

Minutes of the Ottawa Area Council (OAC) Meeting
Ottawa Regional Office
June 12, 2019

Present

▪ Renelle Chalifoux	AGRU 70139	Chair
▪ Silvia Andrighetti	AGRU 70139	Sec/Treasurer
▪ Jeff Wrinn	UNDE RVP	Director
▪ Robbie Henderson	UNDE 70603	Director
▪ Behiye Cinkilic	UNE 70125	Director
▪ Sergey Sheshnev	UNE 70125	Delegate
▪ Anna-Marie Melanson	UNE 70044	Delegate
▪ Roddie Dafoe	UNE 70044 MASC	Delegate
▪ Carla Ross	UNE 70059	Delegate
▪ Ken Zarichansk	UPCE 70180	Delegate
▪ Leslie Pamphile	CEIU 00630	Delegate
▪ Philip Lillies	AGRU 70155	Delegate
▪ St. Clair Currie	USJE 70093 A/RVP	Delegate
▪ Susan Bureau	UNDE 70605	Delegate

Staff

Fathiya Wais Regional Representative

Guests

Jill O'Reilly Political Communications Officer
Elisabeth Woods Regional Coordinator

Regrets

▪ Joanne Robinson	UNDE 70605	Delegate
▪ Virginia Noble	UNE RVP	Delegate
▪ Dave Lanthier	UTE 70000	Delegate

1] Call to Order 5:32 pm

The meeting was called to order by Renelle Chalifoux.

2] Opening remarks and introductions

Renelle welcomed Fathiya Wais, Jill O'Reilly and delegates for their participation and asked that delegates introduce themselves and identify their status within the Council. With the

surprise visit of Elizabeth Woods, Elisabeth spoke a few minutes about mobilizations events, especially the ones pertaining to the fall elections. They are going to take place during the summer and she encouraged everyone to participate.

3] Approval of Agenda

Add to item # 7b. – Bargaining Updates

Add to item # 7c. – Future dates for OAC meetings

Roddie Dafoe/Anna-Marie Melanson M/S Carried

4] Approval of Previous Minutes

a) May 8, 2019 minutes

With only one grammatical error on page 5, the meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

Silvia Andrighetti/Roddie Dafoe M/S Carried

5] Business arising from the minutes

a) Update from the By-laws committee

St. Clair Currie, Chair of the By-laws committee, confirmed that the committee had its last meeting of the year and that the By-laws document has been finalized. Linda Walters has the final version and Renelle Chalifoux will follow-up with Fathiya Wais to have them posted on the PSAC website.

b) Update from the Festivals sub-committee

St. Clair Currie, Chair of the Festivals sub-committee, held a meeting on June 11th which focused on PSAC-NCR posters for festivals; the creation of procedures, templates, the approach and different messages. Discussions with Fathiya Wais will take place regarding these items.

OttawaFestival.ca pamphlets were distributed to delegates to help with the planning of festivals. St. Clair would deem it a success if we could attend one of the listed events by end of 2019.

A delegate suggested to prioritize riding areas as it's an election year.

A delegate suggested the Army Run, although this is not a Festival but a fundraising event, Renelle Chalifoux suggested that the sub-committee contact the Young Worker's Committee to discuss and come back with an update at the next OAC's meeting in August.

Key points for success: Good visibility representation of PSAC NCR members, their time commitment (volunteering) and creative and useful swag.

Swag suggestions: cell phone self-adhesive credit card holders and bubble bottles for kids.

Ken Zarichansk volunteered to join the Festivals sub-committee and Behiye Cinkilic will join as the OAC Director. Festival sub-committee members now include St Clair Currie, Louise Sicard, Alex Silas, Robbie Henderson, Carla Ross, Anna-Marie Melanson, Behiye Cinkilic and Ken Zarichansk.

Motion for funding

The OAC to allocate up to 1000\$ for participation in activities/festivals as decided by the Festivals sub-committee.

St. Clair Currie/Carla Ross M/S Carried (Unanimously)

Renelle Chalifoux will call an OAC Executive meeting prior to the August OAC meeting to discuss: 1) Literature and Swag, 2) Volunteers/Commitment.

c) Human Rights Day

Carla Ross put forward a motion for the OAC to support and endorse an amount up to 3000\$ for participation activities of the Human's Right Day of December 10, 2019 as decided by the committee. Funds would be taken from the Political Action and Special Projects' budget (as a separate line item). If motion is carried, it will be forwarded to the NCR Council for approval and Carla suggested that the event be publicised in the PSAC NCR monthly new letter.

