

Vancouver Island Regional Women's Committee

May 8, 2025

All committee members attending remotely

Attendees

Janet Kirk – Co-Chair, UCTE 20232
Bronwyn Heney – Secretary, UNDE 21008
Jackie Robertson – Treasurer, UTE 20028
Kahla Lichti – UNDE 21016
Nielene Chand – PSAC facilitator
Pricilla Lam – PSAC BC Regional Women's Coordinator (guest)

Opening

- Meeting called to order 1835 by Janet Kirk
- Land Acknowledgment

Agenda Review

- Jackie Robertson motions to approve agenda. Bronwyn Heney seconds. No opposition.

Previous Meeting Minutes

- Bronwyn Heney motions to accept the last meeting's minutes. Kahla Lichti seconds. No opposition.

Treasurer's Report

- Jackie Robertson reports that the Committee held \$4,473.74 as of March 31, 2025.
- Jackie Robertson motions to adopt treasurer's report as delivered. Kahla Lichti seconds. No opposition

Old Business

- Nootka is no longer possible due to inflation doubling the costs of the venture, the subject will be discussed further next meeting.

New Business

- Discussed supporting the Northern Birthday Project
- Announced and invited Committee members to join the Human Rights Committee on May 30, 2025, to participate in volunteering with Backpack Buddies.

Elections

- Elections for the Committees delegate and alternates to the National Women's Conference in November 2025.
- Janet Kirk steps out of the Chair position. Nielene Chand is now Chair.
- Janet Kirk nominates Nicole LeQuere as delegate. Kahla Lichti seconds. Nicole LeQuere will stand. Nicole LeQuere is acclaimed.
- Jackie Robetson nominates Kahla Lichti as first alternate. Janet Kirk seconds. Kahla Lichti will stand. Kahla Lichti is acclaimed.
- Kahla Lichti nominates Bronwyn Heney as second alternate. Janet Kirk seconds. Bronwyn Heney will stand. Bronwyn Heney is acclaimed.
- Nielene Chand steps out of the Chair position. Janet Kirk is now Chair.

Resolutions

Workplace Orientation Resolution

- Kahla Lichti submits a Workplace Orientation Resolution for consideration.
- Kahla Lichti explains the history, need for, and purpose of the Workplace Orientation Resolution
- The Workplace Orientation Resolution was discussed by the Committee.
- Bronwyn Heney motions to submit this member's Workplace Orientation Resolution in its current form to the National Women's Conference for consideration. Jackie Robertson seconds. No opposition.
- Nicole LeQuere will submit the Workplace Orientation Resolution on behalf of the Committee.
- The text of the Workplace Orientation Resolution will be attached to these minutes.

Domestic Violence Resolution

- Kahla Lichti submits Domestic Violence Resolution for consideration.
- Kahla Lichti explains the history, need for, and purpose of the Domestic Violence Resolution
- The Domestic Violence Resolution was discussed by the Committee.
- Jackie Robertson motions to submit this member's Domestic Violence Resolution in its current form to the National Women's Conference for consideration. Kahla Lichti seconds. No opposition.
- Nicole LeQuere will submit the Domestic Violence Resolution on behalf of the Committee.
- The text of the Domestic Violence Resolution will be attached to these minutes.

Round Table

- Kahla Lichti encourages members to attend Union Training.
- Nielene Chand encourages members to apply for the Summer Institute for Union Women, which will be held in Burnaby this year. There is a PSAC Scholarship available.
- Bronwyn Heney has nothing to share with the Committee.
- Jackie Robterson has nothing to share with the Committee.
- Janet Kirk has nothing to share with the Committee.

- Kahla Lichti motions to create a Committee Scholarship of up to \$400.00 for this year's Summer Institute for Union Women, to be awarded to a Caucus member. Jackie Robertson seconds. No opposition.

Closing

- Bronwyn Heney motions to adjourn. Janet Kirk seconds. No opposition.