

WEST FRASER VALLEY AREA COUNCIL MEETING / Zoom

Oct 16, 2023 Minutes

Attendance

Michael Reeves	President
Celine Ahodekon	VP
Monique Bakker	Treasurer
Nerissa Hermosura	Secretary
Randhir Mehrotara	UTE
Zita Lambert	UTE
Michelle Siverwood	NavCan Surrey
Robert Strang	PSAC

The meeting went from 6pm – 7:30pm. Quorum was met.

There was an indigenous acknowledgement.

The treasurer presented a financial report and it was passed. The current balance for the AC account is \$3600.73. A motion to cover the costs of Monique’s dependent care was passed. The rate will go up to \$26 per hour as of Dec 1, 2023.

Celine put forward a motion to donate up to \$400 for food and clothing for needy families in Langley. The motion was passed. Monique wants it on the record that she is opposed as she would like the money to be available for those in all areas under the WFVAC, not just Langley.

Dec 6 Vigil in Surrey

Most the meeting was discussion of tasks for the Dec 6 Vigil in Holland Park in Surrey. Please see the Tasks List distributed by Robert for details. There was a motion to spend \$100 for the Indigenous Elder’s speaking costs and this was passed. Another motion was passed to spend up to \$1450 from the donations budget line item for costs relating to the Dec 6 Vigil. Other usual WFVAC events did not occur this year so there’s money available for the Dec 6 Vigil. \$250 was coming from BRUSH for the vigil and that is part of the \$1450.

Election of Delegate and Alts to PSAC NTC 2024

Mike Reeves was elected. He was nominated by Monique and seconded by Zita. He was acclaimed.
Alts

Celine is first Alt. She was nominated by Michelle and seconded by Mike. She was acclaimed.

Michelle is second Alt. She was nominated by Zita and seconded by Monique. She was acclaimed.

Bylaw change to vote on at AGM proposed at this meeting

Monique proposed a bylaw to vote on at the AGM in 2024 that would require those coming to the AC for monies to attend at least 2 WFVAC meetings per year. Randhir kindly agreed to review the current bylaws, come up with some wording to discuss at the last AC meeting of the year, which will be on Oct 24, 2023.

Roundtable

Randhir: Will talk to Mayor of Surrey to ask her to attend and/or speak at Dec 6 Vigil. He stated we should reach out to all UTE locals in the area since they work close to Holland Park where the vigil takes place. Robert forwarded him the contact info for all local presidents.

Zita: Will be in Ottawa Oct 24 and not able to attend our Oct 24 meeting.

Monique: Reminder to prepare for inclement weather on Dec 6, as it's usually cold, wet and sometimes icy and snowy. She will bring Hot Shots (hand warmers) for everyone. She stated that we should invite the EHVAC folks to attend.