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**To:** Mayor and Council  
**From:** Paul Gipps, CAO  
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**Title:** 2025 Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) Resolutions  
**Description:** Two Resolutions for SILGA

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council consider the following resolutions to be presented at the Southern Interior Local Government Association conference

#### **Local Government Response to US Imposed Tariffs**

WHEREAS the US government is imposing tariffs on manufacturers in many local government jurisdictions;  
AND WHEREAS Federal and Provincial officials are considering counter tariffs on US products;  
AND WHEREAS Federal and the Provincial officials want to encourage more made in Canada goods;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province set aside funds collected from US counter tariffs for local governments to access to create economic opportunities for local Canadian manufacturers to invest in their communities.

#### **Provincial Government Water Panel**

WHEREAS BC faces real threats to a sustainable water supply- droughts, flood and fire to name a few;  
AND WHEREAS increased water supply will be necessary to accommodate the housing growth that the BC Government is mandating, along with maintaining and growing the agricultural sector to feed this new population;  
AND WHEREAS UBCM is the voice of the municipalities;  
THEREFORE be it resolved that UBCM strike a water panel to advocate to the Provincial government on water issues pertaining to their municipal members.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In anticipation of the Southern Interior Local Government Association (SILGA) conference, which will be held in Merritt from April 29 to May 2, 2025, the deadline for submitting resolutions is February 21, 2025. If these resolutions are endorsed by SILGA, they will then be forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) for consideration at the UBCM Convention.

### **DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS**

At the request of Council, two resolutions have been drafted for review and endorsement for the upcoming conference later this spring:

1. Local Government Response to US Imposed Tariffs; and
2. Provincial Government Water Panel.

The next steps, endorsed by Council are to submit the two resolutions to SILGA for consideration. Staff will prepare briefing notes and background information prior to the conference.

Respectfully Submitted.

**Collette Beggs, Senior Advisor Intergovernmental Relations**

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