

**Vancouver Regional Women's Committee
General Meeting
Wednesday 13th May 2026**

Attendance

Susanne Dier - (**Co-Chair**) - CEIU 20903 - Chaired Meeting
Sharon Cowie (**Co-Chair**) - UTE 20027
Julie Kelly (**Secretary**) - CIU 20045
Devin Bagri - (**Treasurer**) - DCL 22000
Kirsty Havard (Alternate Regional Executive Vice-President, B.C. Region) USJE 20091
Priscilla Lam (Women's Coordinator) UTE 20050
Tracy Zylyk - USJE 20011
Arielle-Chanel Niyonkuru - UVAE 20045
Leila Jaakola - CIU 20040
Julie Diels-Neufeld - Staff

Meeting called to order at 18:32 by Susanne.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories

Susanne provided the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory
- Welcome and Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Minutes 15th October 2026
- Financial Report
- Staff Updates
- Roundtable / New Business
- Next Meeting
- Adjourn

Approval of the Agenda: (M/S/C) Carried Sharon/Devin/Carried

Approval of the previous minutes 15th October 2025: (M/S/C) Kirsty/Sharon/Carried

Finance Report:

Financial report of presented by Devin. **(M/S/C) Devin/Sharon/Carried**

Staff Updates

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Julie gave the update.

Planning Fall education schedule, emails sent out for feedback. There is going to be Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities. Domestic violence in the workplace and anti-fascism course have been planned.

YWA Convention application is live on the website.

Roundtable

Leila - The CIU Vancouver Branch Status of Women is organising a family summer picnic in a park. Planning is underway. The suggestion to open it up would allow her to approach the Women's Committee for some funding.

Kirsty - WFA is happening in Corrections at the moment, the RTO policy is affecting women's, especially ones with child/elder care commitments. It is causing unnecessary stress.

The EFVAC pottery was a successful event with many members attending.

Talked about her success taking to MPs about the return to office and how it is discrimination against peoples with disabilities. Don't forget the power of talking to your MP, Kirsty is happy to assist.

There has been some push back at one work location with regards to union stickers in the workplace. The matter was discussed.

Sharon - Also the RTO is causing problems, an increase in accommodations, they have put in more grievances in the last year than the past 25!

Talk about collection donations for shelters. The discussion included the guidelines and rules by the RO office surrounding purchasing goods and donations. The Committee does have a donation table at the Dec 6th Vigil, also the committee can team up with the Vancouver Area Council for their BBQ and have a donation table there.

Priscilla emailed Tracy Arrowsmith (NE Women's coordinator) as they do donations every year, to see how they run it. (Chairs cc'd)

Julie Kelly - The EFVAC is teaming up with Project AIM (Grassroots organisation that collects and distributes menstrual and incontinent products to those in need) to do a sewing event, to make re-usable pads. In the planning stages.

Susanne - Again issues with RTO, lots of grievances, the Director is good and but it is case by case. There is gong to be component women in leadership training in Whitehorse.

Priscilla - Attended the National Equity Convention in Winnipeg, it was a fantastic event with lots of resolutions. Resolutions for National convention can still be submitted through Area Councils.

MHRC will be attending Squamish Pride June 7th, it will be the first time attending this event. IF anyone needs a ride Priscilla will be driving.

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Dinner Costs \$71.64 to Priscilla (M/S/C) **Devon/Julie/Carried**

Meeting adjourned at 7:29pm (M/S/Carried)

Next meeting - Hybrid and 9th September 2026 at 6:30pm