

Vancouver Area Council Meeting Minutes

June 3, 2026

Meeting called to order 6:35pm at PSAC Vancouver office on June 3, 2026

Land Acknowledgement by Jennifer Horsley

In attendance Attendees: Priscilia Lam (UTE 20050), Jen Horsley (UPCE 20095), Raphael Simard (CEIU 20944), Scott Josephson (UCTE 20223), Damir Moric (CEIU 20937), Devin Bagri (DCL 22000) , Theresa Kelly (AGR 20060), Colin Cheng (CIU 20040), Leo Kiu (UVAE 20029), Amro Fagir (CEIU 20937), Trish Martin (CEIU 20975) ALT REVP, Theresa Kelly (AGR 20060), Martha Flores (UNE 2021), Aaron Chang (CEIU 20938), Yi Chieh (Russell) Liu (CEIU 20938), PSAC Staff Julie Diels-Neufeld

Welcome and Introductions

Motion to adopt agenda Moved by Sharon Cowie and seconded by Devin Bagri

No opposition

Adoption of previous mins Moved By: Damir Moric, Seconded by Devin Bagri

Need to change the name and component for spelling: Carried

Treasurer report by Damir Moric:

Payments have not gone through for Raphael; Payments went through for Jennifer Horsley for food. Locals to pay dues is voluntary \$0.50 per person in the local in the Vancouver area, not across BC as in different area council areas. Mins moved by Damir Moric
Seconded by Devin Bagri

Motion carried

Guest Speaker:

Trish Martin spoke about increasing RTO. Area council should have received an email to support the RTO action up to \$200 and updates on the bargaining tables with no real progress on any table. Waiting on the labour board decision for some tables.

Affiliate reports none received PSACBC-AC-Vancouver@psac-afpc.com

Standing Items:

RTO Implementation of RTO4 fund available for an event around the RTO. Last FIFA match in Vancouver is on July 7, 2026, in, access to Vancouver is limited. How effective something be that week is a concern, so good idea to coordinate with the REVP office for an event after FIFA.

Does VDAC want to do an event for the RTO? Does there want to be a discussion with the REVP. A lot are being told to work from home during the FIFA matches. What would the message be getting for the RTO?

Email had been sent out for support from the REVP offices for Area councils. Can assist with flyers and handouts just no mention for wording. \$200 for event from unionized shops. Find out where the most people would be to get the message out for RTO? Member reached out to the Area council about the RTO and lack of progress. Will be forwarded to Jennifer Horsley. Need to discuss which date for Volunteers to help. Proposal to do something the week after FIFA in July 13-17, Tuesday and Wednesday seems to be the best days for people being in the office. July 15, 2026, or July 22, 2026, Wednesday being proposed for a plantgate for flyers and handouts. Jennifer Horsley will send an email to PSAC REVP office outlining the proposal. Proposal for an ad hoc meeting on ZOOM will be sent out July 6 and or 10 2026.

Phoenix: do not know if it would be included in the RTO, do not know if it will just be inclusive to the RTO.

Return to Office and Pheonix update: Aaron has been sent of overpayments about being overpaid from when being retired getting letters, Dayforce coming out with no idea on how this is being worked and rolled out slowly. Timeline he saw was planning 2027 for implementation, Phoenix still giving grief.

Theresa Kelly: those of us paid the death supplemental for disability overpayments from the employer

Metro Vancouver Alliance update:

Jennifer Horsley update AGM Wednesday June 24, 2026, 5pm to 7:30pm hybrid meeting. Metro Vancouver Alliance is a faith, labour and community group with past campaigns for housing and environment, and campaign to hold politicians to account. They will have mayoral candidates in September, will have them mostly for Vancouver. Questions will be on housing, environment. Will have a guest speaker at the AGM. Event coming up later in June. The board meets every 2 months, and the strategy team meets every month. Delegates assembly is June 17, 2026, Wednesday at 7pm at Kerrisdale Presbyterian.

Summer events:

BBQ Proposal for the dates were later in the year. Yearly BBQ in Vancouver with PSAC tents; hand out swag, flyers and other handouts. Invite everyone to it, lots of new members come out as they been finding out about events that PSAC puts on. Proposed date: Sept 12, 2026, for BBQ.

Supporting Pride:

In Squamish, Pride is on June 6, 2026; New West Pride on August 15, 2026; Burnaby had finalized a date for Pride parade, and Richmond Pride is on July 5, 2026. Looking for support from VDAC. No monetary requested, looking for Volunteers to be there. Vancouver will happen during the August long weekend, will be more info coming out shortly.

Other Events:

Does not look like we can join a Car Free Day.

Labour Day have not heard yet. Event was in Burnaby last year, will be looking for a call out for volunteers. VDLAC

Motions for expenses:

Motion to reimburse Raphael Simard \$222.58 for food. Moved by Sharon Cowie and seconded by Keri Ford. Motion carried.

PSAC staff advisor update:

Most updates were already touched on by the VDAC. If members have had any Phoenix issues, they should check their portal or their PSAC Rep to make sure they are still a Member In Good Standing. If not in good standing, this could affect their memberships

eligibility for education or to hold elected positions, or voting. Link provided. Also, anyone coming back from leave or on leave, dues are not collected and can take a long time to be caught, need to make sure to submit the MIGS form to PSAC. If you are a Member In Good Standing, you are eligible for the \$10,000 Life Insurance policy from PSAC.

Event being held at the Cloverdale Fairgrounds for Canada Day, with WFVAC hosting a table. They are inviting all members across the region to have more people support a great free event.

A member in a Downtown local reached out with questions about appropriate space for lactating or breastfeeding at job sites. Employer does not currently provide a space that meets the criteria, which can be grounds for discrimination if not accommodated properly. Rep asked if anyone has encountered or heard about this issue in their workplace, and if so, what solutions were found?

Round Table:

Jennifer Horsley proposed to nominate Shane Pollock for the Solidarity Award for being highly involved in the union, info from the Vancouver labour council. Was given the criteria for nomination but there is currently no real format for it. Hopefully to have him attend to be awarded the award.

Codedev:

Damir spoke about international solidarity work for Latin America, with a big focus with Cuba. They are having an annual dinner and PSAC has some tickets for the event happening on Saturday June 6, 2026. There is a silent auction and there are tickets still available.

Motion to adjourn: 8:21pm moved by Devin Bagri, seconded by Sharon Cowie

Next meeting: Sept 2, 2026