

Northern Regional Women's Committee Meeting

September 16, 2025 @ 6:00pm

Attendees: Tracy Arrowsmith (co-chair), Sandra Erickson (Treasurer), Joyce Lawson (UTE), Shannon Boudreau (USJE), Priscilla Lam (Regional Women's Coordinator)

AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
 - Committee members introduced themselves to Juli
 - Julie introduced herself to the committee
- Land Acknowledgement -Tracy
- Approval of Agenda
 - M-Joyce, 2nd Shannon Carried
- Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (June 2025)
 - M-Sandra 2nd Joyce-Carried
- Reports
 - Chair's Report:
 - Thanked RWC members for the continued support for the committee and women's issues
 - Junk in the Trunk cancelled as no volunteers to help
 - Will look to grow the committee and hopefully engage members in the Northwest-please reach out to members in your workplace
 - David Lewis in Prince Rupert will also work on engaging women in his area
 - I am attending the PSAC National Women's conference in Nov and will speak with other committee chairs across the country
 - Treasurer's Report: Financial status and budget updates.
 - M-Sandra 2nd Shannon Carried
 - Deposit of \$2000 made and bal sits at \$2684.80
 - Cheque lao \$13.02 to be cashed
- Old Business
 - Labour Day Wrap up
 - Care kits

- Budget is \$1650-discussed spending \$30 per kit on essentials and will add extras if we have sufficient donations to offset the purchases needed
- By having a set amount per kit, we can ensure that we do not go over budget and also still donate diapers and underwear
- This will allow us to put together 50 kits to be distributed to Phoenix Transition House and Elizabeth Fry
- M-Joyce, 2nd Shannon Carried (To budget \$30 per kit and donate to Phoenix Transition House and Elizabeth Fry
- Tracy to do an inventory of what items we have from last year (mostly toiletries)
- Tracy to send out email to get volunteers to do the shopping
- Will need to set a meeting to put together the kits
- New Business
 - Membership Engagement
 - Tentatively scheduled for Nov 30 after the training in PG
 - Resolutions 101, Trauma Informed Advocacy, Duty To Accommodate
- PSAC Update: Julie Diels-Neufeld
 - Alex to be facilitation training in PG Nov 28-30
 - Need to keep educating people about the union
 - Work Force Adjustment sessions are open for registration on PSAC BC Website
 - Reminder to remove donation line from budgets-donation requests to go to DASH
 - PSAC triennial in Victoria May 2026-need to ensure committee has its 4 meetings done
 - Need 30 days notice for delegate vote
- Roundtable
 - Priscilla Lam discussed Regional Women's Committees as well as membership engagement in Prince Rupert
 - Joyce requested that the committee donate \$100 to the PSAC BC Racially Visible Caucus event. M-Joyce, 2nd Shannon-Carried
 - Tracy-Reminder that Nov 18 meeting will include our election for our delegate to the PSAC BC Regional Convention in May 2026
- Adjournment

Next Meeting: November 18th @ 6pm