

**SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held**  
**May 1st and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 in Penticton, B.C.**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Marg Spina called the meeting to order at 8:15 am on May 1, 2014.

**2. President's Report**

President Spina thanked the current executive and staff for their hard work and dedication. Following SILGA's vision "To be the best BC Local Government Organization through advocacy, communication and education" the SILGA executive met with provincial ministers at UBCM to forward concerns from members. SILGA also embarked on an education program to help its membership with education by running a session on municipal and regional district finances in Kamloops. It also started up its semi-annual newsletter to improve communication between its members.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Chad Eliason/Ryan Nitchie THAT:

The minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 Annual General Meeting held in Salmon Arm be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising From the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Financial Report**

Jonathan McGraw from BDO Canada presented the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2013. Director Susan Roline presented the 5 year plan to 2018. He noted that SILGA showed a \$10,492 profit in 2013 mostly due to the financial successes of the convention.

Moved/Seconded by Marg Spina /Chad Eliason THAT:

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2013 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Nomination Committee Report**

Nomination Committee Chair Harry Kroeker thanked Jessoa Lightfoot who also sat on the nomination committee with him. He read out the nominations and after calling three times for nominations from the floor, the following results were announced.

**Table Officers:**

President:	Marg Spina, City of Kamloops (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Tim Pennell, TNRD (acclaimed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Angelique Wood, OSRD (acclaimed)
Electoral Area Director	Patty Hanson, CORD (acclaimed)

**For the 6 positions of Director at Large:**

Mayor Janice Brown, District of Spallumcheen  
Councillor Lisa Cameron, District of Lake Country  
Councillor Chad Eliason, City of Salmon Arm  
Councillor Marg Lampman, District of Lillooet  
Councillor Kim Maynard, Town of Princeton  
Director Willow MacDonald, TNRD, Area B  
Susan Roline, City of Merritt  
Councillor Shelley Sim, District of Clearwater

**Harry Kroecker announced that the following will be directors for SILGA for the 2014/15 term.**

Councillor Lisa Cameron, District of Lake Country  
Councillor Chad Eliason, City of Salmon Arm  
Councillor Marg Lampman, District of Lillooet  
Director Willow MacDonald, TNRD, Area B  
Mayor Susan Roline, City of Merritt  
Councillor Shelley Sim, District of Clearwater

Moved/Seconded by Marg Spina/Ken Gillis THAT:

The ballots for the voting for the SILGA executive be destroyed.

**CARRIED**

**8. Resolutions Committee Report**

Moved/Seconded by Arjun Singh/Rhona Martin THAT:

Carolyn Black be accepted as the SILGA parliamentarian for the resolutions session of the AGM.

**CARRIED**

**(1) TITLE: Communities in Bloom**

**SPONSOR: Clinton**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia is currently transferring the Provincial Communities in Bloom program from a Crown Corporation to the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development.

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Communities in Bloom Program was receiving funding from the Provincial Capital Commission in the amount of \$10,000 per year, there is a concern the funding will be dropped or reduced.

AND WHEREAS the Communities in Bloom Program has been a benefit to the province and the communities who have chosen to take part.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobbies the Ministry of Community, Sport and Culture to maintain or increase the funding for the Communities in Bloom Program.

**CARRIED**

**(2) TITLE: Lease Agreements with Provincial Government**

**SPONSOR: Clinton**

WHEREAS there are circumstances where Local Government requires a lease agreement with the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government has a standard agreement which is very one sided for the Province and Local Governments are left with a “Take It or Leave It” situation it makes it very difficult to protect the interests of the local government.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM work with the Province of British Columbia to produce lease agreements which would be fair for both parties.

**CARRIED**

**(3) TITLE: Increased Resources for the ALC**

**SPONSOR: District of Coldstream**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission, operating as an independent administrative tribunal, is mandated to protect and preserve agricultural land to encourage and enable farm businesses throughout British Columbia which fosters local economic stability, food security and provides environmental and other public benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission provides critical support to local governments by providing technical expertise, independent of political influences, which legitimizes decisions involving the preservation, use and development of agricultural land and by encouraging local governments and their agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies as mandated in the Agricultural Land Commission Act,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government increase resources to the Agricultural Land Commission, in accordance with recommendation #2 in “Report 5: September 2010 Audit of the Agricultural Land Commission” to more effectively preserve agricultural land and encourage farming;

