



March 8, 2017 Minutes (As amended)

## Meeting and International Women's Day Event

### Present:

Melodee Leschuk, Ann Linennen, Yasmin Merali, Wendy Tangye, Jasmin MacIver, Brianna Carnegie, Terri Lee, Yolanda Gert, Maria-Luiza Romano, Tracy Shudo, Jen Horsley, Linda Harding, Monica Urrutia, Kelly Sidhu, Janet Shaw, Gonee Saini, Jennifer Chieh Ho, Tiffany Chu, Meenah Park, Lyn Tyacke, Crystal Silverquill, Bernice Whiteman, Janet Routledge, Ruby Langan, Iris Michael, Colleen Hallovan, Ann Marie Freisen, Juliana Sou, Elizabeth Silva, Jaclynn Zacharuk, Sky Belt, Nancy Moran, Johanne Chevalier, Betty Lucy, Vanessa Schols, Caroline Doerksen, Kelly Megyesi, Evangeline Dumont+ 2 others.

### Welcome

Kelly M & Kelly S welcomed everyone joining us and celebrating International Women's Day together. Introduction to the committee and to the evening.

Talked a little about the structure as we had a lot of new people. We talked about PSAC being the umbrella organization and it was a funny visual to have the physical umbrellas in the room. Everyone enjoyed that and it made a point.

Minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed. m/s/c

### Speakers

**Janet Routledge** – former PSAC member. Currently running for NDP. Janet introduced herself and encouraged everyone to vote. Her wish for women was equality, especially for girls so that they don't have to grow up wondering why they are treated differently.

**Joanne Hay** – Travelled from Kelowna. Joanne was an invited guest and we were grateful for her encouragement. Her wish for women was that they didn't have to try so hard to prove what they can already do - then they could put their energy into many more things and accomplish a lot more.

**Kelly Sidhu** - BC Regional Women's Coordinator. Talked about being new to her role and learning as she goes. Her job is to support the chairs but she still is open to all women and looks forward to the year ahead. Her wish for women was that all women and girls were safe and that there was no need to fear.

**Jennifer Chieh Ho**– Introduced herself. As always she thanked the people whose land we were on. She talked a bit about her roles and the support that is there for women within the union. She asked all regional council members to stand up and it was so wonderful to see so many stand and also that they were scattered around the room in total support and solidarity to all the women there. Her wish for women was confidence for women to believe they can do it.

### Door Prizes

