

Mainland Human Rights Committee Meeting

June 5th at 615PM in PSAC Vancouver Regional Office

Present: Ruby Langan, Celine Ahodekon, Todd Smith, Stephen Torng, Tracey Brussard, Jennifer Horsely and Shirley Torres

Staff: Robert Strang and Hetty Alcuitas

Call to Order: Ruby called the meeting to order at 615pm by acknowledging the traditional lands of different Aboriginal groups: Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil'wautueh.

Meeting began with Filipino Heritage Month and Asian Heritage Month Celebrations at 5:30pm!

Approval of the Agenda: M/S by Ruby and Stephen to adopt the agenda as presented. - Carried

Approval of April 17, 2019 meeting report. It was suggested to change change aboriginal to Aboriginal and add Hetty's last name to her first name. M/S by Ruby Langan and Celine Ahodekon to adopt the amended agenda. - Carried

Financial Report: Since there has been no treasurer yet, the financial report will be tabled at the next meeting.

Report of Activities of Executive: June 21st is National Indigenous People's Day. PSAC's booth will be mended by Ruby Langan at Trout Lake, Vancouver, from 11am-5pm. Potential volunteers to help Ruby that day are Stephen Torng and Tracey Brussard. Tracey will be there if she can have time off.

Elections of Co-Chair: Tracey Brussard was nominated by Stephen Torng and seconded by Jennifer Horsely to be the co-chair of the committee - Acclaimed

Election of treasurer: Steven Torng nominated himself for the treasurer position and **seconded by Ruby?**- acclaimed. Both newly elected officers, Stephen and Tracey were sworn into their new roles by Robert Strang.

Planning of Activities up to 2020: June 21st - National Indigenous People's Day; July 20-21st-Surrey Fusion Festival; June 29th – Surrey Pride and August 4th - Vancouver Pride. Volunteers are needed for all these events.

New business: M/S Todd and Ruby to pay \$50 as honorarium to each of the guest speakers. - Motion carried.

M/S Ruby Langan and Jennifer Horsely to allocate \$100 for the National Indigenous People's Day to feed the volunteers and another \$100 to support the engagement activities of the event. - Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date: *December 10, 2019.* However, there might be a quick meeting to discuss resolutions to be presented at the next BC Regional Convention. Ruby will send an email out to members to ask for resolutions.

Celine will also send a donation request to Jamie for the commemoration of December 6th, National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women organised in Abbotsford on Saturday, December 7th.

Round table:

- Steven Torng gave the date of Regional Racially Visible Conference: Feb 28-March 1, 2020 - Call out will be sent out soon.

- Todd Smith is inviting allies to go and have fun at the Prides Parades including Nanaimo pride which is on this weekend.

- Tracey Brussard informed the committee about Port Hardy Pride on August 17th.

Robert from PSAC's report to be sent later.

Ruby would like to reach out to more equity members in the Mainland to join the MLHR committee.

Adjournment: at 705pm

7:15pm: Guests speakers:

Mildred German speaking on Filipino Canadian Heritage month

Loreen Oikawa speaking on Asian Heritage month.

Céline Ahodékon

Mainland Human Rights Committee Secretary