AND FURTHER that the Provincial Government maintain the Agricultural Land Commission as an independent administrative tribunal.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by including the reference that Report 5 was authored by the Office of the Auditor General of BC in the TBIR clause

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission, operating as an independent administrative tribunal, is mandated to protect and preserve agricultural land to encourage and enable farm businesses throughout British Columbia which fosters local economic stability, food security and provides environmental and other public benefits;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission provides critical support to local governments by providing technical expertise, independent of political influences, which legitimizes decisions involving the preservation, use and development of agricultural land and by encouraging local governments and their agents to enable and accommodate farm use of agricultural land and uses compatible with agriculture in their plans, bylaws and policies as mandated in the Agricultural Land Commission Act,

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government increase resources to the Agricultural Land Commission, in accordance with recommendation #2 in the Office of the Auditor General of British Columbia's report titled "Report 5: September 2010 Audit of the Agricultural Land Commission" to more effectively preserve agricultural land and encourage farming;

AND FURTHER that the Provincial Government maintain the Agricultural Land Commission as an independent administrative tribunal.

**CARRIED**

**(4) TITLE: Road Rescue Services Funding to Communities/Societies**

**SPONSOR: Village of Chase**

WHEREAS many small communities and not-for-profit societies in BC provide road rescue services in large service areas outside the communities' jurisdictions; AND

WHEREAS while Emergency Management BC does provide reimbursements for some of the operational costs associated with the service, not all costs are recoverable, and none of the capital costs are covered, leaving the communities or the societies to subsidize the service as well as to pay for capital equipment at a large cost to the communities' taxpayers/societies:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be asked to review how road rescue services are funded, particularly the capital costs for vehicles and equipment, and that the Provincial Government be asked to initiate a better funding arrangement for the operational expenses of the service and the larger capital costs associated with purchase of vehicles and equipment in order that smaller communities and societies can continue to provide this valuable service.

**CARRIED**

**(5) TITLE: Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative**

**SPONSOR: RDOS**

WHEREAS the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative is a suite of funding programs administered through the Provincial Fuel Management Working Group and has supported communities to mitigate wildfires within the urban interface since 2004;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen has been participating in the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative from the beginning, and over 150 hectares of fuel management projects have been completed, although since 2011 there has been significant reduction in the funding levels;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UBCM request the Province of BC increase the funding to ensure continued sustainability of the strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative program.

**CARRIED**

**(6) TITLE: Business Class Exemption**

**SPONSOR: Vernon**

WHEREAS the statutory property exemption for business Class 6 assessments is \$10,000, regardless of the property value;

AND WHEREAS the business Class 6 exemption has remained unchanged since implementation in 1984 despite increasing assessments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government review the business class exemption for Class 6 assessments and consider an increase to \$50,000 for the statutory property exemption, in order to provide small businesses, in the Province of British Columbia, a fair exemption for their increased assessed property value.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by striking out the phrase “to \$50,000” and replacing it “and consider an increase for the statutory property exemption” in the TBIR clause

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

WHEREAS the statutory property exemption for business Class 6 assessments is \$10,000, regardless of the property value;

AND WHEREAS the business Class 6 exemption has remained unchanged since implementation in 1984 despite increasing assessments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government review the business class exemption for Class 6 assessments and consider an increase for the statutory property exemption for the statutory property exemption, in order to provide small businesses, in the Province of British Columbia, a fair exemption for their increased assessed property value.

**DEFEATED**

**(7) TITLE: ICBC Claims**

**SPONSOR: City of Penticton**

WHEREAS ICBC is no longer paying the full claims submitted by municipalities for vehicular damage done to municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS if the actual expenses are not fully recovered, the remainder will be borne by the municipal tax payers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to direct ICBC to reimburse the full costs of damages caused by their insured drivers.

**CARRIED**

**(8) TITLE: Secondary Dwellings**

**SPONSOR: Spallumcheen**

WHEREAS the smaller working farms in British Columbia have been struggling financially because of numerous changes in provincial legislation, a large increase in land values, an aging generation of farmers, as well as other hardships;

AND WHEREAS allowing a permanent second residence and existing second residences to be used by family members, retiring farmers who want to remain on the farm, or renters for an additional source of income and to help smaller farms remain in operation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of British Columbia Municipalities lobby the Ministry of Agriculture and the Agricultural Land Commission to allow a permanent second residence to a maximum size of 2,000 square feet within a “home plate” footprint and away from viable farmland to help supplement farm income and/or to provide accommodations for aging family members.

