

**West Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting / Special Annual General Meeting:**

**Date:** November 8, 2021

**Time:** 5:30pm

**Location:** Online / ZOOM

**Present:** Nielene Chand (President, UTE 20027), Monique Bakker (Treasurer, UHEW 20147), Celine Ahodekon (Vice-President, UNE 20278), Dina Elias (CEIU 20910), Zita Lambert (UTE 20007), Suzie Blyth (CEIU 20964), Mike Reeves (USHE 20086), Tony O Hara

**PSAC Staff:** Jason Manchester, Monica Uuritia,

**Guest Speaker:** Todd Smith – Alternate Regional Executive Vice-President

**Call to order** at 5:35pm and acknowledgement of the land by the chair, Nielene Chand

Introduction of the members starting with WFVAC's Executives officers.

**Adoption of the agenda:** M/S Monique & Celine to adopt the current agenda. - Carried

**Guest speaker Todd Smith:** updating on the following items: bargaining (TB, Parks Canada etc...), federal elections, PSAC BC Women Committee organized events among other activities were: - lunch and learn sessions led by Todd, Nielene, Lea and Karen. He also mentioned the many promises made by the newly elected government and PSAC will hold them accountable. Mandatory Covid-19 Vaccination, Phoenix damage pay for retirees and some current employees, new payroll system to be put into place were also hot topics Todd brought up during his visit.

**Adoption of the previous meeting report:** MS Zita and Monique to adopt the previous meeting report - Carried

**Past event:** Briefing by Nielene on the last event in August with Bev Sellars as guest speaker- Everyone agreed that the event went well.

**New event:** December 6 vigil from 6pm-7pm. In collaboration with New Westminster District Labour Council at Holland Park in Surrey. M/S Nielene/Monique to hold a vigil commemorating December 6<sup>th</sup> Montreal Massacre. Carried

Nielene will contact Roxanne for the land acknowledgment by an indigenous person. Poster already done by Patrick Bragg. Jason to check on the PSAC sound system to be used at event.

**Expenditure:** M/S Monique/Celine that the council spends \$300 on the event - Carried

**Education:** Monica discuss new online PSAC education courses including Grievance Handling self pace course. PSAC Activist Summit close on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> so encourage members to apply. Also course offered by CLC Winter School at Harrison Hot Springs and PSAC does have some subsidys available and can also request financial assistance from Area Council

*Online education:* Please refer to:

<http://psacunion.ca/sign-today-psacs-new-grievance-courses>

<https://psacbc.com/2022-clc-winter-school-information-and-psac-bc-subsidy-for-2022-clc-winter-school/>

**Finance and budget:**

*Expenditure:* Due to covid-19, not much was spent on social activities and donations; so not much change in the financial statement. Monique Presented financials. Payments made for Bev Sellars event, donation made to Lytton Wild Fire, some bank charge fees for e-transfer payments.

M/S Monique/Zita to accept the financial statement as presented. - Carried

**Elections run by Jason Manchester and Monica Urritia.**

1. Secretary: Zita Lambert Nominated by Nielene Seconded by Celine, Zita Declined nominations. No other nominations, WFVAC secretary position remains vacant. Celine will keep taking the minute until the next AGM.
2. Delegates to PSAC National Triennial Convention

Delegate: Nielene Chand Nominated by Zita Lambert, Seconded by Monique Bakker: Acclaimed as delegate to PSAC Triennial Convention on May 28, 2022

Alternate: Celine Ahodekon acclaimed as alternate - nominated by Nielene Chand and seconded by Zita Lambert :-Acclaimed

**Round table:** Comments & Questions

**Next meeting:** AGM on February 28, 2022, at 5:30pm

Elections at AGM: President 2 year Term, Treasurer 2 year Term, Secretary 1 year Term

Nielene requested 2 volunteers to Audit the Financials for the AGM – Zita Lambert and Dina Elias volunteered

Meeting adjourned at 650pm.