

**SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**  
**Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on**  
**April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015 in Kamloops, B.C.**

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**1. Call to Order**

President Marg Spina called the meeting to order at 8:11 am on April 30, 2015..

**2. President's Report**

President Spina thanked the current executive and staff for their hard work and dedication. She also thanked her Kamloops City Council and TNRD board members. 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. Further to the resolutions passed by the SILGA membership, SILGA is pleased to report the Ministry of Environment significantly increased the fight to stop Quagga and Zebra mussels from invading our BC waterways.

**3. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved/Seconded by Ronaye Elliott/Ken Gillis THAT:

The minutes of the May 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 Annual General Meeting held in Penticton be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. Business Arising From the Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

**5. Financial Report**

Mario Piroddi from BDO Canada presented the Financial Statements for the period ending December 31, 2014 while Executive Director Alison Slater presented the 5 year plan to 2019. Mr. Piroddi noted that all SILGA investments are held with MFA BC – a very safe method of investing. The statements showed an \$11,968 profit in 2014 mostly due to the financial successes of the convention in Penticton.

Moved/Seconded by Mike Macnabb/Ken Christian THAT:

The Financial Statement and Statement of Activities of SILGA for the period ending December 31, 2014 be adopted as presented.

**CARRIED**

Moved/Seconded by Ken Christian/Arjun Singh THAT:

The 5 year plan from 2015 to 2019 be accepted as presented.

**CARRIED**

**6. Nomination Committee Report**

Nomination Committee Chair Rhona Martin thanked Ronaye Elliott and Janice Brown who also sat on the nomination committee with her. She read out the nominations and after calling three times for nominations from the floor, the following results were announced.

**Table Officers:**

President:	Chad Eliason, City of Salmon Arm (acclaimed)
First Vice-President	Shelley Sim, Clearwater (acclaimed)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice-President	Patty Hanson, CORD (acclaimed)
Electoral Area Director	Willow Macdonald, TNRD (acclaimed)

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

Councillor Linda Brown, City of Merritt  
Councillor Donovan Cavers, City of Kamloops  
Councillor Penny Gambell, District of Lake Country  
Councillor Diana Guerin, Village of Clinton  
Councillor Charlie Hodge, City of Kelowna  
Councillor Helena Konanz, City of Penticton  
Director Mike Macnabb, RDNO  
Councillor Kim Maynard, Town of Princeton  
Councillor Lori Mindnich, Village of Lumby  
Councillor Brian Schreiner, City of Enderby

**Following the election for the Directors at Large, Rhona Martin announced that the following will be directors for SILGA for the 2015/16 term.**

Councillor Donovan Cavers, City of Kamloops  
Councillor Diana Guerin, Village of Clinton  
Councillor Charlie Hodge, City of Kelowna  
Councillor Helena Konanz, City of Penticton  
Director Mike Macnabb, RDNO  
Councillor Lori Mindnich, Village of Lumby

Moved/Seconded by Arjun Singh/Ken Gillis THAT:

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

**CARRIED**

**7. Resolutions Committee Report**

Moved/Seconded by Arjun Singh/Rhona Martin THAT:

Carolyn Black, TNRD Corporate Officer, be accepted as the SILGA parliamentarian for the resolutions session of the AGM.

**CARRIED**

President Spina noted that the Executive Committee members would read out only the “Therefore Be It Resolved” clauses of each Resolution for discussion and voting.

**(1) TITLE: Funding for Nurse Practitioners' Overhead and Operating Costs**

**SPONSOR: CSRD**

WHEREAS nurse practitioners are utilized as primary care providers in the delivery of health care services in rural communities across the Province of British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS the Ministry of Health does not currently provide funding to support the overhead and operating costs for nurse practitioners to be effectively utilized on a long-term, sustainable basis;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be requested to immediately support the funding of overhead and operating costs for nurse practitioners throughout the province in order to effectively utilize this form of primary health care provider delivery service.