**CARRIED**

**(9) TITLE: Equitable Penalty & Sentencing Powers for Regional Districts**

**SPONSOR: SLRD**

WHEREAS Section 263 of the Community Charter provides Municipalities with the power to set minimum fines and the power to set maximum fines up to \$10,000;

AND WHEREAS there is no corresponding provision in the Local Government Act to provide Regional Districts with the same powers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC enact an amendment to the Local Government Act to provide Regional Districts with the power to set minimum fines and the power to set maximum fines up to \$10,000.

**CARRIED**

**(10) TITLE: Direct Sharing of Proceeds of Crime**

**SPONSOR: Village of Chase**

WHEREAS some crimes perpetrated in communities have direct monetary and social effects on the communities in which the crimes occur; AND

WHEREAS, when confiscated, profits from various crimes and proceeds from associated forfeited property must all be remitted to the Provincial Government:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government once again be asked to consider expanding the legislation governing proceeds of crime to allow local governments to share directly in *some* of the proceeds from those crimes which have direct monetary and social impacts on communities.

**CARRIED**

**(11) TITLE: Medical Marijuana**

**SPONSOR: Lake Country**

WHEREAS in an effort to minimize the unintended consequences for public health, safety and security that surfaced as a result of the Federal Marijuana Medical Access Regulations, municipalities have adopted zoning bylaws restricting the production of medical marijuana to industrial or commercial zones;

AND WHEREAS BC Assessment Classification of Land as Farm Regulation classifies the production of medical marijuana as farm use for assessment purposed thereby allowing companies producing medical marijuana to apply for farm status and lower taxes despite operating on industrial land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend Regulation 411/95 Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation so that medical marijuana does not qualify as a “medicinal plant culture” as a farm use for assessment purposes.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by striking out the phrase ““does not qualify as a medicinal plant culture” and replacing it with “is not a qualifying agriculture use in the TBIR clause

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

WHEREAS in an effort to minimize the unintended consequences for public health, safety and security that surfaced as a result of the Federal Marijuana Medical Access Regulations, municipalities have adopted zoning bylaws restricting the production of medical marijuana to industrial or commercial zones;

AND WHEREAS BC Assessment Classification of Land as Farm Regulation classifies the production of medical marijuana as farm use for assessment purposed thereby allowing companies producing medical marijuana to apply for farm status and lower taxes despite operating on industrial land;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend Regulation 411/95 Classification of Land as a Farm Regulation so that medical marijuana is not a qualifying agricultural use.

**CARRIED**

**(12) TITLE: Medical Marijuana Production on ALR Land**

**SPONSOR: District of West Kelowna**

WHEREAS local governments may regulate land use within their boundaries through the *Local Government Act*, however, a local government may not prohibit an outright “farm use” on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land;

AND WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission is empowered to regulate use on lands within the ALR and has determined the farming of marijuana for medical purposes to be a “farm use” under the definition restricting local government’s ability to regulate the location of medical marijuana production on ALR land:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to amend the *Agricultural Land Commission Act* definition of “farm use” to exclude medical marijuana production as a farm use.

**CARRIED**

Point of Order

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

A standing vote be called on the question of Medical Marijuana Production on ALR Land

**CARRIED**

Reconsideration

The Chair called for a standing vote on the question in accordance with Section 11.3 of the SILGA Constitution and Bylaws.

The results were 69 In Favour and 28 Opposed.

**CARRIED**

**(13) TITLE: Greenhouse Gas Emissions**

**SPONSOR: RDOS**

WHEREAS a lack of funding has made it increasingly difficult for local governments to meet targets for reducing greenhouse gas emissions (GHG)

AND WHEREAS Provincial and Federal governments appear to be withdrawing from their commitment to reduce CO2 and CH4 emissions on a national scale;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that Provincial and Federal governments renew their commitment to meeting GHG reduction targets;

AND THAT renewed funding be provided to local governments to ensure that Climate Action Plans and Projects continue to be implemented.

