

PSAC BC West Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 11, 2026 @ 6:00 PM
Hybrid (In-person at Ricky's Cloverdale and via Zoom)

Present:

In Person:

Mike Reeves, President (USJE 20086)
Nerissa Hermosura, Secretary (UTE 20029)
Susie Blyth (Retired, CEIU)
Dina Elias (CEIU 20910)
Colin Cheng (CIU 20040)
Ben Ger, PSAC BC Regional Representative

Virtual:

Monique Bakker, Treasurer (UHEW 20147)
Jamey Mills, REVP, PSAC BC

Agenda:

1. Call to Order: Mike Reeves called meeting to order at 6:01pm
2. Land acknowledgement, Susie Blyth
3. Approval of Agenda: M/S Dina/Monique and carried
4. Approval of April 20, 2026 minutes: M/S Colin/Dina and carried.
5. Treasurer and Financial Report (Monique)
Monique provided report on spending and deposit from Jan 1 to Jul 31, 2026.

Daily banking account summary:

- 1 Jan 2026 opening balance: \$798.98
- 11 Feb 2026, AGM meal: (\$181.07)
- 11 Feb 2026, E-transfer fee: \$(0.90)
- 27 Feb 2026, Annual PSAC allocation: \$2000.00
- 27 Apr 2026, Gen meeting meal: (196.50)
- 27 Apr 2026, E-transfer fee: \$(0.90)
- 30 Jul 2026, City of Surrey invoice 70147948: (\$787.50)
- 31 Jul 2026, ending balance:: \$1632.11

Shares:

- 1 Jan 2026, opening balance: \$112.99
- 10 Mar 2026, dividend: 4.00
- 31 Jul 2026, closing balance: \$116.99

6. Political Action / Events

- Labour Day on Sep 1, 2026: there are different events happening on district labour council
- Truth and Reconciliation Day on Sep 30, 2026: Jamie confirmed PSAC has no plans to commemorate the event; Susie to send some information for reflection
- Pumpkin Festival in October 2026: Aldor Acres Family Farm, 24990-84 Ave. Langley, BC V1M 3P4, Sunday, October 18, 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Vigil on Dec 6, 2026: c/o District Labour Council
- Bargaining updates, Jame:
 - thanked everyone for meeting participation;
 - employer continues to show disrespect on wages, forcing 80% return-to-office mandate, workforce adjustments
 - major sticking points include remote work protections, artificial intelligence guidelines, job security, workforce adjustments, and wage increases lagging behind living cost.
 - for PA (Program and Administrative Services) Group - the Federal Public Sector Labour Relations and Employment Board agreed to bypass the Public Interest Commission (PIC) process. Third-party mediation sessions are scheduled for September 21–22 and September 29–30.
 - for TC (Technical Services) Group - after mediation in July yielded no resolution, the team notified the labour board that they remain in a legal dispute and impasse.
 - for CRA (Canada Revenue Agency) Group - PSAC-UTE declared an impasse after stalled talks over wages and remote work, and requested a conciliation process through the labour board.
 - for SV (Operational Services) Group - chose the binding arbitration route for dispute resolution and continues active negotiations
 - for FB (Border Services) Group - a new round of negotiations launched recently with the employer
 - mentioned that the best way to avoid strike is to prepare for one
 - advised he is open and available to members to discuss things by email or phone call (778-838-6004)

7. Education

Ben Ger provided:

- The Public Service Alliance of Canada National Triennial Convention is scheduled for May 29, 2027, to June 3, 2027, at the Halifax Convention Centre in Halifax, NS
- Workforce Adjustment (WFA): Understanding your rights and taking effective action for TB and Parks members (Virtual) –
1.5 Hour, Wednesday, September 16 6:00PM - 7:30PM
- Talking Union Basics (TUB) (2 days, in person) - Victoria

PSAC Victoria Regional Office: 202 – 503 Park Place, Esquimalt, BC V9A 6Z9

Saturday, September 19 - Sunday, September 20 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM (both days),

- Introduction to the Duty to Accommodate (1 Day, in person) – Vancouver
- PSAC Vancouver Regional Office: 200 – 5238 Joyce Street, Vancouver, BC V5R 6C9 (2nd Fl. Boardroom) Saturday, September 19, 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- Why Fascism, Tyranny and Authoritarianism are Union Issues (1 Day, in person) – Prince Rupert, Saturday, September 19 9:00 AM - 4:30 PM
- Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities (3 Days, in person) – Vancouver, Friday, October 16 - Sunday, October 18, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (all three days)
- Building Solidarity with Indigenous Communities (3 Days, in person) – Victoria, Friday, October 16 - Sunday, October 18 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM (all three days)
- Domestic Violence at Work: PSAC Training for Representatives (DVW) (2.5 Days, in person – Victoria, Saturday, October 31 - Monday, November 2 Hours of Session TBD -

7. Roundtable

- Ben Ger thanked everyone in attendance
- Colin - New Westminster Pride main events on August 15, 2026, rather than September
- Susie: to find information on the website about the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation; she encourages all members to take time to pause, listen, learn, and reflect on the experiences of Indigenous children, families, and communities affected by the residential school system
- to wear black on the last Wednesday of the month is a campaign organized by various unions, including PSAC and CUPE, to show solidarity and support for their bargaining teams.

8. Proposed next meeting date:

Monday, September 28, 2026 (Hybrid)

9. Adjournment

6:58pm adjourned