

East Fraser Valley Area Council AGM Minutes

February 18, 2021

Meeting called to order 6:05pm.

Quorum was met.

In attendance

Patty Ducharme PSAC Regional Rep

Jamey Mills, REVP PSAC

Anthony Paller, President

Nancy Burton, Treasurer

Heidi Kay, Secretary

Alan Otrrosina Local 20141

Kirsty Havard RVP USJE

Amanda McKinnon Local XXXX

Regrets - Melvin Dureen, Vice President

Antony welcomed everyone to the meeting and made introductions.

Additions to the Proposed Agenda

1. Jamey Mills to provide information in regards to Phoenix Damages Payout
2. Adoption of minutes from the EFVAC AGM 2020

Antony put motion forward to accept the with above additions.

Accepted by Alan Otrrosina

Seconded by Kirsty Havard

Unanimously carried.

Adoption of AGM Minutes from 2020

Kirsty Havard nominated to accept

Alan Otrasina seconded.

Unanimously carried

Jamey Mills, Regional Executive Vice President Report

Jamey thanked everyone for their hard work and commitment to the public service through the pandemic.

Informed that the employer has decided to pay out the 2500.00 in Phoenix damages on the March 3 pay period. Taxes will be deducted even though the CRA has not made a ruling on whether this payment will be taxable. There was no consultation with the unions and before this decision was made and there is no timeline that requires the employer to pay this before a due date. He has requested meetings with every Member of Parliament in BC to advocate for this to be stopped until the ruling has come from the CRA. Over 13000 staff have signed the petition to request that this not be paid until the CRA's ruling. Please share the petition with staff and encourage everyone to sign.

Currently in development demands for the next round of bargaining. There will be a bargaining conference and if you want to attend the best way is through your component. 7000 have completed the survey already.

An additional day has been added to the BC PSAC Regional Convention changing the dates to May 6 to May 9, 2021. Amended letters will soon be sent to delegates from PSAC office with the new dates.

Virtual classes for union training will continue until restrictions are lifted and we are able to meet again in person.

There are funds available for anti oppression and anti racism activities. There is a 3 part workshop that will be held at the end of March 2021.

The BC Regional Health and Safety Conference will be held March 9 - 21, 2021.

Financial Report

Kirsty Havard and Alan Otrasina reviewed and signed the EFVAC financial statement. Antony thanked them both for completing this.

The statement was provided to everyone to review via email in advance of the meeting.

Nancy presented the proposed budget for the 2021 fiscal year. As a group it was decided that we would move the 750.00 from the Labour Day Event to Recruitment and Political Action Activities.

Nancy asked for the financial report and amended 2021 budget to be accepted.

Moved by Alan Otrasina.

Seconded by Kirsty Havard.

PSAC Regional Representative Report

Patty informed that we can access funds from PSAC to support locals that have new inexperienced executives who need education and support.

There is web based training on precarious work that is available.

February is Black History month and there is a PSAC Black History month event on February 23 at 6:00pm and everyone is encouraged to attend.

Executive Elections

Patty reviewed rules for elections prior to call for nominations. Antony announced that the Vice President and Treasurer's positions were up for election this year.

Antony called for nominations for the position of Vice President - 2 year term

Alan Otrasina nominated Amanda McKinnon.

Kirsty Havard seconded.

Amanda accepted the position.

Antony called for nominations for the position of Treasurer - 2 year term.

Alan Otrasina nominated Nancy Burton.

Anthony Paller seconded

Nancy accepted the position.

Oath of office completed during call. Antony congratulated both Nancy and Amanda and welcomed them to our team.

2021 EFVAC Meetings

As discussed our area council has agreed to 4 scheduled meeting dates for this fiscal year. They are as follows:

April 15 6:00pm

June 17 6:00pm

September 16 6:00pm

November 18 6:00pm

Jayne suggested that we could invite a guest speaker to attend a future meeting and that his office would be able to help us facilitate this.

Roundtable

Amanda- She is choosing to work on site rather than working from home at this time.

Heidi- things are going ok at Kent. Most staff are doing some work from home to reduce the footprint at the site. Kent has had several staff test positive for COVID which has created staffing issues. Kent has recently started a new Harassment Working group to address the new requirements on the new legislation that went into effect on January 1 2021. Additionally she has taken on the task of representing an group of security analysts.

Alan- his departments is working on cohorts to reduce the footprint in the institution. He is attending many meetings and conferences these days around COVID and continues to advocate to keep staff safe.

Nancy- is continuing to work from home and only attends the site to train staff as needed. Site is working to reduce the footprint except in certain departments where it is not feasible ie. Food services. Voiced concerns that she has heard that the employer is possibly considering taking away the Correctional Service Special Duty Allowance due to the number of staff that are working from home and not on site.

Antony- reports that he is working in multiple locations sometimes 3-4 a day and spending time doing imports and exports. CFIA is getting input from staff to see if they will continue to allow some people to continue to work from home even after the pandemic is over.

Motion to adjourn was made by Kirsty Havard

Amanda McKinnon seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm.