

Vancouver and District Area Council Meeting

April 2, 2025

In Person and via Zoom

In Attendance:

In Person: Crystal Isaac PSAC Regional Rep, Jen Horsley UPCE 20095 and VDAC President, Damir Moric CEIU 20937 and VDAC Treasurer, Raphael Simard CEIU 20944 and VDAC Vice-President, Devin Bagri DCL 22000, Priscilla Lam UTE 20050, Lauri Loveland UNE 20088, Richard Smith USJE 20090

Virtually: Jamey Mills REVP-BC, Shane Polak UVAE 20045, Theresa Kelly AGR 20060, Denzil John Asche UTE 20027 and VDAC Secretary

Regrets:

None

Meeting Called to Order at 6:35 PM

Agenda:

1. Land Acknowledgement
2. Welcome and rounds question/introductions
3. Adoption of the Agenda
4. Ratify executive motion(s) since January AGM meeting
5. Previous Minutes-approval of 09 October, 2024 (attached)
6. January 2025 AGM minutes (will be attached to reminder email for review, will be approved at 2026 AGM)
7. Business Arising
 1. Annual Plan – report back on suggestions made at AGM and deciding on our plan for the year
8. Financial Report
9. Standing Updates
 1. Phoenix
 2. Return to Office
 3. Metro Vancouver Alliance

10. Affiliate Reports – maximum 3 minutes – NOTE: please send written affiliate reports to Secretary, Denzil John Asche, at murduck@gmail.com either beforehand or within two weeks after the meeting to be included in the official minutes.
11. New Business
 1. By-Laws Review as requested by REVP's office – see attached document for amendments to VDAC By-Laws, to be passed as a whole
 2. Separate by-law amendment on Section 5, Sub-Section 2 re: quorum – a separate agenda item to allow for more discussion
 3. Possible Federal Election
 4. VDLC May Day event update
12. Round Table
13. PSAC Education and upcoming events
14. Next Meeting Date – June 18, 2025, 6 pm (in person for dinner) meeting starts at 6:30

Land Acknowledgement:

Jennifer opened the meeting with the acknowledgement of the traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh. Please remember the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, and Red Dress Day. Please remember that with the election coming up, it is important to support candidates who will do good work for indigenous people and undertake the work of truth and reconciliation.

Welcome - Introductions:

Members introduced themselves.

Adoption of the Agenda:

Amendment to the Agenda:

To reimburse the amount of the meal for in-person attendees.

Moved Denzil; Seconded Priscilla; Carried

Adoption of the Agenda

Moved Devin; Seconded Damir; Carried

Approval of the Previous Minutes:

Moved Devin; Seconded Priscilla; Carried

Business Arising:

1. Regarding Mayday, the VDLC is looking for a venue, to confirm speakers, and so forth. The meeting is tonight, so there are no updates at this time. For the event they are looking at either the Russian Hall or The Birdhouse.
2. The barbecue is very successful and popular. We had some funding from the women's committee, and the young worker's committee. It would be good if councils and committees had materials. We selected July 19, 2025, and Jenn will book the park. We need volunteers to help out, particularly cooking. Jenn has a vegetarian barbecue and the office has a second barbecue. Raphael will cook meat. Damir will cook vegetarian food. We will have to get groceries the week before. The next meeting is June 18 and we will talk more then. Devin has a vehicle.
3. For the Pickleball event Lauri is committed to getting the Burnaby Heights Park. We would need to find out how to rent paddles. She will report back at the next meeting. There are six courts of four people each. We are thinking about 50 people. It is near Kootenay Loop so it is near to transit. It is indoors. A picnic will be incorporated.
4. Labour Day is very important, however the VDLC is currently working on the Mayday event.
5. Pride events will be led by the Mainland Human rights committee. We have been participating in the parade Multiunion Pride under the auspices of BCFed for Vancouver Pride. We need to contact the BCFed LGBTQIA+ Caucus. We split the costs of New West Pride and there is also Burnaby Pride, which is free. Richmond also has a small march. The trans march and dyke march were also suggested, as well as Eastside Pride, but it was noted Eastside Pride might be connected with Vancouver Pride. 2SLGBTQIA+ Coordinator Damir mentioned we walked in the Pride Parade and had booths at Burnaby Pride and New Westminster Pride, and we would like to do that again, and could use volunteers at the booths and maybe help from other organisations with the costs. Richmond had their first Pride Week last year and we would like to have a presence there if possible. Chilliwack also had a Pride event last year. Denzil will find out about the Trans March.
6. We had talked about doing a texting or calling campaign. One of the ridings we looked at was Burnaby Kingsway Maillardville. We could either do it from our homes, or in person, using Callhub. There would need to be training and a script. We will have to talk to Kristin about this. We were to choose the date and riding and she would compose the message. This would be April 22nd and/or 23rd. We can promote this through our mailing list. Kristin will need to provide input on this.
7. Denzil made a suggestion to have a zine making event after conversations at the Activist Summit. We could do this around the Remote Work campaign. This would produce individual messages which we could distribute. Some people say Remote Work does not affect them. Some people say that we could do this in conjunction with Young Workers.
8. Maybe at our next meeting we could talk about an information picket. This was an idea of Raphael.
9. There will be a table at the Lapu Lapu Festival in East Vancouver. Jenn will be there and if you would like to participate, please contact her. It is a great event celebrating a revolutionary hero and there is lots of community contact. Shane would also like to volunteer. Colin Chen. It is in Vancouver on Fraser Street April 26.

