

Northwest Area Council Meeting – June 13, 2018

Call to order: 6:00 pm

In attendance:

Jill MacNeill– UHEW 20147
Nikki McVey – CEIU 20926
Madison Hodam – PSAC 20042
Gerard Sta Maria – PSAC 20042
Coral Kheen – UHEW 20147
Barry Cunningham – UCTE 20213
David Lewis – CIU 20042
Chris McWilliam - UNIFOR

Deanna Kimball, PSAC Regional Rep

AGENDA:

- 1) Addition to the agenda – Review/Acceptance of last meeting minutes, education events.
Accept agenda as amended:

Motion – David Lewis
Second – Madison Hodam

MOTION CARRIED

- 2) Accept minutes of previous meeting – Motion – David Lewis
Second – Nicole Pottle

MOTION CARRIED

- 3) Petition to request Treasury Board recognize Prince Rupert as an Isolated Post (Chris McWilliam)
(Petition provided and attached)

As the cost of living is steadily increasing, and Prince Rupert is not easily accessible by road or flight, and other areas (example Whitehorse) get the isolated post allowance in addition to their regular pay, it has been discussed that we send a petition to Treasury Board to request that Prince Rupert be added to the isolated post communities. MP Nathan Cullen has agreed to submit the petition if there are sufficient signatures.

Isolated post is already under review with Treasury Board, so this may be the best time to send the petition forward. There may be some revisions to the petition that members may want to see before submitting it so that the message is as concise as possible.

Agreement to meet together to go over the terms of the petition and make sure the language is strong before sending it for signatures and submission. Ideas and feedback can be sent to Chris at rupertstewart@outlook.com

4) Update on Finances (Jill MacNeill)

Jill and Nicole have set up a new bank account, but there are still some processes that need to be finalized before the money is ours to spend without regional input. We still can spend money, just need to go to Regional first at this point.

Motion to allow Area Council Executive to purchase a tent/table for political action events.

Motion: Barry Cunningham
Second: David Lewis

MOTION CARRIED

5) Update from Regional Representative (Jill MacNeill)
(copies of amended by-laws attached)

Jill attended the bargaining conference in May and advises Coleen Girard was elected onto the bargaining team for the PA group. The next meeting of the bargaining team is on June 20/21 and common issues between the groups will be discussed by the teams, and then proposals will be posted.

The Regional by-law committee has made some recommendations to make changes to some of our local Area Council by-laws. Changes were discussed and debated and the following motions were made:

Motion to accept by-laws as amended, with the exception of section (2)(2) and 4 (2)

Motion: David Lewis
Second: Gerard Sta Marie

MOTION CARRIED

6) Education

Reminder that there is an advanced Duty to Accommodate Course coming up, deadline to apply is September 30, 2018.

Also available is an advanced Union works for Women course, deadline to apply is September 9, 2018.

Advanced local officers training should be available in the near future, reminder to all to check the PSAC BC Website for all training opportunities and to share this information.

Next Meeting: September 13, 2018 at 6:30 pm