

## **PSAC-BC Northwest Area Council Meeting**

**Meeting - April 13, 2021**

**6:30 – 7:30 p.m. via Zoom**

### **Attendees:**

Jill MacNeill (Chair) UHEW 20147

Jen Gordon (Vice President) UHEW 20417

David Lewis (Treasurer) CIU 20042

Madison Hodam (Secretary) AGR 20042

Gai Sta Maria AGR 20042

Coral Keehn (Northern Women's Committee Affiliate) UHEW 20147

Jamey Mills, PSAC-BC, REVP

Robert Strang, PSAC-BC Representative

Piroska Erzsebet (Guest) Prince Rupert District Labour Council

### **MINUTES**

1. **Acknowledge Territory, Welcome and Introductions:** Territory acknowledgement and welcome by Jill MacNeill. Introductions by all.
2. **Agenda** accepted as posted moved by David Lewis and seconded by Jen Gordon. Carried.
3. **Town Hall Forums on Affordable Housing:** Guest Speaker – Piroska Erzsebet, Prince Rupert Labour Council. Piroska described a series of upcoming town hall meetings designed to aid community understanding in relation to the local housing affordability crisis, the various points of view, and the complexity of the problem we together face. The council will use that information to design a strategy to address the challenges. There will be three forums as follows:
  - a. April 17, 2021, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – The housing crisis: What's going on? Understanding the Housing Economy in BC and Prince Rupert
  - b. May 15, 2021, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. – Ending homelessness in the north coast region – Understanding the economic, social, and health costs of housing insecurity
  - c. June 19, 2021, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. What can we do to end the housing crisis in our region and beyond? Understanding the role of municipal, regional and First Nation Governments in Affordable Housing.

Northwest Area Council members were encouraged to participate. Northwest Area Council members committed to spreading the word. Pirooska will send links to the information to share when it is available.

4. Minutes of February 23, AGM are posted and available for your review. The minutes will be accepted at the next annual general meeting.
5. NWAC Mailout – A working group was formed consisting of Jill MacNeill, Jen Gordon and David Lewis; they will work with PSAC-BC staff (Varinder Johal and Patrick Bragg) to formalize a plan. First step is we would like to determine how many members are on the Northwest Area Council mail out. We would like to determine this number as it will aid in formalizing a budget for outreach.
6. Regional Update by Jamey Mills, REVP-BC and Robert Strang, PSAC Staff Representative.
  - a. Jamey provided an update on bargaining and phoenix damages. Coral and Jamey will speak off line about phoenix damagers for members who worked majority but not full 365 days in a year. Jamey shared information in relation to the breakdown of the damages payment.
  - b. Robert shared information links in relation to:
    - i. Orange Shirt Day Originator and Speaker Phyllis Webstad  
<https://www.orangeshirtday.org/phyllis-story.html>
    - ii. Upcoming PSAC-BC Courses: <https://psacbc.com/course-listings/>
    - iii. FB Bargaining Team Update Meeting on Tuesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, 2021 14:00-15:00  
<https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/2181884482466680591>
    - iv. Phoenix Pay and Damages:
      1. <https://www.canada.ca/en/treasury-board-secretariat/topics/pay/phoenix-pay-system/phoenix/general-compensation-employees-understanding-payment.html>
      2. <http://psacunion.ca/faq-phoenix-damages-compensation-updated>
      3. CFIA Bargaining/Equity Delegates <http://psacunion.ca/parks-cfia-bargaining-conferences-2021-application>
7. Other – Jill MacNeill will update the bylaws as passed at the February 23 Annual General Meeting.
8. Next meeting is scheduled to take place June 15, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.
9. Motion to adjourn made by David Lewis and seconded by Madison Hodam. Carried.