North Vancouver Island Area Council

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 5, 2025

Time: 6:30 PM – 7:35 PM PST (Adjourned)

Location: hybrid

1. Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order by Kaj Stirler at 6:37 PM PST. A quorum was confirmed.

2. Roll Call and Members Present

The following members were present:

Name	Role/Position	Affiliation/Local Group
Kaj Stirler	Chair / President	UNDE 21011 VP
Nickie-lee Dagasso	/ Secretary	[CEIU 20947]
Richard May	Member	UHEW 20090
Jessica Dagasso	PSAC Staff	
Christine Walker	Guest (President, Nat'l Assoc. Of Federal Retirees)	N/A
Bert Farwell	NVIAC VP / Regional Coordinator	UCTE 20220
Laura (Pending)	Treasurer	CEIU 20947

Members not confirmed or pending, including Laura, were noted. It was suggested to call Laura to confirm her attendance.

3. Land Acknowledgment

Kaj Stirler led a land acknowledgment emphasizing the significance of the 94 Calls to Action and the importance of reconciliation. Richard May and Jessica Dagasso also provided their land acknowledgments.

4. Approval of Agenda and Minutes

The agenda and previous meeting minutes were reviewed.

Motion: Nickie-lee Dagasso moved to approve the agenda and minutes.

Seconded: Richard May

Outcome: Carried unanimously

5. Guest Presentation

Kaj Stirler introduced Christine Walker, President of the National Association of Federal Retirees Mid Island and Pacific Rim Branch.

6. President's Report

Kaj Stirler shared his recent activities, including attending advanced local officers training, PSAC Area Council meetings, the Regional Council summit, and the activist summit. He also reported on successful membership solicitation at the UNDE regional conference targeting young workers and delegates.

Moved – Kaj Stirler

Seconded – Richard May

Outcome: Carried unanimously

7. Financial and Old Business

Bert Farwell discussed experiences from recent summits and the need for a portable PA system to enhance meeting audio or event audio use.

Motion: Kaj Stirler motioned to allocate funds for purchasing a PA system, pending review of budget.

Seconded: Bert Farwell

Outcome: Carried unanimously.

Discussions also covered organizing a gala during an upcoming federal election and the need for donations for the union protein project. Kaj Stirler suggested contacting Jamie for clarification on donation requirements.

8. Site Visits and Membership Engagement

Plans for site visits to Port Alberni, Service Canada, and Coast Guard were discussed. Nickie-lee Dagasso recommended utilizing the PSAC website for data collection during site visits. Bert Farwell noted he might allocate part of his Regional Council coordinator budget for these visits.

9. New Business and Event Planning

Kaj Stirler proposed organizing an all-candidates debate in Nanaimo with the Nanaimo District Labour Council.

Motion: Nickie-lee Dagasso moved to proceed with planning the debate.

Seconded: Richard May

Outcome: Carried unanimously.

Additional events discussed included a coffee chat in June and a rock climbing outing in July or August. Nickie-lee Dagasso suggested a PSAC member barbecue, with Kaj Stirler offering assistance.

10. Membership Engagement and Outreach

Nickie-lee Dagasso emphasized the importance of member engagement through a building barbecue and outreach to other PSAC components. Bert Farwell suggested using his Island Area Coordinator budget to hand-deliver flyers. An email campaign was also planned to solicit volunteers for the event.

11. Round Table and Final Remarks

Jessica Dagasso provided updates on upcoming grievance handling sessions in Victoria, Indigenous solidarity initiatives, and bargaining group preparations.

Christine Walker shared her experience participating in a CBC podcast dialogue on affordability and housing issues.

Kaj Stirler encouraged members to explore social media and other outreach methods to enhance membership engagement.

12. Adjournment

Motion: Nickie-lee Dagasso moved to adjourn the meeting.

Seconded: Richard May

Outcome: Carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM PST.

Members expressed appreciation and looked forward to upcoming meetings and events.

Prepared by: Kaj Stirler & Nickie-lee Dagasso

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