**CARRIED**

**(14) TITLE: Environmental Appeal Board**

**SPONSOR: Lake Country**

WHEREAS the Water Branch and Environmental Appeal board have acknowledged water shortages and over licensing in Okanagan watersheds yet continue to “double license” fully licensed water which is causing adverse effects on municipalities and the environment;

AND WHEREAS there is inconsistency and a lack of transparency in the statutory decision making in the Water Branch and Environmental Appeal Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Environmental Appeal Board be eliminated and that a judicial review process be conducted by the courts in its place with the cost savings applied to enforcement of the new Act.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by deleting the TBIR clause and replacing it with “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that water licensing issues be considered in a judicial review process rather than through the Environmental Appeal Board.”

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:



WHEREAS the Water Branch and Environmental Appeal board have acknowledged water shortages and over licensing in Okanagan watersheds yet continue to “double license” fully licensed water which is causing adverse effects on municipalities and the environment;

AND WHEREAS there is inconsistency and a lack of transparency in the statutory decision making in the Water Branch and Environmental Appeal Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that water licensing issues be considered in a judicial review process rather than through the Environmental Appeal Board.

**CARRIED**

**Main Motion** as amended:

**CARRIED**

**(15) TITLE: Transport of Hazardous Materials**

**SPONSOR: Logan Lake**

WHEREAS Teamsters Canada has brought to the attention of local government the catastrophic Lac-Mégantic train accident and Transport Canada’s neglect to ensure the safety of rail transport of hazardous materials;

AND ALSO WHEREAS rail transport self-regulation must come to an end and public safety must come before profit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM petition the Province of BC, to request that Transport Canada regulate the safe transport of hazardous materials by all transportation modes throughout Canada.

**CARRIED**

**(16) TITLE: Invasive Species – Quagga & Zebra Mussels**

**SPONSOR: Osoyoos**

WHEREAS aquatic invasive species pose a significant and growing threat to British Columbia’s and Canada’s freshwater and marine ecosystems with devastating consequences to multiple economic sectors in both BC and Canada. Zebra and Quagga mussels in particular are an invasive species that if introduced into BC waters they are known to create toxic algae blooms, ruin beaches with sharp shells, destroy boat motors, foul water intakes and outfalls, put the ecology of the water at risk – including its fishery - and could cost the Okanagan alone more than \$43 million a year just to manage; they have been found in thirty-three (33) states in the United States of America and are currently in the Great Lakes in Ontario and Quebec and in October, 2012 were found in Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba and there is as yet no proven method to eradicate the mussels once they are found in a body of water;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia has legislation in the Controlled Alien Species Regulations that provides fines and imprisonment for possession, breeding, transporting, releasing or allowing to be released or escape into BC waters but has no inspection stations to check or decontaminate boats and trailers that might be carrying these mussels; and since it is the jurisdiction of the federal government to regulate or ban the importation of these mussels and it does not currently have regulations in place to make it possible for Canadian Border Services Agency staff to inspect or stop contaminated boats from entering Canada from the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the provincial government to provide the Ministry of Environment additional and sufficient financial and human resources to undertake boat inspections at interprovincial points of entry and within the Province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the provincial government to urge the federal government to pass its pending regulations under the federal Fisheries Act to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into Canadian waters and to control and manage their establishment and spread once introduced, as soon as possible and that the provincial government offer its cooperation to partner with CBSA to ensure appropriate inspection and enforcement at international border crossings in the province.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by adding “AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government continue to support the efforts of the BC Invasive Species Council to educate the public.” at the end of the resolution

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

WHEREAS aquatic invasive species pose a significant and growing threat to British Columbia’s and Canada’s freshwater and marine ecosystems with devastating consequences to multiple economic sectors in both BC and Canada. Zebra and Quagga mussels in particular are an invasive species that if introduced into BC waters they are known to create toxic algae blooms, ruin beaches with sharp shells, destroy boat motors, foul water intakes and outfalls, put the ecology of the water at risk – including its fishery - and could cost the Okanagan alone more than \$43 million a year just to manage; they have been found in thirty-three (33) states in the United States of America and are currently in the Great Lakes in Ontario and Quebec and in October, 2012 were found in Lake Winnipeg, Manitoba and there is as yet no proven method to eradicate the mussels once they are found in a body of water;

