

Mainland Human Rights Committee Meeting

April 17, 2019 at 6PM in PSAC Vancouver Regional Office

Present:

Ruby Langan, Celine Ahodekon and Sky Belt

Regret: Shane Polak, Todd Smith and Jennifer Horsely

Staff: Robert Strang, Hetty

Call to order: Ruby called the meeting to order at 6pm by acknowledging the traditional land of different aboriginal groups: Musqueam, Squamish and **slawatush**

Approval of the agenda: Celine and Sky respectively moved and seconded to approve agenda – Carried.

Approval of the previous meeting report: The previous meeting report needs to be tabled at the next meeting as Shane is still working on it.

Financial report: Also, will be tabled at the next meeting. The current treasurer has stepped down so the election of a new one will take place on June 5th.

Activity report:

- Ruby invited, via Patrick, all the self-id members in BC to join Mainland Human Rights meetings. Only few people responded. So, the suggestion was to post the information on FB, website and use words of mouth to bring self-id to the MHR meetings.
- Ruby was in Ottawa parliament along with other regarding aboriginal issues such as bill C262 (United declaration on Indigenous Rights) and Bill C91 & 92 about Indigenous language.

She also attended

- on April 6, 2019, a rally in Vancouver hosted by churches “Walk the Talk”
- March 19-20th a workshop on domestic violence: the courage to speak and the family violence, in Vancouver.

She will be facilitating:

- April 26-27 in Vancouver; Reconciliation with churches in Vancouver
- Ruby submitted a professional photo for “We don’t say” campaign to UNE.

Planned activities: MHRC to partnership with PSAC-West Fraser Valley Area Council (WFVAC) to organise and have a joint table at Surrey Fusion Festival (July 20-21), Surrey Pride for National Aboriginal Day on June 21, 2019.

Action: Ruby will be contacting Suzie Blyth, the President of WFVAC to coordinate the events.

June is Filipino Month in Canada. MHRC will be organising a BBQ in June 5th inviting all members and their families, and allies to celebrate in PSAC VRO.

Action:

- Hetty will contact Monica to find Filipino guest speakers and food
- Ruby will contact Nikkei Centre for other Asian guest speakers as well as the food
- Celine will contact Shirley as guest speaker and maybe Asian food
- Robert will contact Patrick for a poster to be send to all members and on the UNE website

New business

Sky will recruit

Next meeting date: AGM on June 5, 2019 at 5:30PM -6:15PM in Vancouver office to elect a co-chair and a treasurer. 6:15PM BBQ & guest speakers: all are invited!

Round table: Sky was at the BCFed HR committee in Vancouver and reported that there will be events supporting HR: people with disability on December 10th. There will be 6 floats related to HR. Blood and Organ Banned for LGBTQ2+ will be one of them.

Ruby is hoping that Jennifer Chieh Ho will be able to run again as co-chair at the June election – and we can also celebrate her birthday!

Meeting adjourned at 7:04PM

Celine Ahodekon

Mainland Human Rights Committee Secretary