



North Okanagan Labour Council
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Chartered by the Canadian Labour Congress

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, March 4, 2020

1. **LOCATION:** Kelowna BC

2. **CREDENTIALS REPORT:** Quorum (YES)

UNION AFFILIATES PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE:

PRESIDENT	Ian Gordon CUPE 3523	VICE PRESIDENT # 2	Jeff Fisher IBEW 213
SECRETARY TREASURER	Louise Gibson MoveUP	VICE PRESIDENT # 3	Shane Curveon ATU 1722
RECORDING SECRETARY	Cheryl Stone UFCW 1518	CENTRAL DELEGATE	Niklas Terava IBEW 213
SERGEANT at ARMS	Karen Abramsen UFCW 1518	TRUSTEE	Gail Neufeld HEU
BCFORUM	Doug Gibson	TRUSTEE	Greg McGowan BCFORUM
VICE PRESIDENT # 1	Kelly Hutchinson BCGEU		

AFFILIATES: Susan Bauhart COTA, Ronn Dunn CUPE 3523, Duane Wheatley CUPE 3523, Gray Boisvert CUPE 5523, Helen Repole BCGEU, Maggie Conway COTA, Heather Malcolm VTA

3. **BCFORUM DELEGATE(S):** Doug Gibson, Greg McGowan

4. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by PRESIDENT **Ian Gordon** CUPE 3523 at 7:00 pm

5. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** M/S/C

6. **ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:** There was an error reported regarding a motion made on the February 5, 2020 minutes, which will be submitted at the April 1, 2020 meeting. M/S/C

7. **OBLIGATION OF NEW DELEGATES:**

8. **REGRETS:** Wynn Hartfelder BCGEU, TRUSTEE Tawni Duhamel BCGEU, NORTHERN DELEGATE Luke Mortenson IBEW 213, Matthew Aitken CUPW 760,

9. **GUESTS:** Rose Jurkic CUPE 1123

10. **GUEST SPEAKER(S):** none

11. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** M/S/C - Report given by SECRETARY TREASURER **Louise Gibson** MoveUP

12. **CORRESPONDENCE:**

- **Camp Jubilee-** Send a kid to camp details read aloud
- **Peachland Food Bank** – Thank you from the Food Bank
- **Okanagan Boys & Girls Club** – Thank you for your donation
- **Kelowna Daily Courier** – Thank you for participating in the 2020 Pink shirt Day with an ad
- **BCFED Health & Safety Courses 2020** –Register online at www.healthandsafetybc.ca
- **52nd Annual Pacific Northwest Labour History Conference** – May 8 – 10 2020 SFU Harbour Centre Vancouver BC Register online at www.labourcentreheritagecentre.ca/pnlha
- **BCFORUM** – for union persons 50 years and up, the benefits of being a member. www.bcforum.ca

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

- **Rutland Library Summer Reading Club** – The “ask” in 2019 was at our June 5th meeting and we donated \$500.00. We will make a donation again this year of \$500.00 which was passed by the Executive Council.
- **Community Outreach Committee** – Kelly Hutchinson - **Labour Forum** – A motion was made to fund the upcoming Labour Forum with up to \$1,000.00. M/S/C The Labour Forum will be tentatively held May 9 2020 noon to 3:00 pm. The event is in the process of being organized. Stay tuned.

14. (a) REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS – (b) COMMITTEE REPORTS (c) CLC REPORT (d) PRESIDENT REPORT

(a) REPORTS OF LOCAL UNIONS: If you wish for your report to be included in the minutes please email it to the Recording Secretary before the 15th of the month. nolcrecording@gmail.com Thank you.

Susan Bauhart COTA, **Cheryl Stone** UFCW 1518, **Ronn Dunn** CUPE 3523

Shane Curveon ATU 1722 - ATU in Kelowna has been quite quiet. For now things seem to be settling down.

April 6th, 2020 will mark the 2-year anniversary of the Humboldt bus crash that killed many players and their bus driver. April 7th, has been designated as “Green Shirt Day” in honour of Logan Boulet’s organ donation. Shirts can be purchased online as well as Humboldt Broncos t-shirts.

We are hosting a level one stewards training. ATU Canada president is coming to Kelowna to train interested members the course on May 14, 2020.

We are also hosting the ATU Northwest Conference in Kelowna at the Coast Capri Hotel on June 9th to the 15-2020. Many locals in Western Canada and US will be in attendance.

