

# **North Vancouver island area council meeting July 5th 2026.**

**Meeting started at 6:36pm.**

## **In attendance**

President; Kaj Stirler  
Vice President: Richard may  
North Island Coordinator Chris Simister  
Secretary: Nicole Petrie  
Staff Rep: Jessica Degasso

Jessica is going to look into why some people haven't gotten the link.

Introductions took place.

## **Land Acknowledgement**

Kaj did a land acknowledgement and opened the floor to anyone else that might like to as well.

## **Motion to approve agenda**

Richard added Comox, Victoria pride and Labour Day picnic to the agenda, as well as a stress test to the agenda.

Richard motioned to move the agenda as amended and nicole seconded it. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Approval of AGM minutes:**

There is concern over the accuracy of the AGM minutes and positions elected being recorded incorrectly in the AGM minutes. Nicole noted that she was elected as secretary, not treasurer, and that Burt was elected as treasurer. This will be further investigated and handed over to Jamey to determine. The goal is to review the recording from the meeting.

**President report:**

Kaj and Richard attended the pride parade in Duncan and marched with the labour council. Kaj has worked on the concert. There will be no big label artist at the event so there will be a shift to focus on local artists instead. Kaj mentioned soliciting local businesses for local donations. Kaj's intention is to build complicity and engagement within the area council.

Kaj asked Chris to reach out and do site visits. Kaj offered to do some as well. Kaj is trying to aim for a coffee chat in August.

Kaj motioned to approved president report. Approved as read. President was report was moved and passed unanimously.

**Concert discussion:**

Richard suggested contacting Cumberland mining museum to get local artists suggestions. Richard also suggested doing it more north such as comox or port Alberni. Kaj mentioned the problem would be that we need to motion at the young workers meeting to change the location. Nicole suggested Fred Penner as an artist for the concert.

**treasurers report:**

there is none as no monies have come or gone..

**Vice president report:**

Richard has been busy with component stuff and traveling alot. His convention in August. He's also on convention committees. Richard attended 2 pride events... once with Duncan and once with Nanaimo. Half a dozen PSAC members attended the Nanaimo pride day. They handed out water and goodies and manned the bouncy castle and face painting.

Richard moved the vice president report. Nicole seconded. Motion carried.

**Communications report:**

There has not been communications since the last meeting. Other than one that was incorrectly sent and has been referred to the correct parties.

**Old business:**

There is on going engagement issues. Kaj has been working on engagement. Nicole reached out to people as well.

## **New business:**

*Victoria pride:* Richard has said it's July 12th. Not one of our events as it's usually human rights committee or Victoria area council. Richard encouraged people to attend anyway.

*Stress test:* Richard has said there was discussion at convention about doing this. This is how we get people to engage ie: the black shirt movement during bargaining. Richard suggested information pickets where we set up a booth in front of work sites and give information. It would be easy to do pancakes for people. It would give people info on where we are with bargaining as an example. We can do it at the cemetery. Richard reached out to the service Canada local but the executive has changed and he needs to get the new exec contact info and get them on board. Richard asked for support from Jessica and Jamey to help us connect to the local over at service Canada.

*Comox pride:* Aug 29. Richard mentioned This is in our jurisdiction. Kaj has said Fred is no longer able to organize people to attend this event. Richard said he will look after organizing it. Richard will attend. Nicole is a maybe. Kaj cannot attend. Richard said we need to build connections with north island

*Labour Day picnic:* Sept 7th Richard said district labour council runs this event. Our council sets up a tent and gives out information about public services and PSAC. The kitchen needs volunteers to help serve food. Richard says he hopes we can get more volunteers to come out and help. Kaj will attend with Richard.

*Coffee chat:* Richard suggested that we combine coffee chat with having a north island area council meeting afterwards somewhere.

## **Round table:**

Kaj addressed the Ginger Goodwin donation request via email. Kaj passed it onto the dash committee. Richard said historically donations are requested to pay a wreath on his grave. He was a major labour participant and was killed by an RCMP member. In the past Richard mentioned that in the past PSAC north island area council gave \$50 donation toward a wreath. September 16th is when it is usually done.

Kaj mentioned the email he got was something else and about a plaque for Joe Naylor.

Nicole asked when the minutes will be sorted to find out who the correct positions are. Kaj will try and get a copy of the recording. Date unknown.

Kaj got contact information for members and will be doing some call outs. Kaj asked for volunteers. Nicole offered.

Jessica mentioned July 15<sup>th</sup>, and Aug 19<sup>th</sup>, are possible future black dates for bargaining solidarity action. Talking union basics will be offered in Nanaimo. National PSAC convention is coming up. Call out for resolutions will be coming soon.

Aug 5th zoom 6:30pm will be next meeting date. Planning Labour Day picnic, coffee chat, and info pickets will be a goal at our next meeting.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54pm**

**Next meeting Aug 5th 6:30pm via zoom.**