**Carried**

**(2) TITLE: Registered Disability Savings Plan**

**SPONSOR: Kamloops**

WHEREAS the Federal Registered Disability Savings Plan (RDSP) requires Persons With Disabilities (PWD) to be eligible for the Federal Disability Tax Credit (DTC) in order to open a RDSP;

WHEREAS the Province of BC has a rigorous application and review process to grant individuals the PWD designation;

AND WHEREAS the DTC application process is extremely difficult and expensive for PWD requiring significant paperwork and often multiple physician appointments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federal and Provincial governments work together to simplify the Disability Tax Credit application process or allow individuals with the Persons With Disabilities designation to apply directly for a Registered Disability Savings Plan.

**Carried**

**(3) TITLE: Road Rescue Responder Costs**

**SPONSOR: Barriere**

WHEREAS Road Rescue responders are not compensated by Emergency Management BC for responses to highway accidents within their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS Road Rescue organizations receive no provincial funding toward general operations, and

WHEREAS ICBC does not currently contribute funding towards any vehicle accident response costs whatsoever;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments lobby the Provincial Government to reconsider their stance on financing Road Rescue responders throughout the province.

**Carried**

**(4) TITLE: Funding Allocation to Small Communities**

**SPONSOR: Lumby**

WHEREAS the Province of B.C. and Government of Canada offer a range of local government funding programs to stimulate the economy and address infrastructure requirements;

AND WHEREAS the definition of small communities under the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (NBCF) is defined as communities with a population of less than 100,000 people; AND WHEREAS Villages, Towns and Districts with a population under 5,000 people, make up for more than half of the 162 municipalities in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS Villages, Towns and Districts with a population under 5,000 often don't have the financial resources to afford their portion of the funding required under the government grant programs such as the NBCF;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT a new category referred to as "micro-community" be introduced when the Province or Federal Governments are establishing grant programs tailored to unique needs and financial positions of micro-communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipal portion of projects being funded by government grants be lessened for micro-communities to recognize their more limited financial capabilities and financial readiness in comparison to their more populous counterparts.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**Insert the phrase "being communities with a population of under 5,000 people" after the word "micro-communities" clause as indicated in the preamble.**

**Carried**

**Vote on Motion as amended**

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT a new category referred to as "micro-community" be introduced when the Province or Federal Governments are establishing grant programs tailored to unique needs and financial positions of micro-communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipal portion of projects being funded by government grants be lessened for micro-communities, being communities with a population of under 5,000 people, to recognize their more limited financial capabilities and financial readiness in comparison to their more populous counterparts.

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**Carried**

**(5) TITLE: FortisBC – Two Tiered Rates**

**SPONSOR: RDOS**

WHEREAS FortisBC rate increases are causing significant hardship to people in areas where there is no access to natural gas as they are seeing huge increases in power bills.

AND WHEREAS the two tier billing system of tier one up to 1,600 kilowatt hours (9.093 cents) and tier two over 1,600 kilowatt hours (13.543 cents) is unrealistic for consumers;

AND WHEREAS due to the challenge customers face with rising energy costs, heating and electricity have become a luxury for some British Columbia residents, especially in the Okanagan-Similkameen;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of BC Municipalities request the Provincial Government and the British Columbia Utilities Commission eliminate the two tiered rate structure and charge customers at the lower rate, until a remedy can be found for users of electric heat who have no affordable alternative to their current inefficient home heating system.

**Proposed Amendment #1:**

**Insert the word “residential” before “customers”.**

**Defeated**

**Proposed Amendment #2**

**Delete all wording after “electric heat”.**

**Carried**

**Vote on Motion as amended:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Union of BC Municipalities request the Provincial Government and the British Columbia Utilities Commission eliminate the two tiered rate structure and charge customers at the lower rate, until a remedy can be found for users of electric heat.

