



**Public Service Alliance of Canada  
B.C. Regional Council Conference Call**

**Thursday, November 14, 2019 - 6:00PM PST  
MINUTES**

**Attendees**

|                     |                        |               |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Jamey Mills         | REVP-B.C. (Chair)      | Jill MacNeill | North West             |
| Todd Smith          | Alt REVP-B.C.          | Kelly Sidhu   | Women's                |
| Carolyn McGillivray | Southern Interior      | Leanne Hughes | National Officers      |
| Ernest Hooker       | South Vancouver Island | Linda Harding | Health & Safety        |
| Jeanne Olineck      | Southern Interior      | Nia Gillies   | LGTBQ2+                |
| James Brierley      | Young Workers          | Ron Hardy     | Northeast B.C.         |
| Jennifer Horsley    | Metro Vancouver        | Shane Polak   | MWD                    |
| Antony Paller       | East Fraser Valley     | Trish Martin  | South Vancouver Island |
| Terri Lee           | Metro Vancouver        |               |                        |

**Staff**

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| Patrick Bragg | Political Communications Officer | Kim Nguyen | EA to the REVP-B.C. |
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**Observer**

Karen Sutton

**Regrets**

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| Luc Guevremont   | B.C. Regional Coordinator | Stephen Torng   | Racially Visible |
| Sky Belt         | Metro Vancouver           | David Schinbein | DCL/SSE          |
| Johann Ackermann | West Fraser Valley        |                 |                  |

**Absent**

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| Bert Farwell | North Vancouver Island | Jenny MacLeod | Indigenous Peoples |
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## **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

Jamey Mills called the meeting to order at 6:05PM and welcomed all in attendance. The meeting agenda has been circulated electronically in advance of the meeting. Pharmacare has been added as a new agenda item.

Sky Belt, Metro Vancouver Coordinator is currently on leave returning in January 2020. Since we do not have an alternate for Sky, she will not be replaced on the call and at the Regional Council meeting.

Jeanne Olineck will be joining the call late.

Carolyn McGillivray joined the call at 6:09PM

A motion was then made to adopt the agenda as circulated.  
Moved by Todd Smith, Seconded by Leanne Hughes.  
Carried.

## **2. REVP Report**

### **a. AEC & NBoD updates**

Since the last Regional Council meeting, Jamey has attended one AEC meeting in Ottawa held on October 8.

Financially, the PSAC is in a good financial position, we currently now have 200,000 members. The Phoenix dues recovery should be completed as this project started a year ago.

PSAC awarded two scholarships to members in BC, Owen Eagle and Laura Zhu.

A new Young Workers committee was established in Quebec. Jamey presented a Young Workers working group webinar, a condensed version of the Regional Committee and Area Council Summit presentation.

The Gender Equity Task Force telephone townhall was held on Tuesday November 12. A focus group is also being held in BC and the Task Force is expected to provide their report soon..

The NBoD met on October 22. The meeting did not take place on October 21 due to the Federal Election. The NBoD discussed Regulation 19 of the PSAC Constitution, investigations and discipline, and reviewed proposed changes. A report will be prepared

The NBoD meeting also took anti-oppression training, specifically around identifying bias and unconscious bias.

The NBoD also discussed the creation of a new information portal for elected officers and staff as well as the results of the federal election.

### **Regional Office Updates**

Deb Seaboyer has officially retired. Deanna Kimball is the new REO and started on Monday September 16.

#### **b. Negotiation updates**

Jamey provided an update on the status of Treasury Board, CFIA, CRA, Parks, IMP Comox, Canada Post, and Commissionaires negotiations.

Of note the Commissionaires unit achieved a new three year collective agreement which contains significant wage increases over the three-year term, particularly for members at the lower end of the wage scale and for mobile patrol positions as well as improvements to allowances and the grievance procedure.

### **3. Political Action Update**

#### **a. Phoenix**

As of September, there are 228,000 outstanding transactions in the Phoenix dashboard.

On September 6, the government announced that it will invest \$117 million to co-design and deliver pilot projects for the Next Generation human resources and pay solution.

Since the last in-person RC meeting, there have been no updates on damages.

In Ottawa, members are lobbying MP's on pay day Wednesdays. This could be something that the BC Region does as well.

#### **b. Federal Election**

Patrick discussed the results of the Federal Election. With a Liberal minority government in place, it was the best results PSAC can hope for. There is a National Joint Strategy call tomorrow morning to discuss negotiations updates, communication plans, and member engagement and strike preparation.

Treasury Board bargaining is going to PIC but that doesn't mean that bargaining cannot take place.

Nationally, PSAC is ready to put pressure on the Liberal MPs so that Treasury Board will return to the table with a fair offer. HQ is developing a communications and campaign strategy.

#### **4. DASH Committee update**

Jennifer moves the DASH committee update, Seconded by Trish.

UNDE Kingston Local recently ratified an agreement. Jennifer suggested a donation of \$200 to the commissionaires. With no one opposed to the donation to the commissionaires, the motion was moved to donate \$200.

3 donation requests have been received by the REVP office but not sent to the DASH Committee yet (Indspire, Co-op Radio, and First Call - BC Child & Youth Advocacy Coalition). This will be sent to the DASH committee this week.

#### **5. Round Table Discussion**

Stephen was not able to attend the Regional Council conference call. On behalf of Stephen, Jamey reported that Stephen is currently having monthly meetings with the RV Organizing committee the upcoming Racially Visible Members' conference taking place at the Sheraton Hotel from Feb 28 to Mar 1. The Committee will be distributing the call out letter soon and the Conference Resolutions Committee will also soon be in place.

Jamey was announced that Bob Campbell has passed away. He started his career with Canada Revenue Agency in 1974 and became an activist on the UTE (Union of Taxation Employees) local 60005. Memorial donations can be made towards The Heart and Stroke Foundation as per his obituary. This will be on the agenda for the next meeting in January.

Kelly will be attending the Special Hycroft Lecture on November 26. Michèle Audette, Commissioner of the National Inquiry for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, will be speaking at the event. Commissioner Audette entered politics at a young age, first as president of the Quebec Native Women's Association and then as Associate Deputy Minister for the Status of Women in the Government of Quebec.

Kristin is back from maternity leave on Monday. Jamey thanked Kim for her time with PSAC while covering Kristin's leave and wishes her the best in her next steps.

#### **6. Pharmacare**

Pharmacare Now is a national organization that has been advocating for universal pharamcare that is affordable and accessible. The Canadian Health Coalition has updated their Pharmacare Now open letter and is soliciting organizational support.

A motion was made to endorse the Pharmcare Now Open letter.

Moved by Linda. Carried.

**7. Reminder and Details: Next In Person Meeting – January 2020**

The next in-person meeting is scheduled for January 31 – February 1, 2020 in Burnaby BC.

**8. Meeting Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:53 PM.