

**East Fraser Valley Area Council
General Meeting
Wednesday 15th September 2026**

In Attendance:

Julie Kelly	President - CIU 20045
Tabitha Swanson	Vice-President - USJE 20156
Kirsty Havard	RVP USJE 20091
Alan Ostrosina	USJE 20141
Susanne Dier	Alt. Access Coordinator - CEIU 20903
Lena Sterne	USJE 20015
Nicola Comer	USJE 20130
Kendy Michaloski	East Fraser Valley Regional Coordinator - CIU 20045
Nielene Chand	PSAC Staff Rep

Regrets:

Pippa Mann	Secretary - USJE 20130
Karen Thind	Treasurer - CEIU 20903
Krista Tebbutt	ACCESS Regional Coordinator - USJE 20130

Meeting commenced at 6:35pm.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories:

Julie provided the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. As an Area Council we are honouring the Indigenous way of caring for the land by taking part in the river clean-up in September. Truth and Reconciliation Day is coming up on September 30th, this is not a holiday but a day of action and remembrance.

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Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory
- Introductions
- Accept Agenda
- Approval of Previous Minutes – 10th June 2026
- Presidents Report
- Finance Report
- 2026 Events
- PSAC Staff Advisor Update
- New Business/Roundtable
- Approval of meeting expense
- Next Meeting date – 27th January 2027 - AGM
- Adjournment

Accept Agenda:

Agenda accepted.

Approval of the previous minutes

Minutes approved.

Presidents Report:

Julie provided the Presidents Report.

Finance Report:

Karen sent her regrets, finance report deferred to the next meeting.

2026 Events Update

We had a successful summer with 2 pride events and the Labour Day event.

Upcoming we have the River Clean up – Sunday 27th September – 08:30 – 13:30 (Do not need to do the full 5hrs!) Thompson Regional Park, 48600 Chilliwack Lake Road, Chilliwack.

Pumpkinfest – Sunday 18th October – 1-3pm – Aldor Acres, sign up at the PSAC Website.

Julie to re-contact the Ann Davis Society with regards to a possible Women's event in December.

Election - Delegate for National Convention

Nielene ran the election.

Delegate

Julie Kelly – Nominated by Alan/Second Lena – Accepted Nomination

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No other nominations.

Julie Kelly acclaimed

1st Alternate

Kendy Michaloski - Nominated by Julie/Second Alan - Accepted Nomination

No other nominations

Kendy Michaloski acclaimed.

2nd Alternate

Susanne Dier - Nominated by Julie/Second Lena - Accepted Nomination

No other nominations

Susanne Dier acclaimed

Resolutions for National Convention.

The resolutions were discussed and passed (Julie/Alan/Carried)

Resolution 1 - Adding additional funding for the building solidarity with Indigenous Communities Course

Resolution 2 - Increase non-member expense allocation for regional conventions

Resolution 3 - Increasing Area Council funding

Resolution 4 - REVP residency requirement modernization

Resolution 5 - National Indigenous peoples circle to be recognized as a submitting body for resolutions

Resolution 6 - Call for a realized act of Reconciliation

Resolution 7 - Support for First Nations, Metis and Inuit businesses

Resolution 8 - Timely appeals for denied disability insurance claims

Resolution 9 - Access to support for workers compensation claims

Resolution 10 - Resolution modernizing the PSAC family care policy

Resolution 11 - Recognizing pregnancy loss before 20 weeks

Resolution 12 - Regional Young Workers Conference

Resolution 13 - Regional Pride Conference

Resolution 14 - Regional Indigenous Conference

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Resolution 15 – Regional Access Conference

Resolution 16 – Funding for mature Women’s research and education

Staff Updates

Nielene gave the staff updates including

There was a call out for organizing committee for the Access Summit, the deadline has closed but you can still reach out.

Wear black days to show support for the Bargaining teams. There is support your bargaining team swag available, contact Nielene. It is going to be every 3rd Wednesday.

1 hr basic strike training is being planned. We are not in a strike position as yet, this is just preparation. There will also be 3 ½ hr sessions.

For spring education there will be 2-3 days at Abbotsford. TUB and grievance handling has not being held in 2 years, though there was a virtual TUB held. Nielene will be sending out for input in October.

Maxwell Gawlick has been hired as the new Health and Safety Representative.

New Business/Roundtable

Susanne – CEIU have been placed in trusteeship, no further information has come out. All National Executive have been removed.

Alan – CSC is having a change in their Executive Management, waiting to see the fall out from the changes.

Kendy – Is wanting to do site visits and will be reaching out soon.

Julie – Municipal Elections are coming up in October. The following candidates have been endorsed by the FVLC. Election Day 17th October 2026.

Advance voting – Abbotsford 7, 10 & 11th October / Chilliwack 7, 14th October

Abbotsford School Trustee

Graeme Hutchinson

Freddy Latham

Benjamin Mehrer

Raj Patara

Rhonda Pauls

Shannon Rose

Chilliwack School Trustee

Katie Bartel

Leah Kelley

Willow Reichelt

Margaret Reid

David Swankey

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Abbotsford City Council

Preet Rai

Chilliwack City Council

Ghazaleh Nozamani

Lisa Morry

Alan stated that there is a Provincial Election happening in Mission on September 26th with advance voting happening 18-23rd September.

Tabathia - The past weekend she attended a strike mobilization session. She is the EFV Mobilization Coordinator.

Kirsty - Congratulations to those elected to Delegate positions. USJE is working on the 5 day RTO. Question regarding changing working conditions during bargaining, in the last round PSAC National filed a policy grievances. Nielene stated that National is working on a strategy. Also the Pride event was a lot of fun and enjoyed the game that Nielene brought.

Julie motion to pay for the meeting meal \$228.99 (M/S/C) Julie/Tabitha/Carried

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm

Next Meeting is Wednesday 27th January at 6:30pm