

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: J. Zaffino, Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: February 20, 2025

RE: Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Resolutions

Administrative Recommendation:

THAT the SILGA resolution attached to the Administrative Report dated February 20, 2025 be approved and submitted to SILGA for consideration at the 2025 Annual General Meeting.

Reference:

- Proposed 2025 RDOS SILGA Resolution (Appendix A)
- UBCM Meeting Requests Policy

Background:

The SILGA 2025 Annual General Meeting and Convention is scheduled to be held in Merritt from April 29 to May 2, 2025.

The deadline for SILGA resolutions is February 21, 2025. Resolutions not received by this date will be considered late and must go through a late resolution procedure at the Annual General Meeting.

Resolutions must be endorsed by the Board and should be relative to regional issues and should not pertain to a finite local interest. All resolutions should be ratified by the Board at the February 20, 2025, Board meeting to ensure they meet the SILGA deadline.

Alternatives:

THAT the SILGA resolution attached to the Administrative Report dated February 20, 2025, for consideration at the 2025 Annual General Meeting, denied.

Respectfully submitted:

"Natalie Sime"

N. Sime, Legislative Services Clerk

Endorsed by:

C. Malden, Corporate Officer

Appendix A

Proposed 2025 RDOS SILGA Resolutions

Request the Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) to permit Vacation rentals within the Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR)

Director Taylor

WHEREAS the ALC is no longer permitting vacation rentals on ALR land;

AND WHEREAS the Regional District has an objective to support agriculture and the local economy through agri-tourism;

AND WHEREAS allowing vacation rentals supports tourism and the local economy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT UBCM request the ALC to permit vacation rentals within the ALR, and remove the existing requirement for a resident owner.

Request the Province of British Columbia to implement a regionally balanced approach to supportive housing

City of Penticton

WHEREAS the Province of British Columbia, through BC Housing, has made significant investments in supportive housing and shelter services, yet many smaller and rural communities continue to face challenges in accessing these resources;

AND WHEREAS ensuring that individuals experiencing homelessness can access housing and supports within their home communities promotes stability and well-being;

AND WHEREAS a more equitable distribution of supportive housing and shelter services would ensure that all communities – urban, rural and regional – have access to supportive housing and shelter services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) urge the Province of British Columbia to implement a regionally balanced approach to supportive housing by:

- Increasing dedicated funding streams for smaller and rural communities;
- Ensuring supportive housing projects are proportionally distributed based on local needs assessments;
- Providing targeted incentives for non-profits and service providers to operate outside major urban centers and regional hubs.