



INFORMATION ONLY COUNCIL REPORT

To: Mayor and Council

Date: May 9, 2023

From: Paul Gipps, CAO

Subject: **Southern Interior Local Government Association 2023 Conference**

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BACKGROUND

Councillor Carol Zanon and Councillor Tasha Da Silva attended the 2023 Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) AGM and Conference in Vernon, BC from April 25 to 28, 2023. The mission of the association is to connect, educate and advocate on behalf of its members in 38 communities ranging from Golden to Kamloops to Osoyoos. This was the second AGM to be held since the pandemic restrictions were eased, and a record number of delegates were registered this year.

It was very positive to meet old friends and make new ones, to take advantage of the networking opportunities and to collectively get down to business.

We were very successful in nominating and electing Councillor Da Silva to the SILGA board as a Director-at-Large, for a one-year term. As well, we had a positive response and endorsement of our submitted resolution. (Firesmart and Wildfire Mitigation Funding) This resolution will now advance to the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Conference, September 18-22, 2023, in Vancouver, BC.

Amid the whirlwind of presentations, business meetings, breakout sessions and the annual elections, delegates were able to visit the on-site trade show which was welcoming and informative and may lead to further networking opportunities.

All in all, it was a very successful conference experience.

APPROVED FOR THE AGENDA BY

Paul Gipps, CAO