**Carried**

**(6) TITLE: Recreational Facility Costs**

**SPONSOR: Chase**

WHEREAS many communities across British Columbia provide for or help fund many different types of recreational facilities both indoor and outdoor;

AND WHEREAS the provision of a variety of recreational facilities adds a very important element to any small rural community by enhancing the physical and mental health of the citizens, while attracting and retaining a diverse population that helps to maintain a vibrant economy;

AND WHEREAS small communities in BC struggle with limited funds available for the provision of ice arenas, swimming pools and curling rinks to name a few;

AND WHEREAS costs associated with electricity to heat, light and run the necessary equipment for recreational facilities are ever increasing, seriously limiting the funding resources of small and rural communities to continue to provide for the important recreational facilities that keep the communities strong;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be asked to require that BC Hydro and Fortis BC (electricity) provide lower electricity service rates for recreational facilities in small rural communities (under 100,000 population) to assist in preventing the loss of such facilities which will have serious negative impacts on small rural communities.”

**Proposed Amendment #1:**

**Replace ‘100,000 population’ to ‘20,000 population’.**

**Carried**

**Proposed Amendment #2:**

**Insert the words “natural gas” after “electricity”.**

**Carried**

**Vote on Motion as amended:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government be asked to require that BC Hydro and Fortis BC (electricity) provide lower electricity and natural gas service rates for recreational facilities in small rural communities (under 20,000 population) to assist in preventing the loss of such facilities which will have serious negative impacts on small rural communities.

**Carried**

**(7) TITLE: Rail Crossing Maintenance Charges**

**SPONSOR: Barriere**

WHEREAS rail lines in Canada provide a service almost exclusively to large corporate entities, and

WHEREAS the costs of maintaining safe crossings for the general public throughout Canada should be the responsibility of the corporate land owner as trains have increased in frequency and speeds since they originally divided the lands they cross;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that local governments across Canada band together as a unified voice, by forwarding this resolution to FCM, to lobby for discontinuance of the monthly charges for rail crossing maintenance throughout Canada.

**Carried**

**(8) TITLE: Interface Wildfire Proofing**

**SPONSOR: West Kelowna**

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia continues to experience large, aggressive wildfires and in 2014 experienced the third highest fire season (in hectares of land) in the Province’s history, costing an estimated \$300 million in response;

AND WHEREAS despite the continuing fire threat, in 2014, the Strategic Wildfire Prevention Initiative – Community Wildfire Protection Plan Program restricted the funding program stream to the development or update of a Community Wildfire Protection Plan and will no longer fund operational fuel treatment activities:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Ministry of Forests, Lands & Natural Resource Operations to establish, fund and conduct a province-wide wildfire proofing program on public and private interface lands to protect British Columbia’s residents and infrastructure.

**Carried**

**(9) TITLE: Bio Solid Review Process**

**SPONSOR: Merritt/TNRD**

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment and the Ministry of Health are responsible for reviewing and approving bio solid composting facility permits and land application notifications under the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation; and the Ministry of Agriculture is responsible for administration of the Agricultural Land Commission Act;

AND WHEREAS, due to these activities being carried out within the Agricultural Land Reserve, the inter-jurisdictional importation of bio solid waste materials is being authorized and land application and composting facilities are being permitted without a public consultation process in locations where residents and the environment may be adversely affected by the potential health risks, noise and odor nuisances, property value reductions and community well-being:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province form a committee including local government representatives to examine and make recommendations for changes to the Provincial bio solid review process and changes to the content in the Organic Matter Recycling Regulation and Agricultural Land Commission Act that govern the bio solid regulatory process in the Province of British Columbia.

