

## Northwest Area Council Meeting (NWAC) – May 4, 2020

### Attendees:

Jill MacNeill, NWAC President, UHEW 20147

David Lewis, NWAC Treasurer, CIU 20042

Nicole Pottle, CEIU 20926

Varinder Johal, PSAC Geographical Rep for NWAC

Jamey Mills, PSAC REVP-BC

### Motion to accept agenda of:

1. Traditional Welcome – conducted by J. MacNeill
2. Review of Minutes – Minutes of Jan 13, 2020
3. Updated by Jamey Mills, PSAC REVP-BC
4. Banking
5. Budget, COVID-19, and community donations
6. Roundtable

Moved by David Lewis, Seconded by Nicole Pottle. Carried.

### 1. Traditional Welcome

- Jill MacNeill welcomed all to attend the meeting being hosted on Lax Keen from the Territory of the Tsimshian, specifically, land of the Gitwilgyots.

### 2. Minutes of the January 13, 2020 AGM reviewed but cannot be accepted until the next AGM.

### 3. Update by Jamey Mills, REVP-BC

#### a) COVID-19 Regional Update

- Jamey described the significant impacts affecting members throughout the BC Region; Frontline workers, CFIA, Correction Guards, Hygienists and those at 3<sup>rd</sup> Party sites are experiencing significant impacts.
- PPE has not been readily available and consultation in this regard is ongoing. The PSAC Regional Office closed on June 30 and PSAC staff will continue to work from home for the foreseeable future.
- Conventions have been postponed. It is planned that the Regional Convention will take place in 2021, and the Triennial Convention in 2022.
- Jamey would like to hear about issues affecting NWAC members during the roundtable. Workers at unionized sites are also significantly impacted.

#### b) Bargaining

- PSAC Executive and members continue to pressure the Prime Minister's Office in relation to negotiating fair contracts with those at the bargaining tables.

4. Banking – Jill MacNeill, Jen Gordon, and David Lewis have been unable to change the signing officers at the Credit Union due to Covid. With access being improved, Jill will contact the Credit Union to arrange an appointment.
5. Budget, COVID-19 and Community Donations
  - a. Budget was reviewed in relation to providing a donation to the Seniors' Centre Better at Home Program; this program has been having problems due to Covid and there have been requests for community support.
  - b. NWAC does have room in the budget for a donation of \$300.

Motion moved by Nicole Pottle to donate \$300 to the Seniors' Centre Better at Home Program.  
Seconded by David Lewis. Carried.

#### Roundtable Updates:

Varinder Johal – Encourages all to share info about upcoming webinars. There is a 45 min Ergonomics session very soon, and sessions in relation to Mental Health are planned. Provided information about the Still Here for Canada Campaign and the annual Scholarships call-out.

Nicole Pottle, David Lewis and Jill MacNeill each provided an update about the Covid-19 situation at their offices.

Motion to close meeting made by Nicole Pottle, and seconded by David Lewis. Carried.