

**Minutes of the Ottawa Area Council (OAC) Meeting  
Ottawa Regional Office  
April 10, 2019**

**Present**

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| ▪ Renelle Chalifoux   | AGRU 70139       | Chair         |
| ▪ Silvia Andrighetti  | AGRU 70139       | Sec/Treasurer |
| ▪ Jeff Wrinn          | UNDE / RVP 70603 | Director      |
| ▪ Robbie Henderson    | UNDE 70603       | Director      |
| ▪ Phil Lillies        | AGRU 70050       | Delegate      |
| ▪ Alex Silas          | DCL 71250        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Kim Hum             | EDUCATION        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Grace Mulligan      | GSU 70013        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Ayrin Proulx        | GSU 70013        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Louise Sicard       | UHEW 70008       | Delegate      |
| ▪ Anna-Marie Melanson | UNE 70044        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Carla Ross          | UNE 70059        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Joanne Robinson     | UNDE 70605       | Delegate      |
| ▪ Susan Bureau        | UNDE 70605       | Delegate      |
| ▪ St. Clair Currie    | USJE A/RVP       | Delegate      |
| ▪ Dave Lanthier       | UTE 70000        | Delegate      |
| ▪ Linda Walters       | UTE 70030        | Delegate      |

**Staff**

Fathiya Wais PSAC Regional Representative

**Guests**

None

**Regrets**

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| ▪ Behiye Cinkilic | UNE 70125 | Director |
| ▪ Virginia Noble  |           |          |

**1] Call to Order** 5:32 p.m.

Renelle welcomed everyone and introduced Silvia Andrighetti at her first OAC meeting as Secretary/Treasurer.

## **2] Opening Remarks and Introductions**

Fathiya announced that the PSAC bargaining team will be meeting with TBS the week of April 29<sup>th</sup>; one last time prior to the 2019 Canadian federal elections.

### Planning and mobilization activities being planned

- a) April 17, 2019 → Planning Event for May 1st - Hull Office
- b) April 24, 2019 → Mobilization: Bargaining and Phoenix - Place du Portage Hull (Lunch time BBQ)  
(Enquiries: Angèle Cadieux)
- c) April 25, 2019 → Mobilization: Bargaining and Phoenix - Tunney's Pasture (7 a.m. - 9 a.m.)  
(Enquiries: Fathiya Wais)
- d) May 01, 2019 → Mobilization: Bargaining and Phoenix - Sparks St. (Lunch time)
  - Union letters will be provided upon request from delegates.  
(Enquiries: Fathiya Wais)

## **3] Approval of Agenda**

Linda Walters /Carla Ross                      M/S                      carried

Add to item # 5 – Taxi chits and OAC funding

Add to item # 8 – Human Rights Event

## **4] Approval of Previous Minutes**

David Lanthier/Jeff Wrinn                      M/S                      carried

Only delegates who attended the AGM can approve the minutes at the following OAC meeting. This has already been approved and noted in previous meeting minutes.

Delegate's titles within the committee will be confirmed according to their status written on their affiliation form.

## **5] Business Arising from the Minutes**

- a) Update from the By-Laws Committee

St. Clair Currie, Chair of the By-Law Committee, informed delegates that an extensive revision of the By-Laws had not been done in a while and updated on the changes that were agreed to during the AGM.

Renelle Chalifoux asked that the By-Law Committee members meet to finalize the document and bring it back to the OAC Chair.

b) Taxi chits and OAC funding

Delegates mentioned that there needs to be clarification on the changes to the taxi/transportation spending and billing. Renelle Chalifoux stated that the issue was discussed at the January 26<sup>th</sup> NCR Council Meeting. It was not discussed at the PSAC NCR Regional Executive meeting of April 8, 2019. It will be discussed at the OAC Executive meeting of April 15, 2019. It was suggested that these topics be discussed at the NCR AGM on June 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019.

**6] Reports**

Chair to Jeff Wrinn

a) Report from the Chair

Renelle Chalifoux provided a written report. In addition, she stated that she was the co-MC at the Power of Many Event of April 2, 2019 alongside Sean McKenny, President of the ODLC. Robbie was in attendance. Recently, Renelle was interviewed by Radio-Canada on April 6<sup>th</sup> - the topic on hand; '75% of federal employees would have been overpaid by Phoenix'.

Renelle Chalifoux/Alex Silas                      M/S                      carried

Chair back to Renelle Chalifoux

b) Financial Report for 2019

Delegates inquired about why the 2019 allocated budget has not been transferred yet. Renelle Chalifoux responded that it's held at national level.

Delegates would like to have the taxi allocated funding for events clarified and tracked. Renelle Chalifoux confirmed that she will meet with the PSCA Treasurer on this matter.

c) Ottawa District Labour Council (ODLC)

Phil Lillies encouraged delegates to attend the Day of Mourning at Vincent Massey Park on April 28, 2019. He also mentioned that two other events will take place in May. Information will be distributed via the OAC.

**7] Planning and Priority-setting for 2019**

Mobilisation activities are led by the Region and PSAC staff and the funds come from their mobilization budget.

The OAC is asked to participate on Ontario political issues.

Renelle Chalifoux asked that a minimum of two (2) sub-committees be created within the committee's list of priorities for 2019. She reminded everyone that the meal allowance is \$15/person for each meeting of the sub-committee.

- a) St. Clair Currie will Chair a Festival Sub-Committee; Carla Ross, Louise Sicard and Robbie Henderson volunteered to be members.
- b) The second sub-committee will be for the federal election.

Any funding requests for approval should be made ninety (90) days in advance. Delegates mentioned that the OAC should not entertain any funding for 3<sup>rd</sup> party requests.

Renelle Chalifoux suggested reaching out to the Youth Workers Committee (YWC) to find out what campaigns they are interested in supporting.

- Childcare → Ottawa Regional Women Committee (ORWC)  
Anna-Marie Melanson offered to volunteer within this initiative
- Red Dress → Indigenous Action Circle (IAC) is the lead
- Women in Politics → Ottawa Regional Women Committee (ORWC), the Comité régional des femmes francophone (CRFF) and Education Committee are the leads
- Pride Parade → Pride Committee is the lead

## **8] Request for Support and/or New Business**

### **a) Human Rights Event**

Carla Ross proposed to organize an event on December 10, 2019 in recognition of the Human's Right Day. She is seeking approval from the OAC to put forward her request for funding to the PSAC's Political Action and Special Project's budget for an amount of \$2,500.

- Event location: JK Wiley Room at 233 Gilmour St. in Ottawa from 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Delegates would consider the funding approval if a committee listing the members' names be in place by next OAC meeting. Renelle Chalifoux suggested having two (2) delegates from each committee.

Motion for funding will be presented to next OAC meeting.

## **9] Announcements and Round Table**

- a) Phil proposed to make a presentation on the 'General Strike' at the next OAC meeting.

**10] Adjournment**      7:32 p.m.