

Vancouver District Area Council Meeting Minutes

April 24, 2024.

Called to order at 6:02 pm

Present: Theresa Kelly, Agriculture 20060; Edward He, CEIU 20951, Vice President of VDAC, and Metro Vancouver Regional Council Coordinator; Kiera Duhamel UTE 20050; Monica Urrutia, Regional Representative, PSAC Vancouver Regional Office; Jennifer Horsley, UPCE 20095 President of VDAC; Harrison McCorkindale, Harbour Centre; Damir Moric, CEIU 20937, Treasurer of VDAC, 2SLGBTQIA+ Committee Coordinator; Sarah Meadows, CEIU 20937; Denzil John Asche, UTE 20027, Secretary of VDAC

Edward: Barbecue

Harrison: Barbecue or picnic

Theresa: Barbecue

Kiera: Barbecue

Denzil: Games

Damir: Barbecue and Games

Jennifer: Games and Barbecue

Sarah: could not hear the response

Welcome and Indigenous Acknowledgement

Gratitude to the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam people for caring for their stolen land on which we find ourselves, as well as the people and other living beings on this land.

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Sarah, Seconded by Edward. Carried.

Ratification

Ratifying the electronic vote that was passed to contribute \$25 towards the Vancouver Regional Women's Committee's International Women's Day event on March 9 held in New Westminster. It was to help support raffle prizes that will go towards women's engagement in the union.

Acceptance of the Previous Minutes

November 1, 2023

Moved by Edward, Seconded by Denzil. Carried.

Acceptance of the Minutes of the AGM

February 7, 2024. This will be approved at the next AGM.

If there were errors or omissions let us know or send an email to Denzil.

Business Arising

We had some feedback regarding resolutions we put forward to the national convention regarding a rest period and an enforced rest period would not be going to the convention on the basis that they can be addressed internally rather than at convention. This will be discussed at a coming strategy meeting for the convention, since we are not confident this is the case.

Network of Asian Federal Employees at 401 Burrard sent some materials including pictures of their Lunar New Year event, to which we had donated. A very successful event. (Report is attached to the minutes.)

Financial Report

We are switching over to electronic banking. We will not receive area council allocation until we have spent some money, which is why it important to address positive events we could hold.

The bank balance is \$4771.79

We received dues from the Mainland Human Rights Committee, UCTE 20088, and UVAE 20045.

Coming expenses are the Metro Vancouver Alliance event and the meal for tonight's meeting.

Acceptance was moved by Damir, Seconded by Sarah, Carried.

Standing Updates

Phoenix:

The problems are ongoing, but we do not have the current caseload. There have been serious problems related to the overpayments and demands for repayment. The problems are ongoing Harrison asked about PeopleSoft and Sarah gave some advice. PSAC sent out a reminder that April 30, 2024, is the deadline to appeal the taxability of Phoenix damages up to \$1500.

Metro Vancouver Alliance:

We hosted the strategy team meeting April 4, 2024. About 21 organisations were represented, including some new ones.

One of which is the host of the Metro Vancouver Delegate's Assembly. May 1, 2024, from 7:00 to 9:00 pm at Thomas More Collegiate. They are new affiliates. They are going to be getting students to join in Metro Vancouver Alliance events so they can experience civic action. They work towards the common good, and the current focus is housing, particularly co-ops, especially older co-ops in Vancouver which may be losing mortgages due to the way they were set up. They are having Foundation Training June 2, 2024, from 12:00 to 6:00 pm, which is free to members of affiliated groups (no location yet).

Industrial Areas Foundation is having organiser training in Dumas Bay, Washington. It is \$1000.

Affiliate Reports

These can be sent to Monica or Denzil and they will be put in the reports.

New Business

The annual plan.

