

**Kingston Area Council Minutes of the Meeting held on  
April 16, 2014  
PSAC Kingston Regional Office  
Kingston, Ontario**

Call to order: 1830hrs by Pres Bucherer

Attendees:

Ralf Bucherer	President	UCTE 00056
Rej Bruneau	Vice President	UNDE 641
Ed Jones	2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	DCL 818
Peggy Jones	Treasurer	DCL 818
Sheri Robinson	Secretary	USGE 00103
Richard McNeill		USGE
Serge Abbott		Agriculture Local 978
Paul Chaves		USGE 00103
Janet Lisk		PSAC Retired
Phil Trottier		PSAC Retired
Matthew Scribner		DCL 901
Lisa Marion		KDLC
Darlene Midhurst		KDLC
Tara Asselstine		UNDE 641
Tony Baldassarra		CUPW 556
<u>Regrets:</u>		
Michelle Poirier		UVAE 00013

PSACares

Paul Chaves was named as co-ordinator and given the email address [PSACares@Kingstonpsac.ca](mailto:PSACares@Kingstonpsac.ca)

Heart & Stroke – Catherine from the Big Bike planning committee spoke about the events happening the first week of June. We undertook to do a ride on Wednesday June 4, 2014. The ride will depart from the KRock Centre. We need 29 riders and the ride takes about 20 minutes. 1 Canadian every 7 minutes dies for heart and stroke disease, all the funds raised will go to research and education.

KDLC

Lisa and Darlene spoke about the importance of having 1 collective voice. They have several annual events including:

- Day of Mourning

- Repetitive strain injury day
- Stop the Killing, Enforce the Law
- May Day
- Labour Day
- Rallies such as Bill 115

In addition they run several education courses and have a Recognition Banquet. They meet the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 7pm at 105 Sutherland Drive. "Together Fairness Works" They also left the council information on the following:

- Municipalities Matter – get involved and become knowledgeable about candidates, often council members go on to provincial and federal candidates.
- CLC Summer School Week 1 July 13-18, Week 2 July 20-25
- United Way flyer
- PSAC Bursaries are available through PSAC for schools outside PSAC especially WSIB

### CUPW 556

Tony Baldassarra came and spoke about challenges CUPW is facing. Post offices are making a profit despite government claiming losses. Door to door delivery is important for many people whether elderly or disabled.

### Provincial Election Upcoming

Budget will come out May 1 or 5 and debate will ensue. Election will follow probably between June 5-26, 2014. The NDP has already begun foot patrols knocking on doors. They have an office reserved and will be set up on Gardiner's Road. Lawn signs will be going out soon. They need volunteers to work phones, put up signs, donate money, etc. Contact Dave Kerr if interested at cell 613-449-9008, home 613-766-6243, or office 613-549-2444. Please get involved, encourage people to vote and vote labour friendly. Talk to everyone you know, not just co-workers but family, friends, neighbours etc.

### Minutes

Motioned by Br. Jones, seconded by Br. Chaves, passed

### Buskers and Blues

No discount for Canada flag pins even with the large amount we will be ordering. We want to include CUPW and Veteran's Affairs. We may not have the money to participate in events for political action as we haven't

heard from PSAC Ontario yet on support. In the mean time we will ask for loans from USGE(\$600) and UNDE(\$1000) to pay registration fees so that we will get our logo in all printed advertisements.

#### Food drive

Easter food drive. Br. and Sr. Jones to drop off food at St. Vincent de Paul and get a picture. We found out too late about Toilet Paper the Town but we may wish to participate next year.

#### Spring School

Brs and Srs. who attended Spring School generally thought the program was well developed and delivered but had several issues with the facility in that it was not fully accessible for people with disabilities and there were concerns about the smell and possibility of mold spores in many of the rooms.

#### USGE Political Dinner

USGE will be holding another Political Dinner on May 15, 2014 at the Collins Bay Legion. Speakers to include Robyn Benson and members from the PA and SV Bargaining units.

#### Town Hall Phone Call

PSAC has started doing Town Hall phone calls to notify our members about current events. If members missed it, it has been posted on YouTube. There may be wage freezes, sick leave changes, FRR changes and the bargaining teams will take every proposal forward and delay as much as possible.

#### Roundtable

PM6 is Affected if anyone wants an alternation. Person must have archeology background as it's a hydro/electric position, \$89000-102000 a year.

PSAC has now taken government to court over Bill C-4, more to follow on this topic.

#### June 19, 2014

There is a movement that is growing asking workers to take 19 minutes off work. The next one is scheduled for June 19, 2014.

### Public Service Week

We are asking members to boycott Public Service Week. At the very least we will not financially support any employer sponsored activities. Several locals will do activities separate from their employers.

### Convention

At the May meeting we should look at preparing some White papers as it is the last meeting prior to Ontario Regional PSAC Convention in June.

### Labour Day

The deadline for Labour Day slogans is April 21, 2014. If you have any ideas please send to Pres for submission.

Meeting adjourned at 2035hrs.

Next meeting May 14, 2014