

## # North Vancouver Island Area Council Meeting Minutes

**\*\*Date:\*\*** Sept 5 2024

**\*\*Time:\*\*** 730 pm

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

### #### Roll Call:

- **\*\*Richard May\*\***, Chairperson (RVP UHEW 20090)
- **\*\*Bert Farwell\*\***, Vice President (UCTE 20220)
- **\*\*Kaj Stirler\*\***, Secretary (VP UNDE Local 21011)
- **\*\*Janet Kirk\*\***, Member (President UCT Local 20232)
- **\*\*Trish Martin\*\***, President South Island Area Council guest
- **\*\*Curtis Martin\*\***, DCL 205100
- **\*\*Michelle Breckner\*\***, President Local 20912
- **\*\* Steve Christy\*\***, CEIU 20947
- **\*\*Tammy Cartridge\*\***, President CEIU 20947

### #### Meeting Summary:

#### 1. **\*\*Opening Remarks:\*\***

- Richard May opened the meeting and welcomed attendees.

#### 2. **\*\*Lighthouse Station Closures and Safety Concerns:\*\***

- Richard introduced the discussion on lighthouse station closures. Janet highlighted findings from geotechnical reports and noted the importance of supporting lighthouse keepers through petitions.

### 3. **\*\*Engagement with Local Politicians:\*\***

- Richard discussed ongoing outreach efforts to local politicians regarding lighthouse issues. He suggested organizing actions in Nanaimo and Victoria to raise awareness about return-to-office policies.

### 4. **\*\*Planning for Return to Office Action:\*\***

- Richard outlined plans for an upcoming return-to-office action, emphasizing the need for early distribution of promotional materials. Logistics discussions included coordination with Jamey Mills and Alex Silas.

### 5. **\*\*Union Protein Project and Food Bank Donations:\*\***

- Richard introduced the Union Protein Project aimed at supporting local food banks. Janet suggested including shelf-stable milk, while Trish proposed a union-wide donation challenge.

### 6. **\*\*North Island Actions and Community Engagement:\*\***

- Richard proposed a coffee chat in Port Alberni with a budget of \$250 to enhance local union engagement.

### 7. **\*\*Elections and Young Worker UDP Project:\*\***

- Richard emphasized the importance of supporting labor-friendly candidates in upcoming elections. Curtis presented the Young Worker UDP Project, and the committee allocated \$500 for a solidarity barbecue event.

### 8. **\*\*Area Council Growth and Outreach Strategies:\*\***

- Richard stressed the significance of local outreach. Trish suggested mailing updates to local unions to foster engagement.

### 9. **\*\*Roundtable and Final Remarks:\*\***

- Trish and Bert shared experiences from recent outreach events. Kaj suggested school outreach to promote labor activism.

#### Financial Summary:

- \*\*Coffee Chat Budget:\*\* \$250
- \*\*Young Worker UDP Project:\*\* \$500 for the barbecue event

#### Motions:

Motion to fund Coffee Chat made by Bert Farwell seconded by Kaj Stirler: motion to budget for our budget to put aside maybe \$250 to cover coffee expenses in Port Alberni, maybe some small travel expenses for fuel for Bert and others that have to travel.

Passed unanimously

Motion to fund union picnic for ULDP for 500\$ made by Janet Kirk Seconded by Kaj Stirler.

Passed unanimously

#### Next Steps:

- \*\*Next Meeting:\*\* Scheduled for October 5, 2023.

\*\*Adjournment:\*\* The meeting was adjourned at 830 pm

\*\*Prepared by:\*\* Kaj Stirler

\*\*Date of Preparation:\*\* Sept 20 2024

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These minutes provide a formal record of the North Vancouver Island Area Council meeting and are intended for distribution to all relevant parties for review and action. Please confirm or provide additional details as needed.