

**PRAIRIE REGION HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
REPORT TO PRAIRIE REGION COUNCIL
December 2 – 4, 2021**

This report covers the committee’s activities since last PRC meeting in September 2021

The Regional Health & Safety Committee met virtually on a two separate dates, on October 6th and on November 16th 2021, to finalize the last touch planning the Prairie Region Triennial Health & Safety Conference. ***Please see Appendices 1 & 2 at the end of this report for the meeting minutes.***

The Regional Health & Safety Committee chose, with consensus, Michelle Lang (DCL 40005) as the Committee’s Co-Chair representing DCLs & Components in the Prairies.

The Committee also chose with consensus Karine Drobko (CEIU Component) as Secretary/Treasurer for the committee.

The Committee participated in the Regional Health & Safety Conference which was held on November 18 to 20. A big great thank you to Clint Wirth – The Prairies Health & Safety Officer – for an excellent job and effort in putting a great conference together. ***Please see Appendix 3 at the end of this report for the Conference’s agenda***

We are hoping to run a good Town-Hall meeting on November 30th 2021. Town-Hall style meetings are held annually by the committee and are open to all members in good standing in the prairies. At Town-Hall meetings we hope to hear members’ opinions on what topics the committee should address, to canvass members’ input on the committee’s direction going forward, etc..

The Prairie Region Committee is looking forward to work with the Prairie Region Council and with Health & Safety activists in the prairies

**Respectfully Submitted
Gus Mardli, on behalf of**

Your Prairie Region Health & Safety Committee

Michelle Lang (Co-Chair, Component/DCL)	Gus Mardli (Co-Chair, PRC)
Stasi L’Hirondelle (PRC)	Tim Hubick (PRC)
Valda Behrens (USJE)	Brea Baresinkoff (CIU)
Faye Kingyens (UHEW)	Randy Olynyk AGR)
Karine Drobko (CEIU)	Martin Kaminski (UNE)

Appendix 1

Wednesday 06 October 2021 7:00 PM CST, Virtual Meeting

In attendance (alphabetically):

Clint Wirth – PSAC Prairies – Committee Advisor

Faye Kingyens - Union of Health & Environment Workers (UHEW) Rep

Gus Mardli - Prairie Region Council (PRC) South-East Manitoba Geographic Rep –
Co-Chair

Jesse Todd – Guest - PSAC Prairies Facilitator

Karine Drobko – Canadian Employment & Immigration Union (CEIU) Rep -
Secretary/Treasurer

Kim Wyllie – Union of Canadian Transportation Employees (UCTE) Rep

Martin Kaminski – Union of National Employees (UNE) Rep

Michelle Lang – Prairie Region Council (PRC) DCLs Rep

DCLs & Components **Co-Chair**

Rachel Stark - Guest - PSAC Prairies Facilitator

Randy Olynyk – Agriculture Union (AGR) Rep

Stasi L'Hirondelle - Prairie Region Council (PRC) Northern Alberta Geographic Rep

Tim Hubick - Prairie Region Council (PRC) PWD Rep

Valda Behrens – Union of Safety & Justice Employees (USJE) Rep

Absent

Mike Fraser – Customs & Immigration Union Rep

... - Union of National Defense Employees (UNDE)

... - Union of Postal Communications Employees (UPCE)

... - Government Services Union (GSU)

... - Union of Taxation Employees (UTE)

... - Union of Veterans' Affairs Employees (UVAE)

1 Welcome, Introductions, Returning & New Committee Members:

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM CST by Co-Chair Gus Mardli

2 Review of the ToR:

- Discussed the Committees Composition and the need to Elect/Select a Co-Chair on behalf of Components/DCLs Reps as well as the need to Elect/Select a Secretary_Treasurer for the committee
- Discussed the number of annual meetings required to meet the mandate of the Committee
- Discussed the Committee's yearly Town-Hall
- Discussed Operation and the Quorum required to run an official meeting and the need of REVP and PRC approval of: the Committee's reports, appointment of CO-Chairs, minutes submission to the REVPs office and the Committee's decisions requirement of simple majority

- Mentioned the committee's Mandate & Objectives are also sent by REVP to Components when appointing Component Reps
- 3 Regional Triennial Prairies H&S Conference (November 19-20, 2021 - Virtual):**
- Clint Wirth walked the Committee through the Conference Draft Agenda.
 - Rachel Stark and Jesse Todd both mentioned their participation in facilitating two separate workshop at the Conference
 - Faye Kingyens like to see an ongoing discussion of Covid-19 and the mandated Covid vaccination especially at the H&S conference
- 4 Review process for chair selection:**
- Michelle Lang was mentioned if she would be interested in being the co-chairs on behalf of the DCLs/Components. Michelle accepted to let her name stand and there wasn't any objection
 - Karine Drobko was asked if she would accept to be the Secretary Treasurer. Karine accepted the position and there was no objection by any committee member
 - Karine's computer's connection is needing a small part. The Committee will recommend to the REVP to buy this part (\$30 plus/minus) for Karine
- 5 Committee's townhall to remain in good standing:**
The committee agreed to have the townhall (virtual) on November 30th, 2021 @
7:30 PM – 9:00 PM (Manitoba/Saskatchewan)
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Alberta time)
- 6 2022 committee's official meeting dates:**
The committee will determine the 2022 meeting dates at a later meeting this fall.
Next meeting date is on November 16 @ 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM
(Manitoba/Saskatchewan)
6:00 PM – 7:00 PM (Alberta time)
- 7 Round Table:**
- Kim Wyllie recommended for the committee continues with activities such as: Health & Safety Wheel, The NIOSH trivia, the monthly Did You Know blurbs, etc... Kim will be emailing the committee the info she has and required. Kim will also email a template to use by Treasurer

