

Wednesday, November 17, 2021

Vancouver District Area Council

Meeting Start: 6:01 pm

Attendance: Todd Smith (President, AGR 20044), Crystal Isaac (1st Vice-President, UTE 20027) took minutes, Aaron Chang (Treasurer, CEIU 20938), Warren Wulff (UCTE 20088), Scott Josephson (UCTE 20223), Ron Regala (UTE 20027), Babar Khalid (UTE 20029), Monica Urrutia (PSAC staff)

Regrets: Jennifer Horsley (Secretary, UPCE 20095), Amal Shanti (CEIU 20938), Ann-Marie Friesen (UHEW 20729), Marion McLarty (UNE 20150)

Agenda:

Welcome & Indigenous Acknowledgement

On Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2021, David Eby, BC Attorney General, tabled Bill 18, which adds Indigenous identity as a protected ground against discrimination in the B.C. Human Rights Code. He also tabled Bill 29, which amends the Interpretation Act to make it clear that all provincial laws uphold, and do not diminish, the rights of Indigenous people protected under section 35 of the Canadian Constitution. This is known as a universal non-derogation clause.

The amendments to the Interpretation Act, developed in consultation and co-operation with Indigenous representative organizations, also add an interpretive direction that all provincial acts and regulations must be read so as to be consistent with the UN Declaration.

Judy Wilson, Secretary-Treasurer, Union of BC Indian Chiefs, “The UN Declaration sets out the minimum standards for the survival and dignity of Indigenous Peoples,”). “Indigenous Peoples are facing major threats to the survival of our peoples and our way of life. In many areas of law and policy this has not been fully understood, leaving us exposed to incredible risk in the face of health pandemics, climate change, removal of our peoples from our traditional territories and waters, and the lingering discrimination and sexism faced by Indigenous women and girls, LGBTQ2S+.

“UBCIC supports the new reforms brought in today, but we know we have to double down on the hard work to make real progress and switch from simply promoting the rights of Indigenous Peoples, to implementing the rights of Indigenous Peoples every day in all areas of life in British Columbia.”

Round table introductions

Adoption the Agenda - Motion: Ron Regala Second: Warren Wulff Carried

Approval of Sept 15 Minutes - Move: Warren Wulff Second Crystal Isaac Carried

Election for 2nd Vice-President

Call for nominations - No nominations

Financial Report

Aaron gave a report on the Area Council’s current finances. One outstanding cheque for Crystal Isaac for Carbon Credit reimbursement

Metro Vancouver Alliance

No updates, there are having a planning meeting tonight that Jen Horsley is attending on behalf of the Area Council.

Phoenix

Todd - More than \$1500 in damages can now apply for review. Locals with retired employees are still waiting to get their damages.

COVID-19

Warren - shared an experience about people coming into the workplace, masks were told they needed to be worn - 5 minutes in the masks were removed.

Todd - 4 members tested positive in a workplace

Ron - talked about working from home, and hopes to stay working from home

Affiliate Reports (3 minutes per local/committee)

No affiliate reports were given

New Business

Proposed By-Laws changes & current by-laws

Section 6: Officers

Sub Section 2

Moved: Crystal Isaac, Second: Scott, Carried

Section 5: Meetings

Sub Section 3

Moved: Crystal Isaac, Second: Warren, Carried

Round Table

Todd: Will not be able to re run for President of the VDAC

Crystal: Will not be able to re run for 1st Vice-President of the VDAC

Ron: Thanked Todd for service with VDAC

Warren: Thanked Todd for service with VDAC

Next Meeting: February 23, 2022 -BOOKED AGM

Meeting ended at 6:34

Motioned: Warren