

PSAC BC BRUSH AGENDA



Virtual Zoom Meeting –
May 14 at 1830
Chair: Tracy Arrowsmith
Call to Order

Roll call – see attached spread sheet

First Name	Last Name	Local	Virtual / In-Person	Notes
Nielene	Chand		In Person	PSAC Staff
Tracy	Arrowsmith	UTE 20002	Virtually	BRUSH Co-Ordinator
Julie	Kelly	CIU 20045	Virtually	BRUSH Alternate
Karen	Parent	CEIU 20921	Virtually	Secretary
Jennifer	Horsley	UPCE 20095	Virtually	Treasurer
Damian	Dorschner	UVAE 20035	Virtually	
Zita	Lambert	UTE 20007	Virtually	
BARNEY	HYNES	UCTE 20232	Virtually	
COLIN	CHENG	CIU 20040	Virtually	
Tracy	Zylyk	USJE 20011	Virtually	
Corena	Arlitt	UTE 20026	Virtually	
Karen	Parent	CEIU 20921	Virtually	
Robert (Bert)	Farwell	UCTE 20220	Virtually	
Kirsty	Havard	USJE 20091	Virtually	

Trish	Martin	CEIU 20975	Virtually
Alan	Otrosina	USJE 20141	Virtually
Zoe	Johnston	USJE 20011	Virtually
Susanne	Dier	CEIU 20903	Virtually
Curtis	Chan	UNE 20140	Virtually
Desiree	O'Hern	UTE 20050	Virtually
Raphael	Simard	CEIU 20944	In-Person
Sharon	Cowie	UTE 20027	Virtually

Regrets

Priscilla	Lam	UTE 20050	Virtually
Nicole	Petrie	DCL 20500	Virtually
Laura	Wildly	USJE 20017	Virtually
Richard	May	UHEW 20090	Virtually
Jaspreet	Gill	CEIU 20904	Virtually
Marcelo	Lazaro	UNDE 21016	Virtually
Jeanne	Olineck	CEIU 20914	Virtually
Maxwell	Gawlick	UNE 20029	Virtually

1. Territorial Acknowledgement – Tracy

2. Moment of Silence for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job – Tracy (Kirsty mentioned Anthony Genreaux had passed away)

3. Accepting the Agenda motion by Tracy

- 1 st – Barney
- 2 nd – Sharon

4. Passing minutes – amendments to some spelling errors and Tracy to add report from BC Federation of Labour, to be passed at next meeting

5. Treasurer Report - given by Jen

- Chequing account balance - \$4502.98
- Savings - \$5.12
- No activity in January/February/March/April 2026
- 1st – Jenn
- 2nd – Kirsty – carried

6. Old Business

- Newsletter articles should be an ongoing discussion. We will try to do articles 4 times per year. If members have suggestions or would like to do an article – please speak with Tracy. Julie and Kirsty will be doing an article for July on working in the heat, with possible heat guidelines. Another idea was respiratory protection during wildfire season
- Looking for ideas for presenters (can be in a meeting or a its own event):
 - Scent sensitivity
 - Accident prevention while hiking/biking
 - Earthquake/disaster kits and how to build one
 - Mental health

7. New Business

Zita needs help with scents in the workplace. Many members made suggestions: file human rights complaint, ensure workers are filing in Work safe claims if they need to go home May is environmental scents awareness month

8. BC Federation of Labour Update:

From April meeting – topics f discussion were presumptive injuries, cancers for fire fighters, National |day of Mourning (April 28), June 01 is injured workers day and Tracy will be speaking as a partner of an injured worker. The use of AI is being monitored. There was also discussion on heat exposure policies vs requirements. And guidelines for cool water (water the temperature needs to be) and how close to the workers the water needs to be

9. Regional Council Update – no update

10. PSAC Update – Nielene is temporarily holding the position of OHS
-there is a BC PSAC draw for BC Lions tickets
-please mention to reps for OHS education, there are 2 courses

11. Round table

Bert – thank you for the donations for gift baskets, bring money for the baskets at convention, and there will be a host suite for everyone

Trish – we need the minimum and maximum temperatures for workers included in the newsletter. Also don't forget everyone need water during the heat, especially people unhoused

Tracy – JLP has more money for OHS courses (to be hosted)

Kirsty and Julie attended the National Day of Mourning event. Tracy spoke at the Prince George Event

12. Adjournment - 1940