Jennifer has been looking into the annual barbecue. The site at Memorial South Park we have been using at Prince Albert and East 41st has great availability. It is more economical and tables can accept propane barbecues at the tables. We will have to see if we can use a residential booking or if we have to use a corporate one. Timing was discussed. We selected July 27, 2024, after discussion. Jennifer will look at booking it. We need to be aware of items for dietary restrictions to ensure people needing them are receiving the items ex. Gluten free buns and fruit. There were some suggestions for games. It was suggested people bring games as well as their own cups and utensils. We have asked other committees to participate in the past: to help out, to give out their own information, and to have their own activities such as the Women's Committee collecting supplies for a shelter. Young Workers could be approached to participate. The REVP's office may contribute as they did last year. Other committees and their coordinators could be approached to contribute as well.

Labour Day will be September 2, 2024. The Vancouver District Labour Council is preparing an event at Edmonds Park. They are talking about having fewer speakers. They will have hot dogs and lots of representatives from many unions. We talk about issues ongoing with PSAC at the time. If we are interested in

joining that event, more details will come as VDLC is currently organising May Day.

The VDLC Mayday event is May 1, 2024, at 5:30 to 9:30 pm at the Maritime Labour Centre. There will be Palestinian food, Labour information, many groups, and speakers. Jamey will be there but not for the whole event. Damir and Denzil will have a table.

We could have a games night either in the office or a location like Pizzeria Ludica. Kiera and Sarah have some games, but Jamey mentioned we might try to get games that would stay in the office. Denzil also has many games. We could also try to get food which is not greasy. It was agreed the office itself is flexible with tables and amenities for a games event. Denzil will look into games and would welcome collaboration. Young Workers are also looking at arranging a games night so we could look at working together.

We could have tables at Car Free Day events. The Commercial Drive day is September 8, 2024, and the Main Street day is September 15, 2024. These are the only two events scheduled for Vancouver itself sponsored by Trankslink. West End Car Free day, sponsored by the West End Business Improvement Association, is not advertising at this time. There was a suggestion to do have a table at the Harvest Music Festival in Ladner, where they have a music line up.

Union Protein Project is looking for tuna and peanut butter for food banks as well as other priority items. Their mission is to improve the nutritional quality of food at food banks, focusing on protein, the most expensive and necessary. They are having an event at Queen Alexandra Elementary which provides kids with refreshments, entertainment, hot dogs, and other family activities. This will be May 24, 2024. www.proteinproject.ca. They are looking for donations for the event, and \$100 was suggested. We will send an email about this.

The Co-development Canada's Annual Solidarity Fundraising Dinner will be held about building solidarity between Latin American countries and Canadians. There will be Latin American food, live music, a silent auction, and an auction for desserts. This is a fundraising event. The REVP'S office has some tickets. They are \$100 or \$950 for a table of 10. This will be June 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm at the Maritime Labour Centre. We will send an email about this.

There will be a panel discussion moderated by Seth Klein on May 6, 2024, at 7:00 pm on Confronting Wildfires in an Era of Climate Emergency put on by BC Climate Emergency Campaign and the UBC Centre for Climate Justice. This will be at UBC Robson Square, or online. This is a free event.

Day of Mourning will take place at Jack Poole Plaza, put on by BCFED at 10:30 am April 28, 2024. There will be speakers and wreaths. There will be PSAC presence with banners and flags. The event is to recognise workers killed or injured on the job in the last year.

On June 19, 2024, there will be a Mainland and Haida Gwai Young Workers meeting to plan summer events.

We are registered for Pride events. The earliest is Burnaby Pride, which is July 20, 2024. Damir will have more details by the next meeting.

Applications for the PSAC Scholarship Program are now open. There are 24 scholarships, and the application deadline is June 23, 2024, at 11:55 pm ET.

There is a ticket giveaway for BC Lions Labour Appreciation Night, June 15, 2024 at BC Place. PSAC had 200 tickets, and there is a draw on the PSAC website <https://psacbc.com/bc-lions-labour-night-ticket-giveaway/> with the draw to take place May 24, 2024, and tickets to be delivered electronically the week of June 3, 2024.

Damir moved and Sarah seconded
Adjournment at 8:50 pm. This carried.

Next Meeting Date – July 17, 2024.