(b) COMMITTEE REPORTS: **Bursary Committee:** no report / **Union Affiliate Outreach:** no report / **Financial Policies:** no report
Political Action Committee: no report:

Communications Committee report: **Ian Gordon** CUPE 3523 – A draft copy of the Labour Council Animated Film which is being created by Kelly Hutchinson was shown. The animated film is still in process of being made. Letter writing campaign is under way as well.

Community Outreach Committee: If anyone has an idea of whom we can book to speak at the upcoming Labour Forum, please contact **Kelly Hutchinson** at email - nolcwp1@gmail.com

Education Committee: We are considering holding a Labour School in Kelowna. Questions or input please email Ian Gordon at nolcpres@gmail.com

CLC Winter School Reports: **Niklas Terava** IBEW 213 gave a report about the Labour Law Course he attended at Winter School. He thanks NOLC for sending him to Winter School.

(c) CLC Report: **Ron Stipp** CLC Rep

Lobbying of local MPs - CLC will be sending Lobby Kits for us to lobby MPs in our area – 4 issues being lobbied on are: Pharmacare, Pensions, \$15 Federal minimum wage, Elimination of harassment in the workplace. CLC would like the lobbying to be done in April & May. Please contact Ian Gordon if you are interested in lobbying, a course will be offered by the CLC.

Day of Mourning – April 28 2020, this will be held at Ben Lee Park in Kelowna again this year. *Prevention of Occupational Cancer* is the CLC theme this year. Organizing is in the process and posters and notices will be sent out early April.

Southern Interior Labour Council Conference. (SILC) – The details regarding this conference will be sent out soon.

(d) President Report: no report

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

United Way SIBC Period Promise Campaign – Gail Neufeld HEU – 4 large containers of products were brought to our meeting this evening. We thank everyone who participated. The products will be distributed through the United Way SIBC Kelowna to the following: H.O.P.E Outreach, KARIS Support Society / N.O.W. Canada / the Bridges Youth & Family / Elizabeth Fry Society and the Kelowna Women’s Shelter.

Day of Mourning April 28, 2020 – Karen Abramsen UFCW 1518 – We will be at **Ben Lee Park** Kelowna again this year from noon to 1:00 pm sharp. Organizing with Work Safe BC is underway and posters & notices will be out by the beginning of April.

The banner we will unite under this year is:

“Prevent Occupational Cancer: Stop Deadly Exposures Now” The CLC will call on governments to reduce workers’ exposure to deadly chemicals, with toxics use reduction and safe substitution policies, health-based exposure limits and by ensuring that workers have a seat at the table in developing these policies. We’ll expose industry that seeks to block prevention efforts and deny workers information that could literally save their lives. We will also highlight the stories of workers, whose deaths and illnesses should have been prevented, and the families and activists fighting to make sure no one else suffers the same outcomes.

Labour Day Committee 2020 – Cheryl Stone UFCW 1518, Sign up to be on this committee, many hands make less work for all. Our 1st meeting is being held Tuesday, March 10, 2020, 6:30 pm at the Gibson home. Please contact Cheryl Stone if you wish to be on our Committee. nolcrecording@gmail.com. A motion was made to move the NOLC monthly meeting from September 2, 2020 to Sept 9, 2020. M/S/C

High Ground Governance Forum March 2020 – Kelly Hutchinson BCGEU gave a report on the forum.

CLC Convention Credentials 2020 –

A motion was made to send the NOLC President **Ian Gordon** to the CLC convention and invest the Executive with the sole discretion of choosing our other delegate and young worker delegate to the CLC Convention. M/S/C

16. NEW BUSINESS: none

17. FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT: Delegates **16** Guest **1** BCFORUM **2** CLC Rep **1** Total Present **20**

18. GOOD & WELFARE: BCGEU Labour Movie Night - Kelly Hutchinson BCGEU, is working with the *Community Outreach Committee* and the BCGEU to organize this event. Stay tuned.

19. ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn at **8:37 pm** M/S/C

20. NOLC 2020 MEETINGS: **April 1 (Vernon)** , May 13, June 3, Sept 9, Oct 7 (Vernon), Nov 4, Dec 2

**NEXT MEETING
Kelowna**

Wednesday, April 1, 2020
Kelowna BCGEU building, 1st floor
Executive Council Meeting - 5:30 pm
General Meeting - 7:00 pm