

PSAC North East BC Area Council Meeting Minutes for September 30, 2014

HEU Hall 5:30 pm

Attending: Parveen Deepak (UTE) Val Stewart (UTE) Leanna Chiasson (UTE) Fortune Peranio (UPCE) Pete Charlie (UTE) Marc Belanger (UTE) Sharon Tucker (USGE) Collette Green (CEIU)

Regrets: Marilyn Schmaus (CEIU) and Ben Scarff (USGE-parole)

Parveen gave an update on the Regional Council Meeting that took place in Vancouver from September 19-21, 2014. Briefly explained the role of the Regional Council. Also explained to the Area Council the Role of the NE BC Regional Coordinator and how it this individuals job to express and forward the concerns from this geographic area to the Regional Council.

Had an update from Pete Charlie regarding the Political Action Summit Training he attended in Vancouver on behalf of the Area Council. Provided also the booklet and training material on how to lobby ie via writing letters to your MP. Further information session needed to provide training on how to lobby

Marc Belanger asked if there could be an additional course on how to write resolutions. Parveen said that is a suggestion that could be forward and brought to the attention of the education officer Deb Seboyer

Discussion on what we would could do to get us out in the Community. Suggestion was made to do information session again at the Farmers Market, which was a great success last year. Sharon Bull looked into this option this year and sent out a few emails requesting information and to see availability but had little success in getting a response back from the Farmers Markets and also the paper work involved in getting a booth or table would be a lot. Sharon further suggested do a info session at a coffee shop on how the Public Servants are getting affected. Something casual where people could just drop in.

There was a discussion on sending a delegate to attend the PSAC Triennial Convention April 2015 and also the need to help send someone to the BC Federation Convention at the end of November 2014. Voting to take place at the next Area Council Meeting to be held October 16, 2014

Discussed the upcoming Municipal elections and that there are currently only two candidates running for the position of the Mayor : Lynn Hall and Don Zurowski . Lynn has been endorsed by the North Central Labour Council. There are additional candidates running for the position of council that have also been endorsed by the NCLC that will be put on a poll card and distributed by the Canadian Labour Congress (these poll cards people can take with them to the voting station)

Parveen Deepak put motion forward to vote in favor and to support the resolutions being put forward to the PSAC triennial by the Winnipeg Area Council (9 resolutions in total), everyone had a chance to read them at the meeting)

The motion was seconded by Collette Green

All resolutions were accepted unanimously.

Parveen will be submitting them to the Regional Office on behalf of the Area Council.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 pm