**Carried**

**(10) TITLE: Road Safety Review and Assessment**

**SPONSOR: SLRD**

WHEREAS, the British Columbia Road Safety Strategy 2015 and Beyond (2013) states a provincial goal to make roads in BC the safest in North America by “designing a system that is more forgiving of human error... “so that, even if crashes occur, they will not cause fatal or serious injury”;

AND WHEREAS the roads in the Lillooet area were constructed well before the development of modern engineering and safety standards that have been proven to reduce injury and death in the event of a collision and have many sections with steep embankments – unprotected by barrier – as well as extremely narrow unpaved shoulders;

AND WHEREAS the British Columbia Road Safety Strategy 2015 and Beyond (2013) identifies the Southern Interior as “by far the most deadly region of the province with about one-third of all motor

vehicle related fatalities” and statistics indicate the Lillooet area has a fatality rate of 19% - more than 6 times the average for our region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, in keeping with our Provincial Government’s identified priority to improve road safety and reduce fatalities and injury, we continue to ask for a thorough review and assessment of roadside safety (including road design and evaluation of roadside hazards) to reduce deaths and injury on BC roads.

**Carried**

**(11) TITLE: Upgrading of Critical Accident Zones on Highways**

**SPONSOR: CSRD**

WHEREAS many section of highways throughout British Columbia are considered critical accident zones;

AND WHEREAS these critical accident zones have serious impacts on the health and safety of the travelling public, enormous economic impacts to the Province, and a significant financial burden on our health care system;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial and federal governments come up with a long term commitment to increase the level of safety on our highway system by improving proven accident zones as well as highway upgrading to a four (4) lane highway, wherever possible and warranted.

**Carried**

**(12) TITLE: Highway Speed Limit Increases**

**SPONSOR: RDCO**

WHEREAS the safety of rural highways in British Columbia is being questioned by many residents living in rural BC since the ministry of Transportation and infrastructure increased the speed limit on many of these highways to 100 km/hr in 2014;

AND WHEREAS speed limits in rural British Columbia do vary from region to region;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure be requested to formalize a process to allow for the lowering of the speed limit on certain highways that pass through rural communities and neighbourhoods upon receipt of a Regional Board resolution to that effect.

**Carried**

**(13) TITLE: Quagga and Zebra Mussels**

**SPONSOR: Lake Country**

WHEREAS quagga and zebra mussels pose a serious threat to B.C.’s aquatic ecosystems, agricultural irrigation systems, salmon and other fisheries, hydro power stations, in-lake infrastructure facilities and individual farm businesses relying on intake pipe infrastructure, by clogging pipes, increasing maintenance costs for hydroelectric, industrial, agricultural and recreational facilities, causing ecological



and economic damage, displacing native aquatic plants and wildlife, degrade the environment and affect drinking water quality;

AND WHEREAS the funding for annual watercraft inspection and decontamination in British Columbia significantly reduces the success rates against the invasive species threat allowing for only 132 inspections in British Columbia compared to 3,747 in the province of Alberta and 49,380 in the State of Idaho;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province establish permanent inspection stations at key points of entry, coordinated with the Pacific Northwest Regional Defence Strategy for invasive species, with a minimum annual budget of \$530,000, consistent with Alberta's funding and also develop a provincial control and containment strategy for regions that become infested, funded by the province.

**Carried**

**(14) TITLE: BC Conservation Service Capacity**

**SPONSOR: Princeton**

WHEREAS the Provincial Government is responsible for managing wildlife through its Conservation Service, and the British Columbia Conservation Service has not been able to adequately address wildlife-human conflict in the town of Princeton due to lack of facility;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Princeton is unable to appropriately respond to wildlife-human conflict, as their role is to educate residents on how to deter wildlife and limit wildlife attractants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government be requested to provide adequate funding and staffing in order for the BC Conservation Service to be more active and proactive in effectively managing wildlife-human conflicts.

