Mainland Human Rights Committee
General Meeting Minutes
Thursday 11th September 2025

In Attendance:

Priscilla Lam	UTE 20050 (Co-Chair)
Colin Cheng	CIU 20040 (Co-Chair) – *Chaired the meeting*
Susanne Dier	CEIU 20903 (Treasurer) – 2nd Alt. Access Coordinator
Julie Kelly	CIU 20045 (Secretary)
Laura Wildly	PSAC BC East Fraser Valley Coordinator
Krista Tebbutt	PSAC BC Access (Persons with Disabilities) Coordinator
Celine Ahodekon	PSAC BC Racially Visible Coordinator
Jennifer Horsley	UPCE 20095
Alan Otrosina	USJE 20141 - Indigenous Peoples Coordinator
Kendy Michaloski	CIU 20045
Denzil John Asche	UTE 20027
Nielene Chand	Staff - PSAC BC Regional Rep
Guest	
James McAllister	UNDE21008

Meeting called to order at 6:00pm by Colin.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories

Colin provided the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

Introductions conducted

Agenda:

- Call To Order
- Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory
- Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Previous Minutes (10 July 2025)
- Finance Report
- Events Update
    - Summer Events
    - Pumpkin Event (EFVAC – Joint Event)
- PSAC Staff Advisor update
- New Business
- Roundtable
- Adjournment

Approval of the agenda:

Motion to approve (M/S/C) Laura /Celine /Carried

Approval of the previous minutes after amendments 10th July 2025: (M/S/C) Alan/ Laura/Carried

Finance Report:

Financial report of presented by Susanne and discussed.

Motion to approve (M/S/C) Susanne/Laura /Carried

Events Updates

Summer Events

Lots of events over the summer for Pride, the MHRC were at New Westminster Pride which was a successful and fun event.

Pumpkin Event – Aldor Acres, Langley – Saturday 18th October 2025 – 1-3pm

This committee and the East Fraser Valley Area Council are organising a member engagement at Aldor Acres, Langley on Oct 18th – 1-3pm. The farm has a pumpkin patch, open air animal interactions spread over 5 acres. We will have the Petting Zoo Party Tent area. We will have that area for 2 hours but you can stay as long as you wish. We will have an information booth, drinks and snacks. A ticket will include 1 entry fee, a pumpkin, hayride and feed bags. Most of the farm including the hayride is stroller/wheelchair friendly though a little bumpy in places. We are planning for 75, Registration is open at the website and a poster is available.

Celine thanked everyone that applied for the BC Regional Conference for Racialized members. Celine asked for a donation of up to $100 for a raffle gift prize.

(M/S/C) Priscilla/Julie/Carried for up to $100.

PSAC Staff Advisor update:

Nielene gave an update on events:-

Brush virtual presentation on 'Toxic Load' October 22 – Registration on website

Sept 30th Truth and Reconciliation event at Sardis Park Chilliwack 11:30 – 3:30pm

Nov 5th – Virtual Presentation on Perimenopause and menopause presented by the Vancouver Women's Committee.

The fall education schedule is on the website including resolutions 101, Virtual TUB and Union work for women in December.

Virtual WFA session are starting October 11th. There will be a 3 ½ hour session for union leaders and a 1 hour session for workers. Will be on the website soon.

The 2026 PSAC National Equity Conference is being held May 3-7 in Winnipeg. Deadline for registration is October 31st and November 14th is the deadline to submit resolutions.

Registration open: 2026 PSAC National Equity Conferences | Public Service Alliance of Canada

Roundtable

Jen – The Metro Vancouver Alliance delegate assembly Sept 17th – https://metvanalliance.nationbuilder.com

James McAllister Vice-President of the Vancouver Island Human Rights Committee spoke regarding a virtual course that they are in the development stage of producing. The course is "Anti-fascism through a 2LSGBTQIA+ Lens" and requested funding up to $500. The cost would be $4,000, there expected audience would be 30-40 people. A Discussion was held.

(M/S/C) For $150 towards the event: - Laura/Kendy/Carried

Colin – With regards to the Sugarcane event, the Regional Office are covering the film license and expenses. The food was covered by Alex $184.09.

(M/S/C) to reimburse Alex $184.09 Alan/Laura/Carried

The Committee received an email from Kahla Lichti, the Human Rights coordinator for UNDE BC. They have arranged for PSAC BC to host a virtual BC wide education on Palestine 101. The speakers fee is $500. This request was discussed and Colin will ask for further information. **To be carried over until the next meeting.**

Priscilla – Thanks to all for the resolutions that we have submitted to the Racialized Members conference. There is a women in leadership course and racialized members leadership course under development.

Next meeting 6pm Thursday 27th November, this meeting will be for Delegate election and resolutions for tri-annual conference.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm