

# Vancouver District Area Council Meeting Minutes

July 17, 2024.

Called to order at 6:02 pm

Jennifer Horsley, UPCE 20095 President of VDAC, PSAC DCL and small local Representative; Damir Moric, CEIU 20937, Treasurer of VDAC, 2SLGBTQIA+ Committee Coordinator; Denzil John Asche UTE 20027, Secretary of VDAC, Alternate 2SLGBTQIA+ Coordinator ; Sophie Wang Agriculture 20060;; Theresa Kelly, Agriculture 20060; Terri Lee PSAC Regional Office; Parisa Ghanbarzadeh Agriculture 20044; Priscilla Lam PSACBC Women's Committee Coordinator, UTE 20050, Co-chair of Mainland Human Rights Committee.

## Roundtable Introductions

### Welcome and Indigenous Acknowledgement

We are on the stolen lands of the Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and Musqueam people, and are grateful for their stewardship.

### Adoption of the Agenda

Moved by Damir, Seconded by Theresa. Carried.

### Acceptance of the Previous Minutes

April 4, 2024

Moved by Denzil, Seconded by Damir. Carried.

### Ratify executive motion from May re: VDAC volunteers at the Union Protein Project

Motion via email for the Vancouver and District Area Council to pay a per diem rate of \$50 to volunteers to cover expenses to allow them to volunteer at the Union Protein Project BBQ for a maximum of two volunteers.

Mover by Denzil, Seconded by Edward. Carried.

## Business Arising

### BBQ Picnic held July 17

Receipts from last year.

Is there anything missing?

Is there anything of which we had too much? Too many burgers, but not as many over as in past years. It would be better just to have one kind of non-meat burgers. Beyond Beef is on sale right now, whereas a bean-based one fell apart. Should we have hotdogs? They cook faster than hot dogs.

How are we doing for RSVPs? 51 thus far? Two who say no pork? Five vegetarians or vegans?

We usually get beef as meat, and Beyond Beef is both vegetarian and vegan. Propane is on sale at Costco. There is a Weber grill and a smaller grill and a camp stove.

Last year we got brownies and cookies. How did that go, last year? These were popular, particularly towards the end. Snacks like chips were also popular. There were fruit and veggie trays.

We can take soda from the regional office. We will also buy soda including non-sugar soda such as bubbly. We have a large jug of water. We should get juice in case people don't want bubbles.

Priscilla will be away so we do not have a driver. We will also need somewhere to store things overnight. Damir is far from the location but has room in his freezer. Is there room to put it in the regional office overnight? Terri will ask the office, particularly about the meat products.

We will need cheese and more onions than we had last year.

Jennifer may be able to cook burgers. Colin from the Human Rights COmmittee may be able to help cook.

What committees will be there?

What swag or materials will we have that they'd like to provide? Last year the Women's Committee was collecting various products.

Are there specific groups with campaigns which they wish presented? No one has said anything at this time. Jennifer will ask the region if there are campaigns we could be promoting or swag such as hats and frisbees we could give away.

The Women's Committee doesn't have a collection event this year.

There will also be tents, tables, and chairs to bring.

We advertised games. Last year the croquet set was broken. There are reusable water balloons, and a dollar store set of three miniature balls. Jenn has large colourful rackets. People can play with the frisbees. Damir has some party card games but will not be able to run them. It might be a thing to do later on in the barbecue. We can also do phone games like Heads Up.

We have the site from 11:00 to 15:00. The barbecue itself starts at 12:00.

## **Financial Report**

The bank balance is \$3917.81

We received some dues.

We received payments for the barbecue from the Mainland Human Rights Committee of \$100 and the Women's Committee of \$100.

There were expenses for the Metro Vancouver Alliance event and the meal for the last meeting (April 2024.)

We reimbursed some funds to the REVP's Office for a period when there was no treasurer.

We spent \$200 of our \$500 earmarked for donations.

It is important for locals to pay their dues.

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

## **Standing Updates**

### **Phoenix:**

There is nothing new regarding Phoenix at this time. Although another system has been announced, there is no current information about the correction of problems and transferral of data.

### **Metro Vancouver Alliance:**

#### **Motion will be discussed on housing campaign**

Push the City of Vancouver to build new co-op housing on vacant land. That they will use this housing as swing housing while developing existing co-ops. Work with co-ops to maximise the amount of co-op units in redevelopments. The motion was to support the above initiatives. Moved by Damir. Seconded by Priscilla. Carried.

Jennifer was re-elected to the board for a two year position. We have been asked to host a strategy team meeting in September. We have not checked days with PSAC as of yet.

## **Affiliate Reports**

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

## **New Business**

## **Labour Day**

This will be September 2, 2024. The Vancouver District Labour Council is preparing an event at Edmonds Park. We are looking for volunteers to staff the PSAC table.

## **Member Engagement**

Jennifer, Damir, and Priscilla met with the young workers and we talked about a joint games night. We need a date and ideas. The young workers are taking the lead on this. Damir will communicate updates from them. It is planned for autumn, so we will probably have our next meeting before then.

## **Roundtable**

Damir: Burnaby Pride this Saturday at Bonsor Field 13:00 to 19:00. We will have a table. There will be lots of booths and community organizations. Let him know if you would like to volunteer. Sunday is Chilliwack Pride. The August long weekend is the Vancouver Pride Parade. We should be marching with BCFed Multi-Union Pride. Contact Damir if you would like to join. August 17 is New Westminster Pride. There is a cost associated with having a tent there, so Damir will be sending an email motion (We do not have quorum as people left the meeting.) We are asking the cost be split between the Young Workers Committee, Human Rights Committee, and VDAC.

Denzil: Nothing

Priscilla: Will be going to Prince George to do member engagement. There is a Brush BC Regional Union Safety and Health meeting for health and safety July 18 at 18:00.

Sophie: Nothing.

Terri: Id coordinating events within the regional office.

Jennifer: Nothing

Priscilla moved and Damir seconded

Adjournment at 20:14 pm. This carried.

Next Meeting Date – October 9, 2024.