

SOUTHERN INTERIOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
Minutes of Executive Meeting - Wednesday/Thursday August 22/23, 2018
Strategic and Executive Meetings held at Silver Star Resort BC

MEMBERS PRESENT

President	Councillor Shelley Sim
1st Vice President	Councillor Lori Mindnich
2nd Vice President	Director Karla Kozakevich
Past President	Councillor Chad Eliason
Directors	Councillor Tim Lavery
	Councillor Toni Boot
	Mayor Andrew Jakubeit
	Mayor Robin Smith
	Councillor Barbara Roden
	Director Mike Macnabb
	Councillor Keith Thom
	Executive Director Alison Slater

RETREAT ADVOCACY/STRATEGIES (August 22, 2018)

1. Meeting with MOTI - Funding for Roads

Key points:

- status of rural road funding initiatives
- update to major infrastructure works including 4 laning of highways and geotech work
- Maintenance - does the budget need to be increased for rural roads?
- Should tolls be considered?

2. Meeting with Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General - An update on number of Provincially funded RCMP members

Key points:

- populations and traffic have increased
- crime and activity requiring a police presence have also increased (including mental health)
- expected increase demand on police for cannabis related enforcement
- provincially funded RCMP members haven't increased since early 2000's

3. Meeting with Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - Attainable Housing

Key points:

- Long term, purpose built rental strategy that includes a diversity of housing options
- Housing options that are suitable for low income or otherwise vulnerable populations, for example, programs or incentives for first time home buyers (rent to own, community land trust) etc.
- HousingHub and BC Housing update

4. Minister of Health - Access to Health Services "Where it is needed and When is it needed?"

Key Point:

Mental health and addiction are tough issues for many British Columbians. Our SILGA members join the ranks of those who are grappling with how to best support community members struggling with these issues. Without intervention, communities are seeing an increase in crime, poverty, homelessness as well as spikes in domestic violence, all of which takes a toll on resources.

In many of the above situations, the police, by default, are becoming the informal first responders of our mental health system.

5. Minister of Environment and Minister of FLNRO - Proactive Planning and Funding for Climate Adaptation

Key Points: "If fires and floods are the new norm"

- Province to consider climate change when planning proposals in flood plains and wooded areas recognizing local government responsibility through zoning and subdivision bylaws
- BC Building Code changes
- Provincial Parks fuel management
- Community Forests role in fuel management

6. Minister of Tourism – “State of Emergency” terminology change

Key Point:

People associate "State of Emergency" with major disasters such as a Tsunami, Earthquake, and Fire that devastates or displaces a community or large portion of it. "State of Emergency" is often declared by local or provincial governments for isolated neighborhoods or pockets of a community/region but is often viewed by others as the entire region or community is under siege.

"State of Emergency" for small and medium affected areas negatively detracts from tourism related businesses and initiatives as media and others elevate the perception of impact causing people to cancel or change their holidays or travel plans.

New SILGA Mission Statement

Connect - Educate - Advocate

CALL TO ORDER

President Sim called the meeting to order at 10:37 am on August 23, 2018.

CONSIDERATION OF AGENDA

Moved/Seconded by Andrew Jakubeit/Tim Lavery THAT:

The agenda be accepted as presented.

CARRIED

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded by Karla Kozakevich/Chad Eliason THAT:

The draft minutes of the Executive Meetings held in Logan Lake on June 6th, 2018 be adopted.

CARRIED

LOCAL UPDATE - EA Director Mike Macnabb Area C, RDNO

- 4,000 people in Area C
- Ski resort - presents unique challenges
- A petition for a resort association is being proposed - would place a restriction (tax) on title on land.
- Lots of agriculture, cidery and manufacturing - nice mix.
- Working to get sewer along the Swan Lake corridor - cost of \$30 million
- Housing top issue - looking at tiny homes and carriage homes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. AGLG annual report
2. Columbia Shuswap Invasive Species Society Invitation to workshop Sept 26th

Moved/Seconded by Chad Eliason/Barbara Roden THAT:

The correspondence be received for filing.

