



North Okanagan Labour Council
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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES – Wednesday, February 5, 2020

1. **LOCATION:** Kelowna BC
2. **CREDENTIALS REPORT:** Quorum (YES)

UNION AFFILIATES PRESENT:

EXECUTIVE:

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

AFFILIATES: **Nicholas Balducci** IBEW 213, **Susan Bauhart** COTA, **Matthew Aitken** CUPW 760, **Kindie Wolfe** BCGEU

3. **BCFORUM DELEGATE:** **Doug Gibson**
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:** M/S/C
7. **OBLIGATION OF NEW DELEGATES:** **Maggie Conway** COTA was sworn in as a delegate.
8. **REGRETS:** **Niklas Terava** IBEW 213, **Helen Repole** BCGEU, **Ron Dunn** CUPE 3523, TRUSTEE **Greg McGowan** BCFORUM **Wynn Hartfelder** BCGEU, **Monica Thiessen** HEU, **Deena Coles** MoveUP
9. **GUESTS:** **Maggie Conway** COTA
10. **GUEST SPEAKER(S):**
11. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** M/S/C - Report given by SECRETARY TREASURER **Louise Gibson** MoveUP
12. **CORRESPONDENCE:** The Kelowna Daily Courier's new Advertising Representative is Dan Wood.
 - **United Way Period Promise - Gail Neufeld** HEU – The United Way SIBC has organized the *Period Promise Campaign* again this 2020. The NOLC union affiliates are asked to collect product from their members in their workplace. The products should be brought to our March 4, 2020 meeting and Gail will take it all to the United Way for distribution. The Period products collected will be distributed throughout our community through each of the following non-profits. **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**. A motion was made at the Executive meeting to spend up to \$500.00 on this product to be donated. M/S/C

13. EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS:

- The Executive Board discussed the *Pink Shirt Anti Bullying Campaign*. An ad will be placed in the Kelowna Daily Courier February 26, 2020 on a special full page colour feature with several other community sponsors.
- The Executive Board discussed the upcoming *High Ground Governance Forum* being held March 27/28 2020 in Vancouver. A decision was made to send two NOLC delegates to this forum. The motion is below under *New Business*.
- Committee Reports were discussed and listed under Committee Reports.

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.

Doug Gibson BCFORUM, **Jeff Fisher** IBEW 213, **Cheryl Stone** UFCW 1518, **Maggie Conway** COTA, **Gray Boisvert** CUPE 5523, **Susan Bauhart** COTA

Louise Gibson MoveUp - A resolution regarding ICBC was read aloud at the meeting, this resolution is attached. A motion was made that the NOLC accept this Resolution for the CLC Convention. M/S/C

Mathew Aitken CUPW 760 – Mathew Aitken made a motion to have the NOLC reach out to other Labour Councils across Canada to have “someone” call a General Strike” May 1 2020. This motion was M/S but not carried therefore the motion failed.

(b) COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Community Outreach no report / **Bursary Committee:** no report / **Union Affiliate Outreach:** no report / **Financial Policies** no report

Communications Committee report: Ian Gordon reported that the NOLC committee will be creating an animation style film regarding “What are Labour Councils” Also a letter writing campaign with topics such as political/community concerns is in the process of being organized.

Political Action Committee report: Ian Gordon highlighted topics that the committee discussed.

- RCMP Letter to City – The letter was discussed it will be revised to reflect the News article in Castanet of RCMP internal review of sexual assault. Ian will revise the letter.
- Promoting NDP – discussed what the LC can do
- Attending School Board & City Council meetings
- Inviting unendorsed and endorsed politicians to NOLC meetings
- Campaign to make transit public in the Okanagan

CLC Winter School Reports: Attendees were very appreciative of the NOLC for sending them to the CLC Winter School. Much was learned and topics will be shared in the future.

- **Tawni Duhamel** BCGEU “*Women in Leadership Course*”
- **Luke Mortenson** IBEW 213 “*Labour Council New Activist Course*”
- **Ian Gordon** CUPE 3523 “*Labour Council Officer Development Course*”

(c) CLC Report: none

(d) President Report: Report was given in the Committee & CLC Winter School reports.

15. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- **WCFF 2020: Feb 27-March 1** – reminder to try to attend. Check the website for program details. <http://www.worldfilmfestkelowna.net/> The NOLC sponsored films are: 3 episodes of “Working People: A History of Labour in British Columbia”

16. NEW BUSINESS:

- **High Ground Governance Forum March 2020** - A motion was made to spend up to \$3000.00 to send delegates **Kelly Hutchinson** BCGEU and **Luke Mortenson** IBEW 213 along with two City Counsellors, one from Kelowna and one from Vernon to the High Ground Governance Forum March 2020. M/S/C
- **Labour Day Picnic 2020** A committee has been formed and plans are under way. We have booked **Ben Lee Park** for **Monday, Sept 7, 2020**. Please contact Cheryl to sign up for this committee; many hands make less work. A meeting will be scheduled very soon.

17. **FINAL CREDENTIALS REPORT:** 15 Delegates 1 Guest 1 BCFORUM 17 Total Present

18. **GOOD & WELFARE:** <http://www.worldfilmfestkelowna.net/>

19. **ADJOURNMENT:** Adjourned at **8:50 pm** M/S/C

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

**NEXT MEETING
Kelowna**

Wednesday, March 4, 2020
Kelowna BCGEU building, 1st floor
Executive Council Meeting - 5:30 pm
General Meeting - 7:00 pm