East Fraser Valley Area Council

April 16th 2025

18:30

Hybrid

In Attendance: Alex (Vital) Stuit, Julie Kelly, Kendy Mike, Tabitha Swanson, Alan Otrosina, Karen Thind, Pippa Mann, Denyse Allan, Suzanne Dier

Meeting called to order at 18:40

Welcome- Julie Kelly welcomed everyone to the meeting

Land Acknowledgement- Julie Kelly read the land acknowledgement.

Adopt Agenda – Julie Kelly motioned to adopt the agenda, seconded by Alan Otrosina, all in favour.

Approval of last meeting's minutes- Alan Otrosina motions to adopt the minutes, seconded by Pippa Mann, all in favour.

President's Report:

At the Fraser Valley Labour Council AGM I was sworn in as a delegate with Alan as my alternate.

Noteworthy:

- Day of mourning – April 28th 10:30am Abbotsford City Hall
- Lifelabs strike – www.handsoffourhealthcare.ca – Lifelabs was bought by an American company. The $300 million each goes to that company instead of staying in BC. There is an online campaign that you can complete.
- Big Brothers Big sisters of the Fraser Valley gave a presentation. There are 100 kids on the waitlist and they are looking for people to step up as mentors. Posters for notice boards.

PSAC Related

- Attended Advanced Local Officers Training on Vancouver and it was very engaging and educational
- I am looking to increase our base, I am open to suggestions. I am planning on producing a poster and newsletter if anyone has any ideas or would like to see something included.
- The AGMs for all the committee's have taken place and I would like to congratulate Susanne on being elected to the Vancouver Women's Committee Co-Chair position and we will support her in any way we can.

- There is an Election coming up, as PSAC we can't tell people who to vote for but we can encourage them to get out and vote. PSAC has a 'Here for you' Canada campaign
- Pottery event coming up on April 27th.
- For the Pumpkin Patch, I am going to contact the West Fraser Valley AC and the Human Rights Committees to co-run the event.
- For Future Planning the PSAC BC Regional Triennial Convention is being held in Victoria May 22-24th. We have to have our 4 meetings for 2025 before 21st November – which with the dates we have scheduled we will meet. Resolution deadline is 20th February, so we can add that to our September and November agendas. Foe delegate selection the deadline is 22nd January 2026. So we will hold our vote in the November meeting (12th November)

Treasurer's Report:

Financials: Opening Balance: 2,055.50

1. Community Savings Balance: 2,055.50
2. TD Canada Trust Balance: $0 Closed as of March 31st.

Expenditures to date for 2025

- AGM Door Prize: $78.00
- AGM Meeting: $325.58
- Mission Com: $100.00
- Colin Cheng (Racial Justice): $100.00
- TD Bank Draft Cost: $9.95

Total Expenditures: $613.53

*cheqs sent out but were not negotiated due to Canada post strike. Line items reflected in budget planning and request.

Deposits to date for 2025

- Donation From Laura Wiley's Local: $250.00
- Donation from Local 20044: $200.00
- TD Funds: $998.75

Total Deposits: $1,448.75

Outstanding Donations/Deposits to be negotiated:

- Abby Comm: $100.00
- Meadow Rose Society: $100.00
- PSAC Budget Request: $1,066.12

***Both organizations have been contacted to advise them of the cheque stale date and**

to encourage immediate deposit.

Events 2025 update:

* Pottery event April 27th 9-12,
*Summer Pride Event (no dates yet),
*Fall Pumpkin Patch Event (no dates yet).

Vice President: Attended Area Council Summit and working with the WFVAC to put out an email for the upcoming election.

PSAC Staff Advisor update:

- Nielene Chand is the new Regional Rep for Health and Safety.
- Alex (Vital) Stuit brought: Hats, PSAC shirts, scarves, steward handbooks, green cloth bags, and remote works mouse pads and magnets.
- Alex (Vital) Stuit will be unavailable July through September, he will look into TUB training, DTA, and Preventing Violence in the workplace.
- Training seats are reserved for catchment areas, however if spots are left it opens up to other catchments.
- June 13-15 Indigenous Communities training.
- Summer Institute for Union Women training June 22-26, Unionism on Turtle Island
- Spring 2027. PSAC Women's Conference Nov 21-23 in Montreal.

Roundtable:

- AI understanding – Kendy Mike to follow up, Chat GTP.
- Tabitha Swanson attended the Area Council Summit and the Activist Summit, along with Alan Ostrosina- they spoke about tool box talk, engaging members, and seeing other area councils member engagement.
- Suzanne Dier shared that the Summits were interesting and she learned a lot.
- Viewing of Sugar Cane at the Regional Office Date TBD- need for mindfulness regarding triggers and buffer time and the back end of the presentation. NJC misinterpreting travel advisory.
- Julie motionted for dinner to be paid for council, seconded by Karen -motion accepted

Meeting adjourned at 20:10