

North Vancouver Island Area Council Meeting October 5 2026

Call to order: 6:36pm

Roll call

Kaj Sterler - president
Richard May - vice present
Bert Farwell - treasurer
Nicole Petrie - secretary
Julie Kelly - PSAC women's coordinator
Tramaine Brown - PSAC regional rep Victoria

Land acknowledgement

Kaj did a land acknowledgement for us all

Approval of agenda as amended

- moved by Richard
- Seconded by Burt

Approval of previous meeting minutes

- no meeting minutes to approve

President report

Kaj doesn't have a lot to bring up. He's been juggling programs including trying to get events back for our council for a coffee chat. Kaj has 2 coffee in Duncan he has in mind. He wants to have quarterly coffee chats again. He noted that the National young workers convention coming up on November 7-9. He will be attending. Remembrance Day is coming and he wants NVIAC to get a wreath for Remembrance Day. Lastly, wants to do a phone bank after coffee chats get going.

Treasurer report

Bert Reported that we have \$4,886.47 cents in our account and expenditures to report

Vice President Report

No interest from the area locals to engage when he tried. He wants to have a plant gate aka info session before work starts to gain support for bargaining teams. Richard said it's important to get members engage. District labour council has endorsed candidates in the municipal elections. He encourages everyone to learn about them and support them. He noted that There will be an opportunity from Canada congress on Oct 8, to discuss changes to Canada labour code which would affect federally regulated businesses.

Dec 6 is the day of remembrance for Montreal masquer. In closing Richard shared that he was elected to the Regional Vice President position for his component again. (Congratulations Richard).

Secretary Report

Nothing to report

Old Business

- no help getting the concert off the ground. Kaj can't do it on his own. Kaj sent info out to the young workers committee. Kaj is hoping to get off the ground by end of year.
- communications issue around not getting meeting links. Kaj will be sending an email to Jamie about link issues.
- Labour Day went well. Richard Kaj and Nikki attended. Lots of talking to the public and talks about bargaining. Pamphlets are available. They had short meet and greet with politicians. The conservative candidate was in attendance too. There were good musicians and great prizes great speeches. We should do it again in the future. This year was 40th year.

New Business

- Jose Trembley is the new north island area coordinator.
- momentum silence: Tom Hopkins who was the past president for NVIAC passed suddenly a few weeks ago. UHEW has added him to the honor roll and has contacted PSAC to as well. He was a strong activist and very involved in his local, the council, and the north island area. The north island area council observed a moment of silence in his honor. Richard will send a card.
- Richard made a motion to purchase up to \$350 worth of wreaths for Remembrance Day. Nicole seconded

Round table:

- Kaj thinks we need to buckle down and get more people involved. Nicole suggested posting a notice in the federal building on the cork board.
- Julie Kelly said October is purple light night to highlight domestic violence and intimate partner violence. People can purchase purple lights anywhere.

Staff update:

- Tramaine is working on local relationships in Comox and Nanaimo, including a new local in Comox. There is a need for mobilization and site visits, and a possibility of doing an event similar to the meet and greet hosted by Jamey last spring. There was a good turnout and would like to do that in the spring and align with education.
- PSAC is working on spring education and planning to alternate it up island between Comox and Nanaimo. Tramaine is back and is trying to get caught up. She noted we are halfway through fall education. Day of Black is coming up on October 21. Possibility of a rally as well.
- Kaj thinks it's important to email staff and ask for things. If we don't ask for it, they can't do it. Even if asked mouth to mouth, write an email.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08pm

Next meeting November 5th 2026 at 6:30pm not 7:30pm