

Edmonton Area Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 16, 2025

Time: 17:00 p.m.

Location: Hybrid

Attendance

Executive: Nicole Akhenak – Chair; Stasi L’Hirondelle – Vice-Chair; Jen Beattie – Treasurer(online); Natalie Slonowski – Secretary(online)

Members-online: Charmaine Nelson (CEIU – Local 30851), Fatima Rizvi (GSU- Local 30001), Joel Hildebrand (UNDE – Local 30908), Alison McIntosh (Parks Canada), Nicole Fransden (UTE – Local 30025), Adedayo Ojeleye (UTE – Local 30025)

1. Call to Order at 5:08 p.m. by Nicole Akhenak
2. Land Acknowledgement – Read by Committee Chair, Nicole Akhenak
3. Statement on Harassment – Not read; can be found on the [PSAC website](#). Anti-Harassment Coordinator for this meeting, Oneil Carlier.

Standing Items:

4. Adoption of Agenda – Stasi moved, Jen second; Approved
 - a. Stasi requested to amend agenda with adding one more item – Resolution Writing Event – Recommended resolution writing as resolutions to Prairie Region Convention are due January 23rd. Jen second; Approved.
5. Approval of Previous Minutes – Stasi moved, Jen second; Approved
6. Chairs report – Nicole –some postal picket lines and rally for education events have had some members show up to show solidarity. If members have heard of events, please let the Area Council Executive know. It can be arranged to help get flags for use. Nicole moved her report, Stasi seconded - no questions.
7. Treasurer’s Report – Jen Beattie
 - Current Balance is \$623.20(daily banking); \$1.20 (shares). Total \$624.40
 - There is a difference of \$31.42 due to a cheque cashed on September 23rd. Jen moved her report, Stasi second – no questions
8. Prairie Regional Council – Stasi L’Hirondelle – There has been no meeting since August. There are scheduled meetings November 27th and 28th. Any suggestions or comments that can be taken back to PRC for amendments to financial packages, are welcome.

Nothing is too big or small, or out of the box. If you have suggestions, please send them to Stasi.

Edmonton Area Council has once again gotten a wreath for Cold Lake, Edmonton, and Wainwright for Remembrance Day.

Stasi moved her report, Natalie second – clarification on report requested:

- Natalie asked for clarification on report, wanting to ensure that there was three wreaths. This was confirmed.

New Business:

New Business – Nicole _ Marianne spoke about getting people interested in different committees so a few of us thought about holding a member engagement event so we thought about having a games night we have done that at some of the conferences and a good way to bring people together and different components and you can see if there are people that share some of the same ideas. Just trying to see if there is any interest for that. Thoughts or opinions on that?

Stasi – make motion to add for a games night to the amount of \$400; Jen seconded; approved – questions then followed:

Jen – regarding the liability of having a liquor licence, Jen was wanting to know if someone can provide any explanation as to the approval of the liquor licence and any potential liability issue. Nicole said she would look into Jen's questions.

Stasi – agreed with Jen that the only way we should considering doing a liquor licence was if the liability is with PSAC and not the Edmonton Area Council. Secondly, if we were to get a liquor licence, someone from PSAC or an executive member would need to ensure that they did not partake in any liquor as there is a anti-harassment coordinator needed. Oneil indicated that Edmonton Area Council would be covered by PSAC.

Nicole stated that she would talk to Marianne before we host the event.

Stasi asked when we would like to hold the event? Would it be at a local café with or without a liquor licence, the Regional Office? It was agreed that another meeting would be held with the executive to plan the event.

Nicole stated that she was looking at potentially November 7th.

Joel indicated that as long as he had 10 days notice and a Friday evening, that he would be interested in attending.

Adedayo thought it would be an ideal evening and a relaxing event where people can come out before the weekend.

Nicole asked for a vote regarding games night – Jen opposed, Charmaine is abstaining, Alison is abstaining; motion carried.

Stasi motioned that Edmonton Area Council plan an event for the second week of January for resolution writing so that gives to talk about resolutions. We could invite the other committees such as Woman's and Human Rights. This will give time to be able to approve resolutions and have them submitted before the deadline in January. Stasi proposes to have it January 10th, afternoon event for resolution writing and a budget of \$300 to provide snacks or a little more for a light lunch. Charmaine said she's done them for 3-4 hours. Joel seconded; motion carried.

Round table:

Joel - nothing

Natalie – nothing

Jen – nothing

Alison – nothing

Charmaine – nothing

Adedayo – nothing

Stasi – Welcomed Alison, and informed them that as their Prairie Region Geographical Representative, please reach out to her if she has any questions. Stasi's contact information can be found on the PSAC website. Since our last meeting I did a walk with CUPW on their strike line with an hour and a half. Charmaine, Jen, and Natalie, and Nat's daughter – she will be our newest recruit. Teacher's rally, went to that with Jen and Charmaine – the number of people was intense. Never been to a rally with so many people there. Hope we can stand in support for solidarity.

Nicole – we will have a planning session to hold the event – that is something we can just do with the executive.

Next Meeting: TBD

Meeting adjourned: 5:55 PM