AND WHEREAS British Columbia has legislation in the Controlled Alien Species Regulations that provides fines and imprisonment for possession, breeding, transporting, releasing or allowing to be released or escape into BC waters but has no inspection stations to check or decontaminate boats and trailers that might be carrying these mussels; and since it is the jurisdiction of the federal government to regulate or ban the importation of these mussels and it does not currently have regulations in place to make it possible for Canadian Border Services Agency staff to inspect or stop contaminated boats from entering Canada from the United States;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the provincial government to provide the Ministry of Environment additional and sufficient financial and human resources to undertake boat inspections at interprovincial points of entry and within the Province;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that UBCM call upon the provincial government to urge the federal government to pass its pending regulations under the federal Fisheries Act to prevent the introduction of aquatic invasive species into Canadian waters and to control and manage their establishment and spread once introduced, as soon as possible and that the provincial government offer its cooperation to partner with CBSA to ensure appropriate inspection and enforcement at international border crossings in the province.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Provincial Government continue to support the efforts of the BC Invasive Species Council to educate the public.

**CARRIED**

**(17) TITLE: Mines Act Alignment with Official Community Plans**

**SPONSOR: District of Sicamous**

WHEREAS the Provincial Mines Act [RSBC 1996] governs the issuance of permits relative to the mining and extraction of natural resources across the province without first having a permit applicant confirm local government support for such activity;

AND WHEREAS local governments may have established Official Community Plans designating specific areas for such mining and extraction of natural resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM prevail upon the Provincial Government to amend the Mines Act to first require a Mines Permit applicant to confirm such mining activity is within an area designated by a local Official Community Plan permitting such mining activity.

**CARRIED**

**(18) TITLE: Agricultural Land Commission alignment with Official Community Plans**

**SPONSOR: District of Sicamous**

WHEREAS the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) is governed by the Agricultural Land Commission Act and is responsible for preserving agricultural land;

AND WHEREAS the ALC decisions do not always align with municipalities Official Community Plans;

AND WHEREAS decisions handed down from the ALC regarding agricultural land use are not consistent between municipalities;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government amend the ALC regulations to include that ALC decisions must align with a municipalities Official Community Plan.

**DEFEATED**

**(19) TITLE: BC Building Code Changes**

**SPONSOR: Lake Country**

WHEREAS the BC Building Code fire department response time of ten minutes is an unrealistic expectation to impose on municipalities with paid on-call Fire Departments;

AND WHEREAS the new unprotected opening and sprinklering requirements for fire department response times of greater than ten minutes significantly impacts the affordability of homes and impose unrealistic costs and potential safety risks for municipalities required to upgrade to larger water connections for sprinklering;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Building Code be amended allowing local governments with paid on-call Fire Departments a fire department response time of fifteen minutes.

**CARRIED**

**(20) TITLE: Representation on Interior Health Authority Board**

**SPONSOR: RDNO**

WHEREAS the intent of the 1991 Seaton Commission: Closer to Home was to provide greater public scrutiny and control of health care;

AND WHEREAS the current governance by appointment has created a managerial form of accountability to the ministry of Health and not to the local communities, as intended;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Health be requested to initiate legislative change to require the composition of the Interior Health Authority (IHA) Board to include representation from each of the nine (9) regional districts within the IHA boundary.

**CARRIED**

**(21) TITLE: Corporate Vote**

**SPONSOR: Barriere**

WHEREAS Section 49 (3) of the local Government Act currently prevents a corporation from having a vote in local government elections including other voting for borrowing for service area improvements;

AND WHEREAS in a business or industrial area, as an example, where the properties may almost exclusively be owned by corporate entities, one or two non-corporate individual owners or tenants could end up making an impactful decision on borrowing or not borrowing for a service that may be required by the corporate sector in order to stay in business,

AND WHEREAS corporations contribute substantial taxes and pay service delivery fees towards the operation of local services but have no representation;

AND WHEREAS this representation could easily be limited by legislation to one vote per property owner;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the provincial government review the Local Government Act and amend it accordingly to permit a minimum on one vote per property owner, corporate or otherwise, in a referenda on local government service delivery.

