Mainland Human Rights Committee
General Meeting Minutes
Tuesday 6th October 2026

In Attendance:

Colin Cheng	CIU 20040 (Co-Chair) – Chaired the meeting
Julie Kelly	CIU 20045 (Secretary)
Cheryl Chu	UHEW 20729 – 2SLGBTQIA+ Coordinator
Jennifer Horsley	UPCE 20095
Celine Ahodekon	Racially Visible Coordinator
Jennifer Horsley	CUPW 20095
Alan Otrosina	USJE 20104
Sabrina Kerr	CIU 20045
Haney Romana	UVAE 20045
Nielene Chand	Staff – PSAC BC Regional Rep

Apologies:

Susanne Dier	CEIU 20903 (Treasurer) – 2nd Alt Access Coordinator
Damir Moric	Metro Vancouver Coordinator
Priscilla Lam	UTE 20050 (Co-Chair)

Meeting called to order at 6:05pm by Colin.

Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territories

Colin provided the Indigenous Land Acknowledgement.

Introductions conducted

Agenda:

- Call To Order
- Acknowledgement of Indigenous Territory
- Introductions
- Approval of Agenda
- Approval of Previous Minutes (24th June 2026)
- Finance Report
- Events Update
- PSAC Staff Advisor update
- New Business / Roundtable
- Adjournment

Approval of the agenda: Julie/Celine/Carried

Approval of the previous minutes: (M/S/C) Alan/ Julie/Carried

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Finance Report:

Susanne sent her apologies as she could not make the meeting. Colin presented the Financial Report and discussed, typo corrected.

(M/S/C) Celine/Alan /Carried

Events Updates

Julie reported on Fraser Valley Pride and Chilliwack Pride. Great events with lots of engagement

Colin reported on Richmon/Vancouver/New West Pride. Again great events. Also members of the MHRC took part in Labour Day / Truth and Reconciliation Day and mobilization on RTO.

Krista had a busy spring with conventions and events. She attended the BC Lion BC Fed orange shirt game and meet Phyllis Webstad, the founder of orange shirt day.

Planning for the Access Summitt is underway, it is happening in March. They are finalising the organising committee. If you have any ideas or suggestions as to what you want to see, please reach out to Krista.

Jen Squamish Pride was a cool festival and at New West Pride they were near to the Drag Show.

Julie spoke regarding Pumpkinfest which has 90 people signed up which is over our projected numbers. Motion to increase the funding (including the $1100 already given) to **up to $2,000**. **(M/S/C) Julie/Celine/Carried**

If anyone knows of an event for December 3rd which is International Day of Persons with Disabilities, please let the committee know.

PSAC Staff Advisor update:

Nielene gave the staff updates.

Maxwell Gawlick has started as the PSAC Rep for Health and Safety portfolio.

TB, CRA, Parks, FB are in bargaining which is at a standstill.

3rd Wednesday of every month is wear black – if you need swag reach out to the RO.

Remind members to make sure their contact information is up to date.

Basic 1 hour strike sessions are coming up. We are not near a strike vote but this is for preparation. A discussion on the time of the training took place, Nielen to give feedback regarding offering different times.

There will be longer sessions coming up for Strike Captains.

Young Workers have a board game night coming up on 20th November, check the website for more details.

Provincial and Municipal elections are also coming up, encourage members to get out and vote.

There is a member mixer event coming up at Steamworks, 25th November, more details to come.

PSAC have a fact sheet on Intersex Intersex: What you need to know | Public Service Alliance of Canada

Roundtable

Julie – Still looking for someone to take over the Secretary position for this committee, it is a great gateway into being an Executive.

Also spoke regarding Purple Light Nights, this runs all October and the purpose is to shine a light on intimate partner violence. Join PSAC BC Women's Coordinator in supporting Purple Lights Night – PSAC British Columbia

Jen – Subsidies are available for anyone who is a delegate to the BC Fed Convention, upto $1,000 or $500 is available depending on your location. BC Federation of Labour Convention: Regulation 3 Subsidy Application – PSAC British Columbia

Winter School Catalogue is also available Registration – CLC Pacific Winter School

Bill C39 – This affects our right to strike, information packages are available for you to talk to your MP, we are targeting Liberal MPs as they are in power. See Stephanie Hall for details.

Krista – Challenged the committee to find fresh ideas on how to raise awareness on Humar Rights Issues, how to advocate for Human Right Issues. To use the meeting time to be proactive.

Cheryl – Was looking for a way to do an event for November 20th,which is Trans Day of Remembrance, it may be too late for this year but certainly something to think of for next year.

Designated Equity Observances

PSAC recognizes several dates throughout the year that reflect our commitment to human rights, equity, inclusion, and social justice. These observances are important to our members and provide opportunities for education, awareness, reflection, and action. Many are recognized through resolutions adopted by PSAC members.

January 27 – Holocaust Remembrance Day

January 29 – National Day of Remembrance of the Québec City Mosque Attack and Action Against Islamophobia

February – Black History Month/African Heritage Month

March 8 – International Women's Day

March 21 – International Day for the Elimination of Racism

April – Arab History Month

May – Asian Heritage Month

May – Jewish Heritage Month

May to August – Pride Season

May 5 – Red Dress Day

May 10 – Bear Witness Day

May 17 – International Day Against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia

June – National Indigenous History Month

June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples' Day

August 1 – Emancipation Day

September 18 – International Equal Pay Day

September 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

September 30 – Orange Shirt Day

November 20 – Trans Day of Remembrance

December 1 – World AIDS Day

December 3 – International Day for Persons with Disabilities

December 6 – National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women

December 10 – International Human Rights Day

These are days that we could try to do an event for next year.

Next meeting will be the AGM 19th January 2027 at 6:00pm – Hybrid

Meeting adjourned