**Carried**

**(15) TITLE: Health Care Provider Crisis**

**SPONSOR: Lake Country**

WHEREAS there is a severe shortage of general practitioners and family physicians in small British Columbia communities causing an imminent health care provider crisis and the inevitable closure of clinics. The current crisis jeopardizes the beneficial health outcomes of patients having a primary care practitioner; eliminates the basic health care needs that every British Columbian has a right to; and places an unfair burden on physicians trying to meet the demands;

AND WHEREAS the criteria used under the Rural Retention Program for ranking eligible communities and determining incentive levels for physicians only considers remote and rural areas and does not value unique circumstances in small urban communities which is a huge disadvantage for attracting new physicians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the criteria and classification system used under the rural Retention Program be expanded to include incentives for physicians in smaller urban communities facing an imminent health care provider crises.

**Carried**

**(16) TITLE: Ownership of Abandoned Transportation Corridors**

**SPONSOR: RDNO**

WHEREAS transportation corridors are vital to the transportation of goods and people throughout the province;

AND WHEREAS some corridors are being abandoned, especially some rail corridors;

AND WHEREAS these abandoned transportation corridors can become vital and valuable corridors for recreational uses such as hiking, cycling, skiing and snowshoeing;

AND WHEREAS these corridors should be open to all residents of BC;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government facilitate public acquisition and ownership of abandoned transportation corridors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the province work with UBCM to develop a funding mechanism – for example, a province-wide parcel tax similar to the Municipal Finance Authority tax – to assist governments or community groups to purchase and maintain abandoned transportation corridors for public recreational use.

**Carried**

**(17) TITLE: Residency Qualifications for Local Government Candidates**

**SPONSOR: Lake Country**

WHEREAS the provinces of Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec, Newfoundland and Labrador, New Brunswick and Nova Scotia require candidates for local government elections to be qualified electors of the jurisdiction in which they are running and British Columbia has no residency requirements for local government elections;

AND WHEREAS residency requirements enhance the accountability of elected officials when making decisions impacting the jurisdiction for which they are elected to represent;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Local Government Act be amended requiring that a person be a qualified elector of the jurisdiction for at least 30 days prior to the date of nomination in order to be eligible to be nominated as a candidate and elected to office.

**Defeated**

**(18) TITLE: Expand Options for Statutory Public Notification**

**SPONSOR: Kelowna**

WHEREAS all local governments are obligated to provide public notification of certain issues it is considering through posting in a public place, and publishing in a newspaper;

AND WHEREAS local governments are being called upon by their residents to engage and provide information in a variety of new ways, and who also hold their local governments accountable for improved transparency, accessibility, sustainability and strong fiscal management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend section 94 of the Community Charter and Section 892 of the Local Government Act to expand the available legislated options for local governments to provide public notice that may include not only public posting and publication in a newspaper, but also local online news service, direct home delivery, email, internet or other electronic means; and add a requirement that a local government must determine, by bylaw, their chosen combination of options for public notice to ensure that all local governments maintain the integrity of the public process, while also delivering on the engagement needs of their community and representing the best financial value for all their residents.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**Delete all wording after “provide public notice.”**

**Carried**

**Vote on Motion as Amended:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Provincial Government amend section 94 of the Community Charter and Section 892 of the Local Government Act to expand the available legislated options for local governments to provide public notice.

**Carried**

**(19) TITLE: Local Government Elections - Internet Voting**

**SPONSOR: Osoyoos**

WHEREAS Local Government Act Part 3, Division 9 – Voting Opportunities – does not allow the ability to offer online voting to electors in local government elections;

AND WHEREAS this additional service provision would assist the general population, especially the elderly, disabled, snowbirds, and those working in camp, to participate in the democratic process;

AND WHEREAS the Province of B.C. has the recommendations from the Independent Panel on Internet Voting from the report produced in February, 2014;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM requests the Province of BC to initiate the policy analysis and legislative changes required to implement online voting for the 2018 local government election.

**Carried**

**(20) TITLE: Rural Business License**

**SPONSOR: RDOS**

WHEREAS municipalities have the statutory authority under Section 8 (6) of the Community Charter to enact “regulations in relation to business”;

WHEREAS this power to regulate business is not extended to Regional Districts, including the power to develop a rural business license program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Regional Districts be provided the same statutory authority as councils to regulate businesses under the Community Charter.

