

**Vancouver Regional Women's Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**July 14, 2021 @ 6:00 PM**

**Held Via Zoom Teleconference**

Present:

Zita Lambert (co-chair) UTE 20007, Priscilla Lam (co-chair) UTE 20050, Corinne Clelland (Treasurer) CEIU 20937, Lea Serron (Communications Officer) UTE 20029, Terri D'Souza (AGR 20044), Daniela Cairns (CEIU 20943), Susie Blyth (CEIU 20964), Leila Jaakkola (CIU 20040), Linda Harding (GSU 20008), Michelle Webster (UCTE 20222), Monique Bakker (UHEW 20147), Ann-Marie Friesen (UHEW 20729), Jen Horsley (UPCE 20095), Laura Wildly (USJE 20054), Una Gair (USJE 20086), Nielene Chand (UTE 20007), Seong Hee (Esther) Kim (UTE 20050), Voram Cha (UTE 20050)

Guests:

Monica Urrutia, PSAC BC Rep/ Staff Member, Karen Sutton (Regional Women's Coordinator)

Regrets:

Reena Birk (Secretary) CIU 20040  
Kelly Hartley (UTE 20007)

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**1. Call To Order**

Zita acknowledged unceded territory and called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

**2. Adoption of Previous minutes from April 14, 2021**

Motion carried to adopt the previous minutes – M/S Jen Horsley, Lea Serron

**3. Treasurer's Report**

Corinne Clelland

- 1 cheque for \$75 for the Child Care Coalition went through
- Received part of allocation for the year from National for \$1,500
- Current bank balance \$3,500.97
- Bank is sending paperwork in order to set up online banking so that e-transfer can be set up

Corinne moved treasurer's report, seconded by Lea Serron. Motion carried.

#### 4. Committee Business

##### **Discussion on Sister Check-In Initiative**

Committee would prepare cards and write a personalized note from the RWC and mail them out to the Women in our area.

Lea Serron – Drafted proposal letter to RVP Jamey Mills and he is supportive of initiative. Idea of having an online form. People can sign up and match with other sisters to create their own networks for the sister check-in initiative.

Lea prepared a to do checklist: purchase cards, establish criteria for online form, draft note for cards, 1 standard note that goes on card and each sister can add their own message, mail out card, draft letter to sister check-in initiative, match participants, send Welcome letter to participants with their matches.

Zita: Jamey stated that we may be able to get PSAC funding upto \$1000.

The executives will be the ones to put the addresses on the labels as only the executives will have access to members information. Monica can have addresses sent in excel format so that they can be printed off on labels. Need to purchase cards from either Union Made, Canadian Made, or Locally made. Cards will be sent to only those on our email contact list, which is about 164 women. We can purchase stamps in bulk.

If cards are being printed, possibly include a specific logo? PSAC BC Logo or RWC logo? Leave the inside of the card blank so that we can possibly use the cards for additional purposes in the future. We can purchase extra cards.

If using the PSAC printer, a minimum amount of cards may need to be printed.

Monica - Print Craft from Burnaby is the print company that PSAC uses.

Printcraft-solutions.com. Patrick can help with making a design. Can use the BC PSAC logo and add RWC.

Lea – Can come up with a poem or verse that we can put in the cards, or can be printed on labels and can be put in the card. She can share the saying in Whatsapp so other people can provide input.

Volunteers can help with writing a personalized message in cards and then return them back to the executive team to put the mailing labels.

Zita solicited volunteers to help. Content of personalized message should be something positive. Rainbows and Sunshine messaging. We are thinking about you, etc. Extra cards can be given to volunteers in case they make a mistake while writing their personalized messages.

### **Update on July 15 Area Council/Regional Committees Summit**

Priscilla and Reena are going on behalf of the RWC  
They will provide report at the next meeting.

Summit is a information/training session on how area councils/ committees are run, also a good opportunity for people to network, work together, and share ideas with other individuals / committees.

### **Reminder on upcoming National Women's Conference, September 24-26, 2021 (N.B. We have been updated after the meeting that the dates have changed slightly to Sept 22-26, 2021).**

Virtual Conference. Was previously scheduled in April 2020 but was postponed due to COVID.

If you were previously registered to attend the conference, an email was sent to re-confirm that you were still interested to attend. Monica stated that no new applications are being taken.

Corinne is delegate attending conference for Vancouver RWC.

### **Reminder of upcoming National Equity Conferences, November 22-27, 2021**

Active call out. Deadline to apply is July 30, 2021

### **Reminder Drive-By Event to Support FB/CBSA Members July 18, 2021**

Nielene – West Fraser Valley Area Council will be doing a Drive-By event at the Boundary Bay Boarder Crossing on July 18, 2021 @ 11:30 am to support the FB/CBSA Members who are currently bargaining and are currently doing Strike Votes. Email the WFAC or Nielene if you want to participate and additional details can be provided.

## **5. Roundtable**

Karen: Thank you for supporting the FB/CBSA members. Thank you for organizing and participating in Sister-Check In.

Lea – Alternate for Regional Access Co-Ordinator. If anyone were delegates to the Regional Convention, a doodle poll was sent out. Please complete doodle poll as they plan to have caucus meeting in September.

Una – Work with not for profit sector, Dress for Success and Grace club. Downtown East Side impacted by heat wave and some of the shelters working with women are in need of wet wipes, water, sunscreen, etc. Has been doing a drive in her community and in her workplace and would be happy to provide information to the committee on how to help.

Monique – Helping Indigenous Community in Stolo Nation with the Lytton fires. Collecting donations to help with the community from Lytton. She will be getting a letter from the Director of Funding and bring it forward to make a challenge to make donations.

Jen – Consider sending request to Regional Council, DASH Committee (Donations Awards Subsidy's and Honors) to requesting funding to support community effected by Lytton fires.

Lea – Will add additional members to the Vancouver RWC Whatsapp group. Contact Lea to be added.

Monica – Celebrate BC is the first Province to sign the childcare agreement with the Federal Government. Also a victory for Pay Equity legislation. A lot of work has been done to achieve both victories.

**6. Next meeting date:**

Karen suggested that next meeting be held before the National Women's Conference in September so that the committee can discuss what resolutions to support at conference.

**September 22, 2021 @ 6pm**

**This meeting adjourned at 7:35pm**