



Council Report

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Date: February 3, 2026
To: Anthony Haddad, City Manager
From: Cheryl Hardisty, Intergovernmental Relations Manager
Subject: **2026 SILGA – call for resolutions**

Staff Recommendation

THAT Council receive this report dated February 3, 2026 titled '2026 SILGA – call for resolutions' for information;

AND THAT staff bring back proposed SILGA motions at the February 17, 2026 Council meeting.

Background

Conference

The Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) is a regional association of local governments in the Southern Interior of BC, of which Penticton is a member. The SILGA conference provides opportunities for elected officials to participate in education on municipal governance and policy issues, engage in regional advocacy and build relationships with peers.

The SILGA conference also provides a forum where member municipalities submit resolutions for debate. Resolutions endorsed at SILGA are forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration by the wider membership at the fall UBCM convention. These resolutions then help inform UBCM's advocacy with the Province for the coming year.

The 2026 SILGA Conference will be held in Revelstoke from Wednesday, April 29 to Saturday, May 2, 2026. Resolution submissions are due to SILGA by Friday, February 20 at 4:00 p.m. This report is intended to introduce potential resolution topics and seek Council's direction on whether staff should advance these items through the 2026 SILGA resolution process.

Resolutions

Council's leadership is essential in identifying issues that may benefit from being advanced through the SILGA and UBCM resolution process. These processes are intended to support regional alignment and influence provincial policy on issues affecting or related to local governments.

Staff will support Council by preparing background information, ensuring alignment with SILGA and UBCM policies and bylaws and drafting resolutions for Council's consideration at the February 17 Council meeting, in advance of SILGA deadlines. Council members are encouraged to contact the City Manager with proposed topics to ensure they can be included on that agenda.

SILGA and UBCM are one part of the City's broader intergovernmental approach. Matters that are urgent or specific to Penticton are often more effectively advanced through direct engagement with Ministers, provincial or federal officials or program applications.

When considering potential resolution topics, it is helpful to recognize that SILGA and UBCM resolutions are most likely to advance when they address issues with provincial relevance, rather than matters specific to a single community or region. In 2025, UBCM members endorsed changes to streamline the resolutions process, including giving the Resolutions Committee authority to exclude resolutions that: duplicate existing UBCM policy; fall outside local government jurisdiction; do not meet UBCM's format or clarity requirements or are regional in focus, rather than provincial in nature.

An overview of Penticton's SILGA resolutions over the last five years are included in Attachment A.

Analysis

The SILGA resolution process offers a structured avenue to elevate issues that may benefit from broader regional support or alignment across multiple municipalities and respond to Province wide issues or opportunities.

Council is invited to bring forward potential resolution ideas at this meeting or by providing them to the City Manager. Staff will prepare backgrounds and return with resolutions for Council's consideration at the February 17 regularly scheduled meeting to meet the SILGA submission deadline of February 20.

Attachments

Attachment A – Five years of Penticton's SILGA resolutions

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl Hardisty
Intergovernmental Relations Manager

Concurrence

City Manager



Attachment A – Five years of Penticton’s SILGA resolutions

	Title	SILGA	UBCM
2025	RR4 - Implement a regionally balanced approach to supportive housing	Endorsed	Not admitted for debate
	<p>UBCM Policy now (Special Resolution 5). Three communities brought forward resolutions calling for a regionally balanced approach to supportive housing. The UBCM Executive itself has identified this, supported by membership, as a policy priority for 2026. UBCM is awaiting initial Provincial response to the proposal, which is expected in the coming months.</p> <p>In the interim, the City has engaged directly with RDOS to develop a framework with 100More Homes that would operationalize a regional approach to homelessness and supportive housing at a regional local level. The City has also begun sharing this work with UBCM staff as they begin their policy development process.</p>		
2024	EB7 – Complex Care Facilities	Endorsed	Endorsed
	<p>The Province has expanded Complex Care Housing (CCH) for individuals with significant health and social-care needs, with over 570 people currently supported and additional purpose-built units underway in select communities.</p> <p>Regionally, local governments have discussed opportunities for a dedicated complex-care centre; however, no viable option has emerged to date due to land and site-readiness constraints. In parallel, the City is collaborating with other Okanagan communities to advocate for compassionate mandatory care at OCC.</p>		
2024	EB79 – Resource Roads	Endorsed	Endorsed
	<p>The City continues to advocate for safety and maintenance improvements to Forest Service Road 201, as outlined in the January 2025 letter to the Province requesting urgent upgrades to address emergency access, public safety, and infrastructure impacts. During meetings at UBCM, the Ministers of Forests and Public Safety advised that there is currently no dedicated budget for this work and that provincial focus remains on Highway 97 improvements.</p> <p>The City will continue to ensure the Province is aware of the on-the-ground conditions and the importance of FSR 201 for emergency response, recreation, and supporting local economic activity as future funding opportunities arise.</p>		
2023	NR20 - Provincial Matching of Local Government Land Investments in Affordable Housing	Endorsed	Not endorsed
	<p>This resolution was not endorsed by the UBCM membership, who noted that existing provincial initiatives, such as BC Builds and HEART & HEARTH programs already provide pathways for aligning local land contributions with provincial investment.</p> <p>As a result, the resolution did not proceed within UBCM’s policy work, and no further advocacy has continued through this channel.</p>		

2022	EB8 – Provincial Car Program	Endorsed	Endorsed
	<p>This resolution was endorsed by UBCM, and the Province subsequently advanced the Integrated Crisis Response Team (ICRT) model as part of its mental-health response framework.</p> <p>As a result of continued provincial rollout, Penticton secured an ICRT team in 2023, representing a direct outcome aligned with the intent of the resolution.</p>		
2021	NR15 – Off-site Tasting Rooms	Endorsed	Endorsed
	<p>Although the resolution was endorsed by SILGA and UBCM, the Province did not advance regulatory changes in the years that followed. At the time, the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General identified several considerations including public-health impacts, existing moratoriums on new Wine Store and Licensee Retail Store licences (extended to 2032), and cross-jurisdictional trade obligations that limited the ability to move forward. No subsequent updates or direction have been provided to local governments since that initial response.</p>		
2020	Social Development Funding	Endorsed	Not endorsed
	<p>This resolution was not endorsed by the UBCM membership. Delegates noted that social-development roles and related staffing models are at the discretion of each municipality and should not be mandated or funded by the Province. As a result, the item did not proceed within UBCM’s policy work, and no further advocacy has continued through this channel</p>		