Carla Ross/Jeff Wrinn M/S Carried (Unanimously)

d) Centertown Movie Festival

Robbie Henderson has confirmed that the budget has been approved for this event. Event will take place on a Friday in August, date to be determined. Popcorn will be served and movie 'Made in Dagenham' was chosen by Renelle Chalifoux as deadline was approaching. The Ottawa Regional Women Committee (ORWC) wants to be present.

Location: Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W. between Bay and Lyon

e) Create sub-committee for Labour Day

Jeff Wrinn said that the rental of the fire truck is still in the works.

Motion for funding

The OAC to allocate up to 2000\$ for participating in Labour Day activities as decided by the sub-committee.

Jeff Wrinn/Susan bureau M/S Carried (Unanimously)

6] Reports

Chair to Jeff Wrinn

a) Report from the Chair

Renelle Chalifoux, Jill O'Reilly and eighteen others gathered to plan the Ottawa Coalition Against Ford June 7th events. The first event took place at six transit stations in Ottawa, where PSAC was the lead at the Tunney's Pasture location. Carla Ross, Silvia Andrighetti and Renelle Chalifoux of the OAC participated. The lunch event at Preston Square had approximately 300 people in attendance and over 600 people for the evening event at the Ontario Courthouse. The evening event had a lot of media at which Jill O'Reilly was the key point. REVP Greg McGillis and A/REVP Alex Silas were amongst the speakers.

Renelle Chalifoux/Robbie Henderson M/S Carried

Chair back to Renelle Chalifoux

b) Financial budget and report for 2019

Silvia Andrighetti reported that the PSAC NCR will have the OAC's budget earmarked revenues up to date by the next OAC meeting in August.

c) Ottawa District Labour Council (ODLC)

Philip Lillies, member of the ODLC, said that the 100th Anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike concert featuring Sneezy Waters which took place on Thursday May 30th was a success. Approximately 100 people were in attendance.

The ODLC supports the NDP and its candidates most likely to win in the next Federal elections. The ODLC also supports PSAC activities and Philip Lillies will be attending the Capital Pride Parade. Posters for the Labour Day Parade event are now available, and no ODLC meeting will take place over the summer months.

Renelle Chalifoux followed-up with Sean McKinney, President of the ODLC and he has confirmed that he will be attending our August 14th meeting as a guest speaker and she has extended the invitation to our REVP.

7] Requests for support and/or new business

a) Federal election 2019

Robbie Henderson, Chair of the Federal Election sub-committee called a meeting on June 11th and the budget which includes an allowance for salary replacement has been approved by the Alliance Executive Committee (AEC). Volunteers are now needed.

Jill O'Reilly spoke about the PSAC Riding Based Analysis document, indicating that the Carleton and Orleans ridings are being targeted to vote out the Conservatives. Direct mailers are considered for the Carleton riding. For the other riding, the best method is face-to-face contact (canvassing) and phone calls.

Ken Zarichansk asked to be added to the sub-committee. The sub-committee members are Robbie Henderson, Anna-Marie Melanson, Renelle Chalifoux, Philip Lillies, Alex Silas, Ken Zarichansk, Fathiya Wais and Jill O'Reilly.

b) Bargaining Update

Philip Lillies wanted an update on the proposed agreement for the CAPE/PIPSC bargaining units. Roddie Dafoe explained their situation in general. Renelle Chalifoux mentioned to sign up on the Bargaining Union Websites for detailed information.

c) Future dates for OAC meetings

Jeff Wrinn suggested we move the August OAC meeting to the second week of July as he will be on vacation for the first three weeks in August. Renelle Chalifoux suggested that as Chair of the Labour Day sub-committee, he can delegate the work. The August 14th OAC meeting remains as scheduled.

8] Announcements and Round Table

Carla Ross indicated that Andrew Scheer, Conservative Party Leader is hosting a BBQ Event at the Billings Estate on June 18th from 6-8 p.m. and that delegates should attend. Renelle Chalifoux and Fathiya Wais to send an invitation to the OAC delegates and Anna-Marie Melanson suggested having the event be posted on Facebook.

9] Adjournment 7:20 pm