

SILGA

2020 Fall Newsletter



Columbia Shuswap Regional District

SILGA President's Report

"Strength does not come from winning. Your struggles develop your strengths. When you go through hardships and decide not to surrender, that is strength." Mahatma Gandhi

Dear SILGA Members,

On behalf of the executive, we hope that you are holding up well. COVID-19 has not been kind but it has been rewarding to see acts of kindness grow across the province. Although there has been a dramatic need to change the way we live, work and interact, SILGA communities seem to be facing the wind and standing strong. Each of you is so important and I know that you have been working hard to provide positive leadership and to help chart a course of action for the year to come. We heard from many of you who felt that tax deliberations were extremely difficult this year, and yet perseverance saw many innovative models come to light.

Like you, SILGA is also having to adapt. In July, SILGA launched an on-line speakers series and we were delighted to have so many of you join us. The sessions focused on UNDRIP, BC Infrastructure Benefits and Strategic Budgeting in the COVID 19 era. If you missed any of them, the webinars are available on the [SILGA website](#).

Unfortunately, the 2020 SILGA AGM in April was cancelled but we are hopefully optimistic that 2021 will allow us to meet in person. The tentative plans are to hold the 2021 AGM and Convention in Vernon from April 27-30.

SILGA is now hosting a modified AGM a week after the UBCM Convention – please see the details on the next page. I am so pleased with how many people in our SILGA community have stepped forward as candidates for the SILGA executive. There are eight candidates running for the seven Director at Large positions. Have a browse through their bios on the SILGA website – they're impressive!

The SILGA executive has had an active agenda and continue to look for innovative ways to connect and advocate. If your community is facing issues and need the support of the larger community, please get in touch with me. I want to hear from you!

Sincerely,

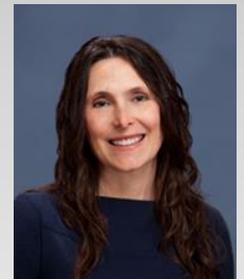
Lori Mindnich, President

SILGA is pleased to announce the following board members have been acclaimed.

President Lori Mindnich



1st Vice President Karla Kozakevich



2nd Vice President Toni Boot



2020 SILGA AGM

September 29th at 10:30 am

Important Information for SILGA Members

The free SILGA AGM will be held virtually for one hour on September 29th starting at 10:30 am.

1. If you are registered for the UBCM Convention **AND** you clicked the registration for the SILGA AGM, you are automatically registered. For those that are **NOT** attending the UBCM convention, you may attend the SILGA AGM for free but you will have to contact the SILGA office to get registered. **Deadline to register is September 18th.**
2. Elected officials attending the AGM will receive a Voter ID and password. DOTS, the voting website company, will be sending out a request for a test vote. It is extremely important that you complete the test to ensure your credentials are accepted on the day of the AGM.
3. No resolutions will be debated at the SILGA AGM.
4. Eight candidates are running for the seven Directors at Large positions. You may vote for up to seven candidates.
5. For all the AGM information, including the full Nomination Report with candidate bios please visit the [SILGA website](#).

In Memoriam



Ben Winters

1932 – April 6, 2020

Lumby Councillor 2005-2011



Bill Ross

July 14, 1943 - May 10, 2020

Oliver Councillor 1990-1999

2020 SILGA

Director at Large Slate of Candidates

**Spencer Coyne
Princeton**



**Aimee Grice
Oliver**



**Ruth Hoyte
Coldstream**



**Bill Sarai
Kamloops**



**Judy Sentes
Penticton**



**Robin Smith
Logan Lake**



**Louise Wallace Richmond
Salmon Arm**



**Barbara Wiebe
Lillooet**



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Keynote Speaker

UBCM is very pleased to welcome internationally recognized author Margaret Atwood who will address delegates during the 2020 Convention. Ms. Atwood will explore the themes of climate change, COVID-19 and community in a session that promises to be thought provoking, insightful and animated with Atwood's acerbic humour.

Convention plenary: leadership in the pandemic era

Distinguished leaders, including BC's Lieutenant Governor Janet Wilson, Dr. Bonnie Henry, and Ms. Kim Baird will come together in the plenary session of this year's UBCM Convention to discuss the value of diverse approaches to leadership and resilience in the face of a society-altering pandemic.

“What lessons and best practices can be applied at the local level?”

Resolutions now available for 2020 Convention

The [resolutions package](#) for the 2020 UBCM Convention is now available. UBCM's Executive has revamped the process for the handling of resolutions at the 2020 Convention to work within the requirements of the online platform that will host the event. In keeping with overall reduced program time for convention, the resolutions session has been shortened, a series of Special Resolutions has been identified for debate, and delegates will make more use of voting blocks.

2020 UBCM Annual Report

The 2020 UBCM Annual Report can be accessed [here](#).

For more information on the UBCM convention, please visit the [UBCM convention webpage](#).

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UBCM Board of Director Elections

Best wishes to three SILGA members seeking a Board position with UBCM. Thank you for putting your names forward!

For 3rd Vice President

Councillor Chad Eliason, Salmon Arm



For Director at Large

Mayor Martin Johansen, Oliver



Councillor Sadie Hunter, Kamloops



Just In! UBCM Convention Complimentary Student Registration

Each area association may register up to 3 participants for the UBCM Convention. Registration deadline is September 11th. Contact the SILGA office for additional information and/or registration forms.