

## East Fraser Valley Area Council Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2020

Teleconference

Meeting called to order 6:03pm.

Quorum was met.

### In attendance

Sister Patty Ducharme PSAC Regional Rep  
Brother Antony Paller Local 20015 (Treasurer)  
Sister Heidi Kay Local 20040 (Secretary)  
Brother Alan Otrosina Local 20141  
Sister Louise Shabiky Local 20017  
Brother Don Jensen Local 20044

### Review of Agenda

Agenda reviewed

Alan motioned that they be accepted.

Seconded by Heidi

Accepted by all.

### Minutes of Previous Minutes –May 28,2020

-Draft Minutes were sent out in advance to all everyone who accepted the invite for today's meeting.

-Patty asked if anyone had any comments or wee any changes needed.

-Heidi moved that they be accepted.

-Seconded by Alan.

-Minutes accepted as submitted.

### Treasurer's Report

-Copy of report was sent out but not everyone received a copy.

-Review of financial statement was presented by Nancy.

-Still outstanding to be paid is the cost of the AGM for this year. As Nancy can not sign a cheque payable to herself Melvin Dureen needs to be added to the EFVAC back account. AGM minutes have been sent to him to present to the bank to permit him to be added.

-EFVAC received a cheque from PSAC for \$825. This amount does not show in the current financial statement as it has not yet been deposited.

-Nancy moved that the financial report be accepted.

-Seconded by Alan.

-Financial report accepted as submitted.

### Thank You Public Service Workers

- Feedback received from members and the public was positive. Signs were put up at worksites for Correctional Service Canada, Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Fisheries and Oceans. Canada Border Services Agency did not allow signs at their worksites.

-The "Thank You Public Service Workers" campaign from the pacific region was discussed at a Regional Council call and recognized PSAC National.

-Antony thanked everyone who participated on our last call to make this happen and gave an extra thank you to Patty Ducharme and Patrick Bragg who took our ideas and made it happen.

### **Solidarity Saturday**

-Patty discussed the successful Solidarity Saturday held on May 23<sup>rd</sup> and suggested that we may want to do this again on June 6<sup>th</sup> 6:00-7:00pm for BC PSAC members.

-Discussion was focused the following:

1. "Still Here for Canada" as a theme and to promote the work we are doing for Canadians.
2. Antony will do a short video around this topic and discuss the "Thank You Public Service Workers" campaign.
3. Having EFVAC sponsor the event and highlight PSAC members from East Fraser Valley
4. Have a DJ and play music

-Alan motioned for the above plan to be accepted

-Seconded by Louise

-Accepted by all.

### **COVID –Updates in the Workplace**

Antony (Canadian Food Investigation Agency) – District office of CFIA in Abbotsford is running with a minimum amount of staff. Many staff are on 699 leave dues to daycare/health issues. Others are teleworking to reduce the footprint into the office and some staff are being deployed to other sites/ office due to staffing issues. Current information is that this will remain the same until September 2020. Due to all the number of people teleworking staff are experiencing networking issues which makes it difficult to complete work.

Alan (Mission Minimum Institution) stated he is working reduced hours on site and is keeping busy dealing with union activities.

Nancy (Fraser Valley Institution) mentioned that she is working off site and is unsure of the conditions at FVI. It may be months before she will be returning to work on site. Emails indicate that inmates are being quarantined and to date no inmates have tested positive. 1 staff member tested positive.

Louise (Pacific Institution)-stated that it has been brought to her attention that inmates FVI are not being made to wear masks. For the most part Masks are being worn by inmates at PI. She is concerned about the quality of the PPE that is currently being provided by CSC- they are not 3M masks and there is concern that they not being protecting staff properly due to the poor quality.

\*\*Patty reminded everyone that if they have these concerns they can bring these issues up to the local OSH committees.

Heidi (Kent Institution) reported that things at Kent are going smoothly. Many staff are working from home or working on a rotating basis. There have been a few days where they have asked for staff to come in and volunteer to work on tasks that are unrelated to their jobs ie cleaning units in preparation for isolation unit, decluttering in response to Fraser Health's report. Kent's COVID working group continues to meet weekly to discuss any emergent issues. No positive COVID cases have been found in staff or the inmate population.

**Scheduling and location of next meeting**

-Next meeting to be via Skype or teleconference. Patty will send out an email asking for people to indicate the date that works best for people from July 7, 8 or 9<sup>th</sup> .

Heidi motioned to adjourn meeting.

Seconded by Alan.

Accepted by all.

Meeting adjourned at 7:03