

Edmonton Area Council
Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2023 @1730

Area Council Committees engage with PSAC campaigns, lobby politicians and raise awareness of issues affecting our members, workers and the Canadian Public. Check out these minutes for current actions and events.

In Attendance:

- Oneil Carlier
- Mike McLean
- Darlene Lewis
- Caitlin Fortier

AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Statement of Harassment
4. Adoption of the Agenda
5. Approval of Previous Minutes
6. Treasurer's Report/Financial Statement
7. Year End Reports due March 2023
8. Discussion/Adopting of Resolution to submit for the Prairies Triennial Convention – which has a deadline of January 24, 2023. Round Table

1. Attendance conducted
 - Meeting Quorum initially not met, unable to formally hold meeting (1738hrs)
2. Round-table discussion of resolution wording followed
3. Meeting called to order after quorum conditions now met (1747hrs)
4. reading of meeting bylaws & land acknowledgement (1749-1753hrs)
 - statement of harassment Darlene Lewis (1749hrs)
 - land acknowledgement Darlene Lewis (1752hrs)
5. Adoption of agenda (Mike & Oneil) (1754hrs)
6. Approval of previous minutes (Mike & Oneil) (1756hrs)
7. Treasurer is not present, so unable to do the Treasurer's Report and Statement
8. Resolution Discussion round-table resumed, Darlene taking lead (1758hrs)

▪ Initial wording:

*“Where as; Treasury Board has announced the Hybrid work model is the future of the public service and is here to stay,
Where as; Remote work is the practice of employees doing their jobs from a location other than a central office operated by the employer. It has proven that workers are less stressed and therefore more productive when working remotely;
Be it Resolved; that PSAC Prairies ask PSAC National to lobby federal governments to maximize remotely initiatives.
Be it Further Resolved; that PSAC include this concept as a bargaining demand in other bargaining units”*

- summary of feedback: narrower/more specific focus to wording (focusing on worker

impact), resolution should have a specific request for what is being asked for, resolution should also be more inclusive of non-federal public service workers who are also represented by the union

- Final wording:

“WHEREAS Treasury Board has announced the Hybrid work model is the future of the public service and is here to stay, and

WHEREAS Remote work is the practice of employees doing their jobs from a location other than a central office operated by the employer. It has proven to have broad benefits to workers, such as workers being more productive and less stressed.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT PSAC National develop a campaign to advocate for remote work in the Federal Public Service, Separate Agencies, DCLs and Federal Employees broadly ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT PSAC provide all necessary staff resources to support a working group for the campaign.”

- Members in attendance reach consensus on wording of resolution (1834hrs)

9. Meeting adjourned at 1839hrs