

Vancouver and District Area Council Meeting – June 9, 2016 (as amended)

In Attendance:

Aaron Chang (CEIU 20938), Jamey Mills (UTE 20027), Lorraine Gates (UTE 20027), Ron Regala (UTE 20027), Dennis Wong (UTE 20027), Jennifer Horsley (UPCE 20095), Bowinn Ma (UCTE 20219), Monica Urrutia (Staff); on the phone - Vic Johal (UTE 20027), Bill Fleming (GSU 20008)

Regrets:

Terri Lee, Sandra Wasilewski, Todd Smith

Meeting Called to Order at 5:31 PM

Agenda:

- Previous Minutes and Old Business
- MP Lobby
- Phone Banks
- Round Table
- Softball Tournament
- Labour Day – Motion
- Aboriginal Day
- Resolutions
- Pride
- MVA
- VAC Barbeque
- Next Meeting

Intros – Jamey conducted a round of intros for those in the office and on the phone

Previous minutes – April 6, 2016 m/s/c (Jamey/Dennis)

Email votes – motion for tickets to the VDLC fundraiser for Queen Alexandra School passed, but the fundraising event was cancelled. Motion: To provide a \$100 donation to the Queen Alexandra School “wishing tree” project, through the VDLC. m/s/c (Jamey/Dennis)

MP Lobby

a) Jamey and Terri met with the Minister of Justice. This is Terri’s MP. They spoke on the foodsafetyfirst.ca campaign. Found the Minister to be very personable. Also touched on the Phoenix pay system issues, which she was already aware of. She wants to be invited to the VAC’s annual barbeque.

b) Jamey has a possible meeting with Don Davies, but he is booked into July. Ron Regala may come as he is the constituent.

c) Jamey is still asking for interested members to approach their MP to lobby. Dennis might approach Harjit Sarjan, Minister of Defence.

Phone Banks – we have been approached by a couple of NDP nominees who are members and/or former PSAC staff asking if we would be willing to participate in phone banks to help them win their nominations in their constituencies.

Bowinn Ma is running as a new nominee in North Vancouver, phone banks to contact PSAC members in her constituency to get them to sign up as members of the NDP and vote in the constituency nomination.

Janet Routledge – is the incumbent for Burnaby North, but it is being contested. Would like to have members come in on Saturday June 11 to contact PSAC members in her constituency for her, likely between 11-2

VAC Softball Tournament (4th Annual) – will be taking place on Wed June 15th at Douglas Park. 7 Teams are registered, about 100 members coming out to play ball and have lunch. Anne Marie Friesen, UEW Local 20729 President and Downtown Hub 1 Mobilization Area Coordinator, as well as REVP Bob Jackson will be in attendance.

Labour Day – Motion involved

BC Fed Labour Day planning committee met and has planned for Labour Day to take place at Swangard Stadium, 54/40 will be playing and includes a free lunch. Also, there will be a kids' section. Will be open from 11-3. Affiliates will be asked to provide funding to make it a success.

Motion:

The Vancouver and District Area Council will provide up to \$200.00 from the Political Action line item to the BC Fed for Labour Day. (m/s/c) Jamey/Bill (unanimous)

Motion:

The Vancouver and District Area Council will spend up to \$300.00 from the Political Action line item to support and/or purchase swag at the BC Fed Labour Day event. (m/s/c) Jamey/Jen (unanimous)

Aboriginal Day - The BC Lower Mainland Human Rights Committee in partnership with Ruby Langan the Aboriginal Rep on BC Regional Council, is hosting an event in the Vancouver Regional Office on June 21, 2016 from 6-8 PM. The event will include a BBQ Dinner of salmon and bannock and a guest speaker.

Pride Parade – will be on BC Day (August 1, 2016) and will be coordinated by the Lower Mainland Human Rights Committee, will likely be looking for volunteers to staff the table. Members of the Area Council are encouraged to participate by walking in the parade or taking a shift at the table at the end of the parade.

Resolutions – Area Councils are potentially in a lot of trouble for continuation of activities due to lack of funding. Because of the ruling of the National President Area Councils can no longer demand dues, they are now voluntary. This can severely limit the amount of activity of an Area Council. Our Area Council is not facing as deep a problem as other Area Councils across the country, our constituents generally still pay dues so that we can keep up our Political Action mandate. Area Councils get approximately

\$800.00/year as a National allocation. We get an additional \$2000.00 from the REVP's office because we continue to be a very active council. Area Councils are considered to be the political arm of the PSAC, and active councils can be very strong. To maintain Political Action, the membership needs to look at changing the funding structure to support Area Councils. By taking away the ability to charge dues, Area Councils are becoming severely limited in the number/quality of activities that can be undertaken.

Call for Ad-Hoc committee to come up with Resolutions for Regional Convention and through that to the National Triennial Convention. Jamey, Jen and Dennis came forward to form the committee.

Resolutions will be due by December 2016.

MVA – new listening campaign is being formed around the upcoming Provincial Election. They want to be able to find a facility that will hold up to 3000 people for a similar event to the Municipal Accountability event that took place last year around the Vancouver election.

Vancouver and District Area Council BBQ – do we want to do another BBQ? Do we want to do it at Trout Lake again? Have already been contacted by Karen Hall from PIPSC to partner on it like last year. Aaron will take the lead on this again, will need help with transportation. Aaron will send out an email regarding location of BBQ – either Trout Lake or Waterfront Park in North Vancouver. Tentative date will be July 17, 2016.

Motion: The Vancouver and District Area Council will allocate up to \$600.00 from the Political Action line item for the BBQ. (m/s/c) Jamey/Bill

Round Table – Jamey is really proud of the June 8th event (yesterday) and the good member participation. We've really had the crap kicked out of us over the past few years and it is good to see the membership involved. In particular, there was a great turnout at 800 Burrard. Monica reminded the members that the Regional Women's Conference will be September 23-25, 2016 and the application process is already open.

Affiliate Reports:

UTE 20027

-recently held ratification vote. UTE pressing for a NO mandate as we have been offered less than similar groups for conceding severance. Results 23JUN16

-lost a Local Director due to a downsize in his department, sent back to Surrey

-numerous plant gates to promote the NO vote and to boycott NPSW

-our Local has numerous members attending the PSAC Softball Tournament

-approx. 6 months to office move (Terminal) and the building is taking shape

-employer has changed their stance on small appliances in the workplace and has defined them as fans, heaters, humidifiers and purifiers. Other items, such as radios are OK

In Solidarity

Jamey

UPCE 20095

- we are facing closure of up to 3 stores, which will directly affect at least 7 members, still waiting on consultation on what the options are for these members and official word of which stores and when

- gearing up for possible labour dispute with Canada Post, based on last time we will be facing a huge increase in work load in the clerical group
- personally want to thank the Area Council for supporting me to attend the Deep Diversity workshop that took place at the BC Fed office. I'm still absorbing all of the information, not what I was expecting, but definitely well worth attending. I will submit a report with the minutes of this meeting.

In Solidarity,
Jen Horsley

Next Meeting: Early to mid September. Jamey will send out an email soliciting dates.

Adjourned at 6:25 PM