# RACIALLY VISIBLE ACTION COMMITTEE
## ACTIVITIES REPORT
### FOR
## May 2013

This report covers from January for which there have not been too many activities since apart from the regular meetings

RVAC remains committed to supporting all racially visible members who come to us; we are working with members to ensure they exercise their rights and consider all options available to them during this period of downsizing in the Federal Government. We continue to push for information on the impact of these job cuts on Equity Group members. We are also committed to lending community outreach whenever we can.

We held our AGM on January 17 as well as all our regular monthly meetings since February. The attendance rate has declined somewhat and for different reasons of which WFA is playing a huge role.

Plans for the upcoming National Conference in November of this year are well on the way as we approach the deadline for Registration and submission of Resolutions (we have already submitted our five). We have advised our members to apply and be part of the process as we are all affected by what is taken place.

In March RVAC participated in the Community outreach (Fund-raiser event for the Jamaican-Ottawa Sickle Cell Legacy Project). To observe March 21st, International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, we had a special meeting entitled "RVAC Reflections". Arthur Carkner, past PSAC staff and RVAC Resource person was our Guest Speaker. We also attended Kevin King's "The Inconvenient Indian" what it means to be Indian in North America.

We continue working in partnership with the Workers History Museum to produce a short video on Cal Best, the first black trade unionist in

the federal Civil Service.  The video should be ready before February 2014.

Members of the committee work long hours at the May meeting to ensure resolutions were been sent to the NCR AGM and PSAC Human Rights Conference.

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