CARRIED

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

1. Youth at UBCM
 - Gray Simms from CSRD will be attending UBCM. Councillor Roden will be interviewing Gray after the convention.
 - SILGA received only one application. Why? Election year perhaps. Can also be issues with chaperoning if female applicant and only male councillors attending.

NEW BUSINESS

1. 2018/19 SILGA meeting schedule
 - September 10th UBCM - Whistler Earls Restaurant
 - November 21st Coldstream
 - January 23rd Kelowna
 - March 13th Princeton

2. SILGA meeting at UBCM – Monday September 10th 12:00 pm
 - Letter requesting minister meetings will go out by August 27th.
 - Once we have received our meeting confirmations, the strategy for each minister meeting will be discussed at the executive meeting.

3. SILGA Luncheon – Wednesday September 12th at Westin Hotel Emerald A ballroom
 - No sponsor this year
 - No Woodworks picture this year
 - Emphasis on networking and social connections. Opportunity to relax and enjoy.
 - In Memoriam to be on the tables along with a list of SILGA resolutions
 - Newsletter will be prepared after the convention outlining the results from the minister meetings, UBCM student comments among other things.

4. Proportional Representation
 - SILGA needs to be neutral but informative.
 - Nothing sent out to members at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

• Finance Report

- As at July 31, 2018 SILGA had \$56,329 in the bank and \$109,755 in the MFA account.
- Currently ahead of 5 year plan for 2018 for our net income.
- 36 members have paid their dues for \$33,200. One is still outstanding.
- Board agree to maintain the balance in the bank account and not move it to MFA.
- 2018 Convention financial comments:
 - Made \$62,600 in profit mainly from increased sponsorships and decreased food costs. Extra staff hours included in the net profit.
 - Current reliance on petroleum/mining sponsorships – could be a concern for the future.
- Increased costs coming from the outreach program
- Trend for increasing staff hours – report to be prepared and put on next full agenda.
- Directors were in receipt of the General Ledger and MFA account reconciliation to July 31, 2018.

Moved/Seconded by Tim Lavery/Lori Mindnich THAT:

The finance report be received.

CARRIED

• Convention – Penticton 2019

- Tours – YES foundry and downtown revitalization are confirmed. Trout hatchery and Summerland Research and Development Centre tentative.
- All facilities booked including PTCC for main conference and banquet, Lakeside Conference Centre for welcome reception. Tentative confirmation with Gateway Casino for pub night.
- Potential speakers from the convention meeting include:
 - Harry McWaters – founder of VQA wines
 - Jody Urquhart – funny motivational speaker

- Premier Justin Trudeau – staff to invite
- Bev Busson – 1st female Commissioner of the RCMP
- Steve Kozuki – Forest Enhancement Society of BC
- South Okanagan Conservation Fund – Bryn White (confirmed)

All board members to think about potential keynote speakers.

- Staff to approach communities for hosting in 2020 and 2021. Vernon, Merritt and Osoyoos.
- **Resolutions**
 - No change will be made to the late resolution policy
 - Emphasis on the importance of educating SILGA members on the timing of regular resolutions through SILGA outreach and when the Call for Resolutions is sent out.
- **Member Services**
 - Outreach. Jan/Feb 2019 – Road Show to talk about the conference and who we are to the newly elected
 - Education. Fall of 2019 - Finance 101 (Municipal and Regional District) in Kamloops and Kelowna
 - Advocacy. May/June 2019 - Connect with Mayors/Chairs to help SILGA board determine our priorities for minister meetings in 2019.
- **Communications**
 - Newsletter after the convention to include minister meeting results, UBCM student comments and interview, impact from strategic planning session.
 - November newsletter to include summary of local election results, copy of our resolution rules.
 - Outreach through SILGA board members to each council/regional district in January/February.
 - Staff to investigate the use of students in university communications programs to help us better communicate with our members.
 - SILGA to be involved in Local Government Awareness week in the spring.

Date of Next Meeting – Monday, Sept 10th in Whistler

Adjournment

Moved/Seconded by Chad Eliason/Andrew Jakubeit THAT:

At 11:17 am the SILGA Executive Meeting of August 23, 2018 be adjourned.

CARRIED

Alison Slater
Executive Director