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**\*\*North Island Area Council Meeting Minutes\*\***

**\*\*November 5, 2024\*\***

**\*\*Location hybrid\*\***

**\*\*Time 7:00 pm pst\*\***

**\*\*Attendance:\*\***

- Richard May, Area Council Chair RVP UHEW 20090
- Bert Farwell, Area Council Co-Chair UCTE 20220
- Kaj Stirler, Area Council Secretary VP UNDE Local 21011
- Martha, PSAC Regional Representative
- Nicole, Area Council Member DCL #to confirm
- Christine Walker, Guest, Retired Member (CLU member, BC Forum, Vice President of National Association of Federal Retirees, Liaison with BC Forum to the Nanaimo and Duncan District Labor Council)

**\*\*1. Call to Order\*\***

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Area Council Chair, Richard May. Richard gave a land acknowledgement and quorum was confirmed.

**\*\*2. Moment of Silence\*\***

Richard led a one-minute moment of silence to honor Senator Murray Sinclair, recognizing his significant contributions as a judge, senator, and chair of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

**\*\*3. President's Report\*\***

Richard May outlined the primary purpose of the meeting: to discuss planning an event and gather feedback. He highlighted the success of recent info pickets in Nanaimo and Victoria, with positive engagement from PSAC executives and DFO management. Richard emphasized the importance of community engagement and the union protein project to support food banks.

#### **\*\*4. Health and Safety Conference Recap\*\***

Richard shared insights from the PSAC Health and Safety Conference in Vancouver, focusing on issues with PPE not fitting women properly. The need to address these issues in OSH committee meetings was stressed, with feedback from Kaj Stirlor and Bert Farwell highlighting the conference's excellent organization.

#### **\*\*5. Union Protein Project Gala\*\***

Plans for a union protein project gala were discussed to raise funds and awareness. A subcommittee, including Richard, Nikki, and Christine, was formed to develop a proposal for the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. Potential event dates were considered around Family Day in February, with suggestions to combine with a Christmas party for increased engagement.

#### **\*\*6. Training and Upcoming Courses\*\***

Martha discussed upcoming PSAC training courses, including Talking Union Basics and Understanding and Interpreting the Collective Agreement. The group considered combining these with the gala, possibly scheduling them on a Friday and Saturday to maintain work-life balance.

#### **\*\*7. Round Table\*\***

Nicole was warmly welcomed to her first Area Council meeting. The group discussed supporting Veterans Week and wearing poppies with pride. Christine and Nicole were encouraged to collaborate on federal retiree initiatives.

**\*\*Note no motions were made nor passed at this meeting\*\***

**\*\*8. Treasurer's Report\*\***

The Treasurer was absent; therefore, no financial report was presented.

**\*\*9. Adjournment\*\***

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next Area Council meeting is scheduled for December 5, 2022. Members were reminded to prepare motions for budget use at the upcoming meeting.

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These minutes are not yet approved and will be finalized upon confirmation at the next meeting.