**DEFEATED**

**(22) TITLE: Centre Line and Shoulder Line Highway Marking**

**SPONSOR: Armstrong**

WHEREAS there is a deterioration of line markings, missing reflectors and unmarked shoulders on many of British Columbia's roads and highways, and the safety of motorists travelling on Provincial Highways, especially at night, is enhanced with clearly defined reflective centre line and shoulder line marking;

AND WHEREAS wear and tear of line marking is not solely attributed to weather, high-volume traffic, and snow-clearing equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Ministry of Transportation and infrastructure review the effectiveness of the products used for current centre line and shoulder line marking in response to the degradation caused by weather and high-volume traffic; and that all provincial highways be adequately marked.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by Striking out the portion after the semi colon and replacing it with "ensure that all provincial highways are adequately marked with a more durable product than that which is in current use."

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

WHEREAS there is a deterioration of line markings, missing reflectors and unmarked shoulders on many of British Columbia's roads and highways, and the safety of motorists travelling on Provincial Highways, especially at night, is enhanced with clearly defined reflective centre line and shoulder line marking;

AND WHEREAS wear and tear of line marking is not solely attributed to weather, high-volume traffic, and snow-clearing equipment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BC Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure review the effectiveness of the products used for current centre line and shoulder line marking in response to the degradation caused by weather and high-volume traffic; and ensure that all provincial highways are adequately marked with a more durable product than that which is in current use.

**CARRIED**

**(23) TITLE: Expanded Public Notification Opportunities**

**SPONSOR: District of West Kelowna**

WHEREAS the *Community Charter* requires Local Governments to provide public notification in newspapers which may be restrictive and reach only a partial audience;

AND WHEREAS Local Governments have a vast array of approaches and opportunities available to them to provide notification to their residents and potentially reach a larger audience in a timely, responsive and cost effective manner:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development to amend the *Community Charter* to expand the methods in which Local Governments may provide public notification to their community and meet their legislative requirements.

**DEFEATED**

**(24) TITLE: Inter-Government Communication**

**SPONSOR: District of West Kelowna**

WHEREAS effective local government decision-making requires substantial knowledge of provincial plans and activities;

AND WHEREAS local governments sometimes encounter difficulties acquiring this knowledge from provincial ministries therefore being required to use methods such as Freedom of Information requests:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM urge the Provincial Government to review its communication policy and procedures with a view to fostering a timelier and more cooperative partnership with local governments.

**CARRIED**

**LATE RESOLUTIONS**

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The two late resolutions provided to the Resolutions Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 10.5 of the SILGA Constitution and Bylaws be considered.

**TITLE: First Responders Resource Allocation Plan**

**SPONSOR: SILGA**

WHEREAS recent changes to First Responders Resource Allocation Plan are having significant impacts on services able to be provided by local governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request the Provincial Government reconsider the new Resource Allocation Plan in order to recognize the local challenges faced by paid and volunteer First Responders.

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The late resolution titled First Responders Resource Allocation Plan be referred to the SILGA Executive for more review and possible consideration at the 2015 SILGA Convention.

**CARRIED**

**TITLE: Multi-Material BC**

**SPONSOR: SILGA**

WHEREAS stakeholders have indicated issues have not been resolved with MMBC implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request the Provincial Government reconsider the implementation of the MMBC legislation until such time as consultation with all BC stakeholders, including local governments and industry, has occurred.

Amendment

MOVED AND SECONDED THAT:

The main motion be amended by replacing the TBIR clause with “THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request the province ensure full and robust consultation in the implementation of MMBC to ensure financial fairness to our constituents and maximize diversion rates.”

**CARRIED**

Question on the Main Motion as Amended:

WHEREAS stakeholders have indicated issues have not been resolved with MMBC implementation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that SILGA request the Province ensure full and robust consultation in the implementation of MMBC to ensure financial fairness to our constituents and maximize diversion rates.

**CARRIED**

**9. 2015 Convention – Kamloops**

The 2015 Convention will be held in Kamloops from April 29<sup>th</sup> to May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Councilor Marg Spina invited all the delegates to join them in her community and showed a short video promoting the city.

**10. President’s Closing Remarks**

Marg Spina addressed the delegates and expressed appreciation for all the hard work of the Penticton Convention Committee. She advocated that SILGA will provide increased education for the delegates,

mentoring program and improved communication avenues between the member municipalities and regional districts.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded by Kim Maynard/Rick Berrigan THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 11:56 am on May 2, 2014.

**CARRIED**

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Alison Slater, Secretary Treasurer