

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on September 11,  
2013  
Kingston Regional Office  
Kingston, ON**

Roll Call at 1830hrs

**Attendees:**

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| Ralf Bucherer     | President      | UCTE 00056       |
| Rej Bruneau       | Vice President | UNDE641          |
| Peggy Jones       | Treasurer      | DCL Local 818    |
| Sheri Robinson    | Secretary      | USGE Local 00016 |
| Richard McNeill   |                | USGE Local 00016 |
| Ed Jones          |                | DCL Local 818    |
| Martin Smaglinski |                | UNDE 641         |
| Paul Chaves       |                | USGE 0103        |
| Janet Lisk        | retired        |                  |

Regrets: Christo Av, Phil Trottier, Jacquie, Michelle Poirier

Paddle changed to a Charter Cruise with a maximum capacity of 200 people, will invite VIP stakeholders. It will be held on October 5, so cut off for petitions is September 30, 2013.

**Buskers and Blues**

These two events were a success. We need more volunteers from our unions to host these events. Next year we should look at doing all days the of Buskers instead of just the one if we have sufficient funds.

**Labour Day**

Labour Day was also a success with about 60 members attending. Potatoes and apples were very successful and we should consider doing again next year. We need more locals out to activities. Pipers were great but next year we could get a marching band such as Queen's, Rob Roy, RMC, schools, etc.

**Founders Day**

Founder's day this year will be held on November 14, 2013 at the PSAC Headquarters in Ottawa. It is where people get together to celebrate the

founding of PSAC and to honour employees with service pins, awards, etc. Staff travel at their own expense, though they are able to attend on company time.

Components also honour their staff with pins and awards and recognition, so there may be some USGE presentations.

### **Kingston Penitentiary Closing Ceremony**

It is expected that Robyn Benson will be invited to the Kingston Penitentiary Closing Ceremony, we would like to arrange a meeting for that same day so we have the opportunity to meet with Robyn Benson. Richard McNeill to find out date of closing ceremony and let the council know.

### **Food Drive**

Kick off date will be announced at the next meeting, we can start collecting now. We will be using the “We are all affected” paper grocery bags that we ordered. We will collect at our worksites in October and November and then outside grocery stores in December. We need volunteers with trucks or vans to transport food.

### **Tables**

We purchased 4 tables, 6 feet each for the councils use so that we don't have to continuously borrow tables for our events. Ed Jones will look into possibly getting a dolly for the council.

### **Training Schedule**

The PSAC Regional office has published their training schedule, many found it difficult or impossible to open in the email attachment, members were encouraged to access online version. We would have liked to see some resolution and grievance handling training included in the schedule.

### **Take back the night**

On September 26, 2013, the annual “Take back the night” campaign will kick off at 6:30 at Confederation Basin. Members were encouraged to wear either their “We are all affected” t-shirts or the Labour Day t-shirts and

show our support to these women. The March itself is for the women but everyone is encouraged to attend at the events at the Basin.

### **Sister in Spirit Vigil**

On October 4, 2013 the National Aboriginal Women's Committee will be holding their annual vigil to bring awareness to the nearly 600 aboriginal women in Canada who have been murdered or gone missing. The women are rarely found and 53% of the cases are never solved. On October 4<sup>th</sup> the NAWC asks that vigils be held or supported in communities across the country. If members are not able to attend a vigil they can light a virtual candle online at: <http://www.october4th.ca/>

### **Roundtable**

- The DCL for the Commissionaires is short of people and there are several issues with the upcoming elections.