East Fraser Valley Area Council
General Meeting
Wednesday 8th April 2026

In Attendance:

Julie Kelly	President - CIU 20045
Tabitha Swanson	Vice-President - USJE 20156
Karen Thind	Treasurer - CEIU 20903
Kirsty Havard	Alt REVP – RVP USJE 20091
Kendy Michaloski	Alt. East Fraser Valley Regional Coordinator - CIU 20045
Alan Ostrosina	PSAC BC Indigenous Peoples Coordinator – USJE 20141
Krista Tebbutt	ACCESS Regional Coordinator – USJE 20130
Susanne Dier	Alt. Access Coordinator - CEIU 20903
Tracy Zylyk	USJE 20011
Lena Sterne	USJE 20015
Trista Otorowski	USJE 20040
Nielene Chand	PSAC Staff Rep

Guest:

Miel	Project AIM

Regrets:

Laura Wildly	East Fraser Valley Regional Coordinator - USJE 20017
Pippa Mann	Secretary - USJE 20130

Meeting commenced at 6:40pm.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories:

Julie provided the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement. Last meetings Reconciliation challenge was to learn an Indigenous word. Julie learnt about Tómiyeqw, which means Generations, that our decisions be guided by our ancestors and be aware of how that affects the future. Our next challenge is to read an Indigenous book.

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Agenda:

- Call to Order
- Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory
- Accept Agenda
- Project AIM presentation
- Approval of Previous Minutes – 12th November 2025
- Presidents Report
- Finance Report
- 2026 Events
- Convention Information
- PSAC Staff Advisor Update
- New Business/Roundtable
- Approval of meeting expense
- Next Meeting date – 10 June 2026
- Adjournment

Accept Agenda:

Agenda accepted as is.

Project AIM

Miel from Project AIM gave an overview of the services that Project AIM provide. Project AIM started in 2020 as a one-time event and it grew into an organisation that provide education regarding menstrual products, as well as distributing menstrual and incontinence products throughout the community. They have an event called Menstrual Mondays in Agassiz where they teach people how to make menstrual pads. The Council discussed ways in which we can hold an event to make re-usable pads. Karen to research and how best to help. Potential for a virtual event or an in person one.

Approval of the previous minutes 12th November 2025

Minor Amendments made.

Presidents Report:

Julie provided the Presidents Report.

Finance Report:

Financial report was presented by Karen, fundraising for the Pottery Event was discussed. Our expected donations should cover the event. Susanne will buy the coffee and Timbits for the event.

Julie to attend the next West Fraser Valley Area Council and MHRC meetings to ask for a donation towards Pumpkinfest.

Julie – Motion for **$50 to Kendy Michaloski** for 3D printed feathers for the Indigenous Event

(M/S/C) Julie/Krista/Carried

Basket donation for Convention up to $100 (M/S/C) Julie/Karen/Carried

2026 Events Update

Julie and Nixon attended the Coldest Night of the Year walk in February, other Area Councils in the Region and across the Country also took part in their local events. Hopefully next year we can have more walkers.

Pottery Event is full.

Julie has applied for a tent at Chilliwack and Fraser Valley Prides. She has also contacted Wilmas transition Society regarding the Indigenous Event in June.

Karen and Julie attended the Young Workers meeting and spoke about Pumpkinfest. They committed to $400 towards the event.

Request made for Pride swag for our upcoming Pride events.

Convention Information

The BC Triennial Convention is coming up in May, with many of the Area Council attending. Many are running for various position. One of our resolutions was ruled out of order.

Staff Updates

Nielene gave the staff updates including

Education – The Spring education is coming to a close and they are planning the fall sessions. There will be an email requesting education requests coming, they are open to suggestions and requests. In the fall there will be a new 1-day course "Why Tyranny, Fascism and Authoritarianism are Union Issues".

Registration is open for the 2026 PSAC National Young Workers Conference (Registration open for 2026 PSAC National Young Workers Conference | Public Service Alliance of Canada)

There will be a call out for support of CUPW (Canadian Union of Postal Workers) with the announcement of Post Office Closures across the Country.

On April 30th there is a Webinar – Why School Board Elections Matter. (Webinar: Why School Board Elections Matter – PSAC British Columbia)

New Business/Roundtable

Kirsty – Attended the Leaf event and the guest speaker was Tracey Lindberg who wrote Birdie and The Cree word for Love. Which fits with this meetings Indigenous Challenge.

April 28th is the National Day of Mourning. This event is to remember those who have lost their lives on the job and to renew our commitment to creating safer workplaces.

There are 2 events in our area.

Abbotsford – 10:00 – 10:30am at Abbotsford City Hall, 32315 South Fraser Way.

Chilliwack – 10:30am Cedarbrook Park – 45434 Willowstream Road

Krista – Will make an ask for money from her Access Coordinator budget towards the Pottery Event and Pumpkinfest

Karen – Will approach Jamey with regards to funds for Pumpkinfest.

We had set up our statements to automatically go to Taylor, there seems to be an issue and they are not being sent. Our Rep at the Credit Union is looking into it.

Julie motion to pay for the meeting meal $216.80 (M/S/C) Julie/Krista/Carried

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Next Meeting is Wednesday 10th June at 6:30pm