

# SILGA

*Southern Interior Local  
Government Association*

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January 6, 2011

To: All SILGA Members

## **Call for Resolutions for 2011 SILGA Convention**

The SILGA Annual General Meeting and Convention is scheduled to be held in Merritt from May 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> 2011. The SILGA Constitution requires that resolutions to be considered at the Annual Meeting are to be received by the Secretary-Treasurer no later than 60 days prior to this meeting. Monday March 1, 2011 will be the deadline for receipt of resolutions. The resolutions that are passed at the SILGA convention will receive "Gold Star Status" and will be given higher consideration at the 2011 UBCM convention as they have earned full support from the larger SILGA membership.

If your local government wishes to submit a resolution for consideration at this year's SILGA Convention, please submit one copy to the Association's Secretary-Treasurer, Alison Slater, either by mail to 1996 Sheffield Way, Kamloops BC V2E 2M2 or email: [alislater@shaw.ca](mailto:alislater@shaw.ca) by that date.

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**Subject:** FW: Potential Resolutions to SILGA

**From:** Sharon Shepherd [mailto:SSHEPHERD@kelowna.ca]

**Sent:** Friday, January 28, 2011 3:18 PM

**To:** Michele Rule

**Cc:** Stephen Fleming; Ron Mattiussi; andre@andres1.com; Angela Reid; Charlie Hodge; Graeme James; Kevin Craig; Luke Stack; Michele Rule; robert.hobson@cord.bc.ca

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1. Income Assistance Rates need to be increased and need an annual adjustment through CPI. (City of Kelowna did a similar resolution which was supported a few years ago- premier announced rates to go from \$325 to \$350 but no CPI increase and this is still way below average rents for shelter. We also need to consider the assistance for adults with disabilities as to whether they have be changed.)
2. The importance of investing in rail as a mode of transportation for moving goods, services and people. Our rail bed in the Okanagan needs to be upgraded but I believe throughout the province there are similar needs and certainly federally there is a lobby to bring more funds to rail travel since Canada is so far behind many parts of the world. Of course we have a very small spur line that needs attention but the resolution could be such that it is about investment in rail as an economic stimulus.
3. Promoting the return to heritage funding for needs throughout the province.
4. Median enhancements to beautify communities with transportation networks through the centre of our cities. Even if there was a partnership program or some consistency in how the medians are done.
5. Support for a review of the way citizens complaints are dealt with by RCMP and the consideration of an arm's length public board. (In fact a proposal has been tabled federally but I am not aware that our province through the municipalities has ever dealt with such a resolution).

These are my thoughts for now. If you want to wait till I get back or if there is agreement on any of them we should get staff preparing a resolution as that takes some time to do. I have some research on each of these that I could provide if more details are needed.

Take care

Mayor Shepherd

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**Subject:** FW: Potential Resolutions to SILGA

**From:** Luke Stack [mailto:lstack@shawbiz.ca]

**Sent:** January 29, 2011 7:03 AM

**To:** Sharon Shepherd

**Cc:** Ron Mattiussi

**Subject:** RE: Potential Resolutions to SILGA

Hi Sharon,

The resolutions I was thinking about are:

1. Increase resources to the ALC so that it can provide proper oversight and enforcement of the ALR regulations. Currently, many issues are downloaded to the local municipalities. This is not good for either organization. (A good example is the lack of enforcement of Agri-tourism)
2. Restore "Gaming Grants" to 2009 levels.
3. Statutory Advertising for municipalities should be expanded to include electronic advertising. The "act" needs to be updated to allow for alternate forms of advertising other than traditional newspapers.
4. Deregulate or re-regulate the Taxi industry with a goal of improving accessibility to taxis in the evening and late night. The current regulation/legislation appears to restrict cabs and taxi's to an unreasonable level. This leaves few options available for late night service. The market does not appear to be adequately served.

Thanks

Luke Stack