

# REPORT TO COUNCIL



**Date:** February 08, 2012  
**File:** 0610-53  
**To:** City Manager  
**From:** Deputy City Clerk  
**Subject:** Draft Resolutions - Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA)

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**Recommendation:**

THAT Council endorses the City of Kelowna's Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) draft resolutions as attached to the report of the Deputy City Clerk, dated February 08, 2012;

AND THAT Council directs staff to forward the City of Kelowna sponsored SILGA resolutions for consideration and endorsement by SILGA at the 2012 Convention.

**Purpose:**

At the January 23, 2012 meeting, staff was directed to bring forward resolutions as identified by Council for submission to SILGA (UBCM) by their February 23, 2012 deadline.

**Background:**

Members of the Union of BC Municipalities are asked to submit resolutions to Area Associations for consideration at their annual spring meetings. If endorsed, the resolutions are submitted automatically to UBCM for consideration at the annual meeting.

**Internal Circulation:**

Manager, Environment and Land Use

**Considerations not applicable to this report:**

Legal/Statutory Authority; Legal/Statutory Procedural Requirements; Existing Policy;

Financial/Budgetary Considerations;

Personnel Implications;

External Agency/Public Comments; Communications Comments;

Alternate Recommendation:

Submitted by:

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K Needham, Deputy City Clerk

Approved for inclusion:

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R Mayne, Director Corporate Services

cc: Manager, Environment and Land Use, Land Use Management

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**SILGA Resolution**

Endorsed by Council: February @, 2012

**Increase Funding and Resources for Stream Protection**

WHEREAS the protection and restoration of watercourses are of benefit to local governments and the general public insofar as healthy watercourses and supporting ecosystems provide valuable ecosystem services, such as filtration, purification and delivery of water; mitigation of floods; renewal of soil and soil fertility; maintenance of biodiversity; and cultural and spiritual value;

AND WHEREAS the protection of water resources is principally a responsibility of the Province under the Water Act and the Fish Protection Act;

AND WHEREAS reduced provincial funding for critical water resource regulatory and enforcement services is placing increased pressure on local governments to take on additional responsibility for the regulation of development in and about watercourses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province provide increased human resources to the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations (MFLNRO) in order to uphold its mandate, and additional resources to support local government efforts in protecting and restoring watercourses.

**SILGA Resolution**

Endorsed by Council: February @, 2012

**Increase Funding and Resources for Agricultural Protection**

WHEREAS agricultural land is a finite resource and the ongoing success of agriculture is reliant on both the implementation and the enforcement of regulations and standards;

AND WHEREAS the protection of agricultural land is principally a responsibility of the Province under the Agricultural Land Commission Act and Farm Practices Protection Act;

AND WHEREAS the Province has proposed new standards to local governments to ensure the long term viability of agriculture (e.g. Regulating the Siting and Size of Residential Uses in the ALR) and proposed legislation to further expand enforcement by allowing qualified officials from other government agencies and levels of government to conduct enforcement activities;

THEREFORE BE IT BE RESOLVED that the Province provides increased funding to local governments commensurate with the additional resources required to support the implementation of new regulations and standards and the enforcement of existing regulations and standards.