Adjournment: 9:00 PM Central Time

Appendix 2

**Tuesday November 16, 2021
7:00 PM CST, Virtual Meeting**

In attendance (alphabetically):

Clint Wirth – PSAC Prairies – Committee Advisor

Faye Kingyens - Union of Health & Environment Workers (UHEW) Rep

Gus Mardli - Prairie Region Council (PRC) South-East Manitoba Geographic Rep –
Co-Chair

Karine Drobko – Canadian Employment & Immigration Union (CEIU) Rep -
Secretary/Treasurer

Kim Wyllie – Union of Canadian Transportation Employees (UCTE) Rep

Martin Kaminski – Union of National Employees (UNE) Rep

Michelle Lang – Prairie Region Council (PRC) DCLs Rep

DCLs & Components **Co-Chair**

Randy Olynyk – Agriculture Union (AGR) Rep

Stasi L’Hirondelle - Prairie Region Council (PRC) Northern Alberta Geographic Rep

Tim Hubick - Prairie Region Council (PRC) PWD Rep

Valda Behrens – Union of Safety & Justice Employees (USJE) Rep

Brea Baresinkoff - Customs & Immigration Union Rep

Absent

- ... - Union of National Defense Employees (UNDE)
- ... - Union of Postal Communications Employees (UPCE)
- ... - Government Services Union (GSU)
- ... - Union of Taxation Employees (UTE)
- ... - Union of Veterans’ Affairs Employees (UVAE)

1. Welcome, Introductions, Returning & New Committee Members:

-The meeting was called to order at 7:09 PM CST by Co-Chair Gus Mardli.

2. Adoption of agenda: Michelle L, Randy O, all in favor

3. Adoption of previous minutes: Randy O, Kim W, all in favor

4. Defer treasurer report

5. Statement on harassment

6. Regional Triennial Prairies H&S Conference (November 19-20, 2021 - Virtual):

Clint walked the Committee through the Conference Agenda, introductions, speakers, facilitators, workshops, activities.

7. Committee's townhall:

The committee agreed to have the townhall (virtual) on November 30th, 2021 @

7:30 PM – 9:00 PM (Manitoba/Saskatchewan)

6:30 PM – 8:00 PM (Alberta time)

- We need to plan an agenda, and details will be blasted.
- Review of previous town hall agenda, and discussion on what this one could look like.
- Discussion on using Whats App for group chat. Karine to organize and set it up.

8. Mental Health Check-ins for TB employers with employees who are on LWP due to vaccine policy

- Discussion on what's happening in our depts with vaccine policy and members.

9. Suicide Prevention Plans discussion

10. Moral Injury Discussion - for union reps and members

Round Table:

- More discussion on town hall agenda

Adjournment: 9:43 PM Central Time

Appendix 3

2021 Prairie Region Health and Safety Conference Agenda November 18-20, 2021

Thursday 7:30-9:00 **Meet and greet platform familiarization**
<https://psac-afpc.zoom.us/join/91767376000>

Friday 9-4:30

Saturday 9-4:15

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**Friday
9:00 am**

Welcome participants to 5th PSAC Triennial H&S conference
Indigenous Opening
Minute of silence for those injured or killed as a result of Workplace incidents
Review of PSAC Harassment Policy
Intro of PR H&S committee, staff and guests
Attendee introductions
Greetings from Marianne Hladun, REVP Prairies
Review of agenda
Explanation of Member claim portal

10:20- 10:35 Break

**10:40- 12:00 Laurence Camille- Coordinator- PSAC Representation
Vaccine requirements**

12-1:00 Lunch

**1:00-2:30 Dr. Leigh Quesnel- presentation and panel discussion with Dr. Quesnel,
Marianne Hladun, and Clint Wirth**

2:30- 2:45 Break

2:45-3:15 Jeopardy

3:15- 4:00 Return to work

4:00- 4:30

Review day's events
Review Saturday's agenda
Closing Comments

Saturday

**9:00 Welcome back
Review of yesterday's highlights**

9:15-10:45 First Workshop

ABC's of WCB

<https://psac-afpc.zoom.us/j/68470248281?pwd=cWF0aks5ZVhqTU9ISHpZNIJsYVFtQT09>

inspections and investigations,

<https://psac-afpc.zoom.us/j/66872806628?pwd=K2Rra1VINFhRV08ySm91bkJPMTVodz09>

new WPV prevention legislation

<https://psac-afpc.zoom.us/j/66267003569?pwd=aVRUbnFtRTA1d01QWWhza0lpbHltQT09>

10:45-11:00 Break

11:00-12:30 Second Workshop

ABC's of WCB

<https://psac-afpc.zoom.us/j/61358296243?pwd=U25XVWZqUk4vK2QyTFNjVFImdzZiQT09>

New WPV prevention legislation

<https://psac-afpc.zoom.us/j/63997501936?pwd=U3hud0NWTUhPU0xjU2UrUU1KN1ILQT09>

12:30-1:30 lunch

1:30-1:45 scavenger hunt

1:45-3:45 Amanda Rocheleau

**3:45-4:15 Closing remarks
Adjournment**