

# Okanagan Area Council

## September 16<sup>th</sup> , 2024

**Attended:** Jeanne Olineck - Chair (CEIU 20914), Kelly Megyesi (CEIU 20972), Brigitte Willman (USJE 20069), Analyse Papadopolous (CEIU 20914), Brigitte Willman (USJE 20069)

**Regrets:** Bernie Frampton (UTE 20003), Nadia Sokal (AGR 20043) Ashley-Rae Snape (UTE 20026), Ajay Athwal (UTE 20026). **Staff:** Terri Lee

**Welcome & Land Acknowledgement** – Jeanne Olineck

### Previous minutes

Minutes from April 12, 2024, reviewed. m/AP, s/KM – all in favour

**Treasurer report** – Kelly gave the treasurer’s report

<u>\$ 3,693.97</u>	Opening balance March 1, 2024,
\$ 12.00	Service Charges
\$ 87.78	Meeting
\$ 250.00	Sponsorship Hannah Young Worker
\$ 381.63	Event Meet and Greet Penticton
<u>\$ 495.22</u>	Event Meet and Greet Kamloops
<u><u>\$ 2,467.34</u></u>	Closing balance September 15, 2024

Notes -

- 1) Service charges are reversed at end of year
- 2) Below \$2500 allotment requested

**m/KM, s/AP – all in favour**

**Motion** - We have been asked to support an event “Take Back the Night”. \$300.00 donation to Kamloops Sexual Assault Counselling Centre. **m/KM, s/BW – all in favour**

Take Back the Night is the oldest worldwide movement to stand against sexual violence and our council commends the PSAC Kamloops members who are participating the eve3ning September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024, event.

Next year the council will target a different area in the Southern Interior.

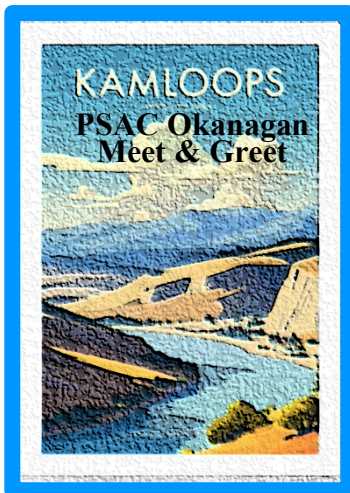
## ULDP

Analyse gave an overview of the Union Leadership Development Program (ULDP). She talked about the projects and gave examples of some of the interesting topics. She left her component Presidents Conference to go to her ULDP course. Today they worked on things like emotional intelligence. There are 18 members and 2 facilitators. Brigitte was interested in the program, so we spent time discussing the pros and cons of the program. Although a lot of work, it was generally seen as a very supportive way to build connections and solidarity. One of the projects is membership lists which sparked a whole conversation.

## Membership Lists

Everyone in the group talked about the difficulties with the lists. This problem has gone on far too long and is a complete drain on volunteer activist time and energy. While realizing that phoenix created problems - it was still the consensus that this is not acceptable and cannot continue. It was agreed that we would ask that be raised at all levels of PSAC.

## Meet & Greet



Meet & Greet Kamloops September 11, 2024

The PSAC Okanagan Area Council sponsored the event, and Kelly took lead in organizing it.

Considerable work was done ahead of the event to try and reach out to different components. We were successful getting a member from Fisheries & Ocean (UHEW) and First Nation Employees Association (DCL), as well as many members from CEIU representing 5 different offices. Regrets from USJE and UTE.

Special guests were Jamey Mills REVP BC and Terri Lee PSAC BC staff. Thank you for attending. It allowed for needed one-on-one conversations.

Feedback from the event was overall very positive. There were concerns with the picture taking, as some members were not comfortable with holding the return to office posters. It was a good reminder to ensure that we meet members at their comfort level.

Jeanne thanked Kelly for her work and the extra work in having the little bags with union swag/goodies for all that attended.

## **Political**

In-depth discussion on the upcoming provincial election and the inevitable federal election. It was a great conversation that included different workplaces, apathy, volunteer work, Jeanne is looking at helping with target riding phone canvas. Kelly participated in a political action course and is volunteering locally at campaign office. It was agreed that we would individually encourage our members to vote, reminder that the parties for the provincial are different than federal. The group is requesting that material – speaking notes, etc. be provided. More direction would be welcomed.

## **Projects/ Events**

We were hoping to get an update on Activism in the Arts. The council is tasked with coming up with project ideas for 2025 and have ready for our next meeting.

## **Remote Works**

Terri talked about the Remote Works Campaign. While we are not able to use the background on work on computers, we will be posting posters in our workspaces. Example of the posters include things like Remote works because.... “It is better for the environment”

## **Motion to Adjourn**

m/BW, s/AP – all in favour

## **Next Meetings**

November 17 at 10am via zoom