10. If there is a festival we would like to participate in or an event where we would like to have a table, please contact Jenn.

Financial Report:

There is not much to report as we have not have had many transactions. There is just meals for meeting including the AGM. Some affiliate dues have come in. We started the year with over \$4000. Currently it is a little bit more.

Moved Damir; Seconded Lauri; Carried

Standing Updates:

Phoenix - Jamey

The campaigns are on pause until we know more about the government coming in. We will be going forward with projects, but they are on hold for now.

Return to Office

Damir says that in his area this is not going as smoothly as expected. The successfully brought people in for three days a week last week, but they were not able to meet logistical goals. Lauri said she supported the Remote Work program even though it does not affect her. Damir and Shane talked about the downsides of working from the office.

Metro Vancouver Alliance - Jennifer

They are starting a new strategy team meeting February 6, 2025, from 5pm to 7pm at St. Thomas Anglican 2444 E 41st Ave, Vancouver. They want VDAC to bring many people in addition to Jen and Priscilla. They will be ratifying their municipal plan and initiating a climate research action team. The delegates assembly date will be changed from June to another date. MVA is also looking for people who want to work on housing and the coop campaign. There was a question as to what the Metro Vancouver Alliance was, which Jennifer answered.

Affiliate Reports:

The following reports were given, but no written documents were received:

Priscilla's report from MHR Committee. There is a report.

Shane's report from the Vancouver District Labour Council.

Jenn's report from UPCE 20095.

Lauri's report from UNE 20088.

New Business

1. By-Laws Review as requested by REVP's office to be passed as a whole:

Section 3- Fix spacing and typing errors in sub-section 1. Also add "Note- PSAC National has advised that the collection of these dues is not enforceable."

Section 6 sub-section 2- include hybrid meeting language and google polls for balloting.
Section 6 Sub-Section 2, and other sections- replace “clear majority” with “simple majority.”
Section 5 Sub-Section 1- All meetings notice should be 30 days.

Section 2 Sub-section 2- Change “outlaying” to “outlying.”

Section 5 Sub-section 1- add 30 days notice shall be given for all meetings.

Moved: Lauri; Seconded: Denzil; Carried

2. By-Laws Review as requested by REVP’s office to be passed as a stand-alone motion:

Section 5 Sub-Section 2 To change quorum from 3 executive members and 2 delegates to 2 executive members and 2 delegates

Moved: Shane; Seconded: Damir; Carried with Lauri and Denzil recorded as voting against this.

Amendment to the Agenda:

To reimburse Priscilla the amount of the meal for in-person attendees for \$103.90.

Moved Lauri; Seconded Richard; Carried

To reimburse Jenn the amount of the meal for in-person attendees for \$10.23

Moved Shane; Seconded Raphael; Carried

Round Table

1. None

PSAC Education and Upcoming Events :

Women’s Regional Conference will be this weekend

Women’s National Conference had the callout today it will be in November in Toronto

National Health and Safety Conference will be in September in Toronto

Racialised Regional Conference in October at Hilton Metrotown

Next Meetings

June 18 18:00 in person; 18:30 online

Adjournment

8:45 PM

Moved Priscilla; Seconded Devin; Carried