

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting – Wednesday, November 13, 2019
Meeting held at Kamloops City Hall, Kamloops BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Lori Mindnich, Lumby
1st Vice President	Director Karla Kozakevich, RDOS (arrived 10:45)
2nd Vice President	Mayor Toni Boot, Summerland (arrived 10:45)
Past President	Councillor Shelley Sim, Clearwater (arrived 10:35)
Directors	Councillor Akbal Mund, Vernon (arrived 12:00 pm)
	Councillor Ruth Hoyte, Coldstream
	Councillor Judy Sentes, Penticton (arrived 10:45)
	Councillor Bill Sarai, Kamloops
	Councillor Louise Wallace Richmond, Salmon Arm
	Mayor Robin Smith, Logan Lake
	Executive Director Alison Slater
Absent	Councillor Debbie Cannon, Salmon Arm

CALL TO ORDER

President Mindnich called the meeting to order at 10:32 am and acknowledged the meeting is being held on the territorial lands of the Secwépemc Indian Band.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The agenda be accepted with the following change:

Deletion of Area Director Reports

1st Nations inclusion in SILGA moved to 5. committee reports

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meeting held in Keremeos on August 21, 2019 be adopted.

CARRIED

KAMLOOPS UPDATE - Ken Christian, Mayor

1. Emergency Management
 - Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between universities in Kamloops (TRU), Kelowna (UBCO) and Prince George (UNBC) and the corresponding cities to research issues on the “new normal”.

- TRU to do research on evacuation issues, UBCO to do research on LI-DAR/tourism and UNBC to do research on forest/floods and changes in environment.
 - Approached Provincial Environment, Forest, Advanced Education and Jobs ministries to come up with \$15 million in funding. Hopeful that the Provincial Government, with all the monies saved in 2019, will be able to set aside funding for this research.
 - Research is done where the emergencies happen – not in Victoria.
 - Mayor Christian believes that the universities must become more integrated in the communities they exist in and that the cities should be using their resources and expertise to benefit everyone.
2. Policing
- Larger communities that pay the majority of policing services (90%) are doing a good job of keeping up with the increased demands of policing but the province (when they pay for rural areas) is not. The urban centres end up paying for:
 - Major investigations in rural communities because rural detachments do not have the staff or expertise
 - Prisoner expenses
 - Emergency Response Teams when they are called out to rural areas.
 - These cost transfers are not fair to the larger municipalities.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from the Minister of Agriculture

Moved/Seconded that:

SILGA respond to the letter asking for updates to the issues brought up in the UBCM meeting of September 24th. Letter to include resolutions from SILGA that were passed at UBCM on those topics.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Letter from the Minister of Public Services and Procurement
- Stated that Keremeos was paid back the money from the reassessment of the police station because of a clerical error.

Moved/Seconded that:

SILGA respond to the letter by thanking the Ministry as well as respectfully requesting the Ministry to complete the review for assessments by January 31st to ensure there won't be any confusion in the future.

CARRIED

Staffing discussion – in camera (11:00 am -11:25 am)

NEW BUSINESS

1. EMBC Session in Kamloops December 6th (location TBD)
 - 4 hours starting at 10:00 am
 - Round table set up with 6 key topics from the report. EMBC staff to be at each table to capture thoughts/concerns from the SILGA membership
 - Cost is \$25/person and will cover lunch
 - Staff welcome, especially those involved in emergency operations in the RD or municipality.
 - SILGA to send out a “Save the Date” asap.

Moved/Seconded that:

Any expenses for this session not covered by the per person fee will be taken from the educational session budget line.

CARRIED

2. **Economic Development sessions**

- To be run at the convention, rather than on a separate day.

3. **COFI convention**

- Toni Boot to be the SILGA representative

4. **Education Sessions**

- To be run at the convention, rather than on a separate day.

Committee Reports

1. **Finance Report**

- As at September 30, 2019 SILGA had \$36,907 in the bank and \$112,158 in the MFA account. Interest earned YTD is \$1,568.

Moved/Seconded that:

SILGA will spend up to \$5,000 to reimburse youth each year for the cost of travel, accommodation, meals and out of pocket expenses incurred to attend the UBCM convention. Any monies not spent in the current year will be carried forward to be used in future years for up to 3 years.

CARRIED

Moved/Seconded that:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

2. **Convention Reports**

- a) **Vernon 2020**

- Minutes of the November 13th convention meeting (1:30 pm start) to be included in these minutes.

- b) **Kamloops 2022**

- Delta Marriott – contract has been drawn up but staff have concerns about the size of the facility. On the positive side, it is downtown and close to other amenities.

3. Resolutions

- All SILGA resolutions were passed at UBCM.

4. Newsletter

- Next newsletter to be sent out by the end of January with a summary of resolutions passed, convention information/updates/EMBC updates.

5. Policy: Inclusion of Indian bands into SILGA

To be eligible for membership in UBCM, 1st Nations government must have

1. Elected representation
2. Ability to tax
3. Ability to exercise regulatory power or provide local services

To further the discussion, SILGA staff to:

- Reach out to other area associations to get their policies for 1st Nations inclusion.
- Contact Grand Chief Stewart Phillip for his thoughts on membership in an area association.

6. 2020 meeting dates

January 22 nd	Lake Country	11:00 am (convention meeting @ 10:00 am)
March 25 th	Merritt	10:30 am
April 28 th	Vernon (convention)	5:00 pm

Adjournment**Moved/Seconded THAT:**

At 1:22 pm the SILGA Executive Meeting of November 13, 2019 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater