

Resolution for SILGA Conference regarding grant funding allocation to small communities:

WHEREAS the Province of B.C. and Government of Canada offer a range of local government funding programs to stimulate the economy and address infrastructure requirements;

AND WHEREAS the definition of small communities under the New Building Canada Fund – Small Communities Fund (NBCF) is defined as communities with a population of less than 100,000 people;

AND WHEREAS Villages, Towns and Districts with a population under 5,000 people, make up for more than half of the 162 municipalities in British Columbia;

AND WHEREAS Villages, Towns and Districts with a population under 5,000 often don't have the financial resources to afford their portion of the funding required under the government grant programs such as the NBCF;

THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED THAT a new category referred to as "micro-community" be introduced when the Province or Federal Governments are establishing grant programs tailored to unique needs and financial positions of micro-communities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipal portion of projects being funded by government grants be lessened for micro-communities to recognize their more limited financial capabilities and financial readiness in comparison to their more populous counterparts.