lori Mindnich</li> <li>➤ Shelley Sim</li> <li>➤ Ruth Hoyte</li> </ul>
NOMINATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Shelley Sim</li> <li>➤ Two others to be appointed</li> </ul>
HUMAN RESOURCES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Lori Mindnich</li> <li>➤ Karla Kozakevich</li> <li>➤ Judy Sentes</li> <li>➤ Debbie Cannon</li> </ul>
ADVOCACY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Committee of the whole</li> </ul>

8. Policy: Inclusion of Indian bands into SILGA - deferred to next meeting

9. Meeting dates:

Convention meeting: July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Vernon 10:00 am

Executive Meeting August 21<sup>st</sup> Keremeos or Barriere 10:30 am

Executive Meeting September in UBCM - Monday lunch

Executive Meeting November 13<sup>th</sup> Kamloops

Executive Meeting January TBD

### Adjournment

**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

At 2:21 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of June 19, 2019 be adjourned.

**CARRIED**

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Alison Slater  
Executive Director