**Defeated**

**(21) 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 business, in the Province of British Columbia, a fair exemption for their increased assessed property value.

**Carried**

**LATE RESOLUTIONS**

**Moved/Seconded by Bill Scarrow/Kevin Acton THAT:**

The late resolutions received by SILGA be debated.

**Carried**

**(22) TITLE: WorkSafe BC Confined Space Regulations**

**SPONSOR: Penticton**

WHEREAS WorkSafe BC amended its confined space regulation in 2011;

AND WHEREAS the current WorkSafe BC regulations and guidelines with respect to confined space within waste water treatment plants are challenging design standards;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training to direct WorkSafe BC to provide an exemption to waste water treatments plants until a confined space regulations rewrite, with input from waste water treatment plant owners and operators, can be completed.

**Carried**

**(23) TITLE: Provincial Transit Investment Freeze**

**SPONSOR: Kamloops**

WHEREAS investment in public transit reduces road congestion, increases health outcomes and helps build vibrant, connected communities in which all members can fully participate regardless of physical or mental ability, financial status or age (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the population);

AND WHEREAS in BC, transportation is the leading source of greenhouse gases and in many communities also the largest source of air particulate emissions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly urge the Premier, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Minister of Finance to reconsider the unanticipated freeze to provincial transit investments in a spirit of partnership with local governments and that consultation with affected stakeholders be undertaken.

**Proposed Amendment:**

**Delete the word “unanticipated”.**

**Carried**

**Vote on Motion as Amended:**

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Union of BC Municipalities strongly urge the Premier, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, and the Minister of Finance to reconsider the freeze to provincial transit investments in a spirit of partnership with local governments and that consultation with affected stakeholders be undertaken.

**Carried**

**(24) TITLE: Funding Formula Public Education**

**SPONSOR: CSRD**

WHEREAS many School Districts throughout the Province of BC are struggling to fund and operate facilities and programs within their jurisdiction with the funding formula that has been established by the Ministry of Education;

AND WHEREAS the Province is responsible through its own Ministries or Crown Corporations for the setting of rates for BC Hydro, ICBC and MSP premiums;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM lobby the provincial government to complete an independent review of the funding formula used to fund public education.

**Carried**

**(25) TITLE: Provincial Responsibility for Fire Services Act & Regulations**

**SPONSOR: SLRD**

WHEREAS the provincial government has enacted various building and fire code regulations for public buildings, including the *Fire Services Act* and regulations under that *Act*,

AND WHEREAS the provincial government is considering requiring regional districts to enforce the *Fire Services Act* and its regulations in the unincorporated areas of the province, including the obligation to provide for a regular system of inspection of hotels and public buildings;

AND WHEREAS regional districts do not have the capacity to take on an inspection and enforcement role in the rural areas without significant additional financial and human resources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the provincial government provide the resources necessary to inspect and enforce provincial safety regulations, including the *Fire Services Act* and its regulations, through either the Office of the Fire Commissioner or the BC Safety Authority rather than pursuing options to download the responsibility for inspections and enforcement of provincial regulations on local governments.

**Carried**

**8. 2016 Convention – Kelowna**

The 2016 Convention will be held in Kelowna from April 19<sup>th</sup> to April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016. Deputy Mayor Tracy Gray invited all the delegates to join them in her community and showed a short power point promoting her city.

**9. President's Closing Remarks**

Chad Eliason addressed the delegates and expressed appreciation for all the hard work of the Kamloops Convention Committee. He thanked outgoing President Marg Spina and Past President Rhona Martin, who continued to step up when vacancies occurred on the board.

**10. Adjournment**

Moved/Seconded by Helena Konanz/Charlie Hodge THAT:

The meeting be adjourned at 11:55 am on May 1, 2015.

**CARRIED**