

**Okanagan Area Council Meeting  
June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018  
Kelowna**

**In Attendance:** Darrell-Lee McKenzie (AGR), Maria-Luiza Romano (AGR), Nadia Sokal (AGR), Michelle Sibson (UNE), Linda Woods (UNE), Joanne Hay (UPCE); **Guests:** Joy Harrison (APSAR), Debbie Hubbard & Wayne Broughton (Fair Vote BC), Robert Strang (PSAC BC); **Regrets:** Carolyn McGillivray (CIU).

**Call to Order** at 9:30 am

**Adoption of Agenda** - m/s/c

**Proportional Representation** – presentation by Debbie Hubbard & Wayne Broughton, Fair Vote BC

Debbie and Wayne gave an informative presentation about the upcoming BC Referendum on proportional representation (see handouts attached), here are some key points:

- The referendum is taking place by mail-in ballot from October 22 to November 30, 2018.
- **To participate, make sure you are a registered voter and your address is current:**  
<https://elections.bc.ca/register-to-vote/> .
- If proportional representation is accepted, the voting system will be re-visited with another referendum after 2 general elections.
- The referendum consists of 2 questions, voters can answer one or the other or both (for example, a voter could vote for proportional representation but not choose which proportional representation voting system they prefer).
- This is the ballot:

**Instructions:** To vote, fill in the oval  to the right of your choices, like this:   
Use black pen or marker. Do **not** use pencil.

<b>Question 1</b>	
Which system should British Columbia use for provincial elections? (Vote for only one.)	
<b>The current First Past the Post voting system</b>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>A proportional representation voting system</b>	<input type="radio"/>

<b>Question 2</b>			
If British Columbia adopts a proportional representation voting system, which of the following voting systems do you prefer? (Rank in order of preference. You may choose to support one, two or all three of the systems.)			
	<b>1</b> <small>1st Choice</small>	<b>2</b> <small>2nd Choice</small>	<b>3</b> <small>3rd Choice</small>
<b>Dual Member Proportional (DMP)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Mixed Member Proportional (MMP)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
<b>Rural-Urban Proportional (RUP)</b>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

- A handout was provided describing the three proportional voting systems (see attached).
- There will be little change in the number of MLA's regardless of the system chosen, at most the number of MLA's would increase by 8 seats.
- For more information:
  - <https://elections.bc.ca/referenda/>
  - <https://www.fairvote.ca/bc-pr-systems/>
  - <https://www.nobcprorep.ca/>

**Approval of previous minutes:** minutes from April 14, 2018 - m/s/c

**Treasurer's Report:** As of May 31<sup>st</sup> balance = \$3441 plus \$5.29 in equity shares.

**Motion:** To donate \$25.00 to the Mainland & Haida Gwaii Young Worker's 'Soaring to Success' campaign to bring art supplies to the students of Sk'aadgaa Naay Elementary School, located in Haida Gwaii. m/s/c

**PSAC Triennial Convention Report:** see attached.

**Labour Day Event – Kelowna Mission Creek Park, September 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon to 4 pm**

- **Motion: to donate \$100 to the North Okanagan Labour Council to support their Labour Day event.**
- **Motion: to reimburse Kelly for button making supplies in the amount of \$50.**
- Volunteers: Darrell-Lee, Maria-Luiza, Kelly, Robert and potentially Michele, Joanne, Joy and Nadia.
- Supplies: Robert - 1 tent, 1 table, 1-2 chairs, swag, Phoenix handouts; Kelly – button maker etc.
- Bring your own chair if you want to be guaranteed a seat!

**Round Table:**

Joanne Hay: "A Bank for Everyone" – CUPW campaign to re-open rural post offices and also provide postal banking services in rural areas with no bank branches:

<https://www.postalbanking.ca/en/campaign/postal-banking>

Linda Woods: SSO bargaining update - a little progress was made, but are now filing for arbitration.

Joy Harrison: APSAR - holding elections; also working on internal structure.

Robert Strang: PSAC looking for a Treasury Board Mobilization Coordinator for the Okanagan, please contact Robert or Deanna if interested.

**Meeting Adjourned.**

**Next Meeting**

**Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> 2018, 9:30 a.m.**

First United Church, 721 Bernard Ave, Kelowna