

**NORTHWEST AREA COUNCIL MEETING**

**MINUTES**

**DATE: December 11, 2018**

**TIME: 6:30 p.m.**

**LOCATION: Pavillon Restaurant, 346 Stiles Place, Prince Rupert**

**ATTENDEES:**

**Jill MacNeill – UHEW 20147**

**Craig Balderson – AGR 20042**

**Jen Gordon – UHEW 20147**

**Madison Hodam – AGR 20042**

**Corey Martens – UHEW 20147**

**Gerard Sta Maria – AGR 20042**

**George Armstrong – UCTE 20213**

**Nicole Pottle – CEIU 20926**

**Anthony Hague - UCTE 20213**

**David Lewis – CIU 20042**

**Barry Cunningham – UCTE 20213**

- 1. Motion to accept agenda as posted on PSAC BC Region website, with the following items to added to the agenda:**
  - Draft AGM agenda
  - PSAC Impasse
  - Blood is Blood

Moved by: Barry Cunningham

Seconded by: David Lewis

Carried

- 2. Acknowledge Territory, Welcome, Introductions**

Jill MacNeill welcomed all to meeting and acknowledged and gave thanks for our opportunity to conduct union business on the territory of the Gitwilyots of the Tsimshian Nation.

- 3. Minutes of November 13, 2018**

Minutes were reviewed. Motion was made to accept minutes as provided.

Moved by: Gerard Sta Maria

Seconded by: David Lewis  
Carried

**4. Treasurer Report provided by Nicole Pottle**

A deposit of \$1852.73 was initially made into Northwest Area Council's newly formed bank account. Two cheques have cleared since the last meeting. One for the expenses of last meeting and one for wreath presented by Northwest Area Council at the Prince Rupert Remembrance Day ceremony (In memory of Ann Strutt). Bank account balance as at December 11, 2018 is: \$1582.04

**5. Isolated Post Allowance (IPA) Petition Next Steps**

- Members in attendance are not comfortable to go live with the IPA Petition just yet. Members would like an opportunity to locate supporting data to strengthen the argument.

**ACTION:** Barry Cunningham to locate statistics for Prince Rupert air cancellations. Jill MacNeill will look for statistics in relation to Prince Rupert highway closures. Jill MacNeill will contact Chris McWilliam and ask him to have one final meeting to discuss.

**6. A. Trinity House Project  
B. Emergency Shelter Dinner Proposal**

- A. Jen Gordon is waiting on further discussion with Will Beaudry in relation to needs of Trinity House. After this discussion with Will, she will share with NWAC, information in relation to their needs. Then we can have further discussion on how we would like to support Trinity House.
- B. Jen Gordon has signed herself up (through the Transition House) to provide a meal for those at the Emergency Shelter on January 5, 2018. She offers members of the Northwest Area Council to contribute to the dinner (for approx. 25 people). She will likely make pulled pork sandwiches. Jill MacNeill offered to provide salad. Further communication will be sent out to NWAC members by e-mail late December or early January to see if anyone else can contribute an item for the meal.

**7. Draft AGM agenda**

Proposed agenda for January AGM provided for feedback. David Lewis request an item be added: Proposed budget for 2019.

Motion was made to accept proposed AGM agenda as provided, with the addition recommended by David Lewis.

Moved by: Nicole Pottle  
Seconded by: David Lewis  
Carried

## **8. PSAC Impasse with Treasury Board**

For member's information, it was in the news of yesterday, that PSAC declared an impasse in relation to bargaining with Treasury Board. Jill MacNeill provided a chart, "Treasury Board Bargaining: The Process at a Glance" to explain what this means and described what will occur next. She stressed that our mobilization efforts are critical.

## **9. Blood is Blood**

Canadian Blood Services will not accept blood donations from men who have sex with men, if they had a male sexual partner within a year. Jill MacNeill provided to members, Blood is Blood postcards which are being sent to Justin Trudeau asking him to put a stop to the discriminatory blood ban.

Members took opportunity to review and sign the postcards

## **10. Dinner Meet and Greet**

Members considered and discussed worker, union, and community issues that are important to them. Items were placed on a flipchart and rated for priority by those who wished to rate them (member received 5 stickers and placed a sticker by issues that are most important to them).

The information collected is as follows and will be discussed at the January 14, 2019 AGM:

5 sticker issues:

- What can we do to support and engage our young members?
- Educating members – highlight importance of union by sharing in our workplaces, some of the timeline exercises we have received at union training.

3 sticker issue:

- Phoenix

2 sticker issues:

- Keeping Healthcare in Prince Rupert
- Building relations with others (unions and our communities)
- Collective Bargaining

1 sticker issue:

- Learning about LGBTQ+
- Pedestrian Safety
- Worklife Balance
- Management Communication with workers (Employer issues/work schedules at Coast Guard Carpenter Shop)
- Coast Guard workers that work in remote areas – ability to bank a lot more overtime.

Other issues:

- Housing
- Climate Change
- RCMP Safes Space Initiative

11. **Closing**

Jill MacNeill thank members for their participation, hoped they enjoyed dinner, encouraged to come out to the “Frosted by Phoenix” event taking place on December 17.