

REGIONAL INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S CIRCLE

Minutes of January 21, 2025 AGM

Attendance: Prudence McKenzie (Vice Chair) – 40027

Beatrisha Cheechoo (Chair) – 40195

Steven Whiteman (Treasurer) – 40195

Rhonda Henry (Secretary) - 40195

Kelsey Churchill – 40027

Janette Husak – 40195

Vivian Merasty – 40027

Jacqueline Maurice – PSAC Staff

Call to Order – In the absence of Chair, Beatrisha Cheechoo, Vice Chair Prudence McKenzie called the meeting to order at 6:30

Land Acknowledgement – Steven Whiteman gave the land acknowledgement. As an FYI, Prudence explained that it was okay for a First Nations Member to give the Land Acknowledgement as we are all First Nations. In other circumstances, it's not appropriate for one of our people to give the land acknowledgement.

Harassment Policy – Steven read PSAC's Harassment Policy and Jacqueline Maurice was appointment the anti-harassment contact for this meeting.

Review and Adoption of the Agenda – Moved by Rhonda Henry; Seconded by Kelsey Churchill CARRIED

Review and Adoption of December 3 Minutes – Secretary, Rhonda read through December 3 meeting minutes and pointed out the main points, Moved by Janette; Seconded by Steven – CARRIED

Chairperson's Report – Beatrice was unable to give a report due to connection issues

Vice Chair's Report – Prudence presented her report. Prudence has been in the position of Vice-chair for a couple of months after taking a leave from the federal government. She has previously held the positions of Secretary, Treasurer and Chairperson. She spoke about the importance of RIPC as we are the only Indigenous group across the Prairie Region and we need to keep representing and supporting our fellow Indigenous worker and speaking on the importance of providing an Indigenous lens on matters pertaining to union groups. In her position of vice chair, Prudence has assisted with meeting coordination, fulfilling some reporting requirements and been of assistance to others regarding the Collective Agreement. Prudence looks forward to what the RIPC has planned for the upcoming fiscal year.

Secretary's Report – Rhonda expressed her interest in learning about the year end tasks we are committed to completing. No correspondence. Treasurer's Report – Steven gave his report. We have a current balance of \$2630.40 with the payment for the Orange Shirts pending. Steven will pay this invoice, \$1665 by etransfer this week.

Vivian Merasty moved we accept the reports as presented: Seconded by Kelsey – CARRIED

Budget Discussion – We briefly discussed what we are hoping to complete for the 2025/2026 year and the process to close out the current year. Because we have several new people since the beginning of this fiscal year, Kelsey forwarded last year's budget package for us to review. Janette suggested we approach NIPC with a request for funding to assist in carrying out our budget items. Kelsey and Prudence will work on the new budget items and we will vote on them via email in the very near future.

The 2024 financials were presented and passed by consensus.

Janette's Report – Janette reviewed the budget process with us and reminded us of the dates in which we have to have everything submitted for approval. NIPC is setting up a Facebook page and they are working on a poster. Walking in our Truth Together – Modules 1, 2 and 3 are currently available. Janette encourages us to complete the course. She also encouraged us to take advantage of the courses available to us through PSAC's education. One course of particular interest is the Intro to Union for Indigenous People at the end of March. Janette will be attending the upcoming PRC Indigenous Training in Edmonton. There is an all-committee meeting being held directly after our meeting. Janette encourages us to attend.

Elections – The meeting was turned over to Jacqueline Maurice to carry out the elections of officers. All positions will be one year terms

Secretary – Rhonda nominated by Janette; Seconded by Prudence – CARRIED

Treasurer – Steven nominated by Vivian; Seconded by Janette – CARRIED

Vice Chair – Prudence nominated by Rhonda; Seconded by Steven – CARRIED

Chair – Rhonda nominated Beatrice; Seconded by Janette ; Steven nominated Kelsey; Seconded by Vivian. Vote was held by texting to Jacqueline – Kelsey was elected as Chair – CARRIED

Action Items – Prudence reminded us that she had not received the tobacco protocol from our last meeting. We have to work on the amendments to our Terms of Reference.

**Regional Indigenous Peoples Circle
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT
January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024**

	Amount Approved for 2024	Actual
Bank Balance, as of January 1, 2024 (as shown on Bank Statement)		\$572.24
REVENUE		
Prairie Region Allocation (total of all deposits for the year)	\$2,100.00	\$2,100.00
Bank Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00
Other:		
Total Revenue		\$2,100.00
EXPENSES		
Previous year expenses (cheque written previous year but not cleared until current year AND cheques written in current year for previous year expenses)		
Bank fees - \$2.00 x 12	\$24.00	
Stop payment fee for lost cheques - cheques were lost when treasurer moved	\$20.00	
Meeting Expenses		
Activity / Event Expenses		
Orange Day T-shirts (to be paid)* (payment made Feb 6/25)		

Other		
Total Expenses		\$0.00
BALANCE AVAILABLE - TOTAL NET INCOME		\$2,672.24
Total Outstanding Cheques <i>(written in current year but not cleared by bank)</i>		
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Bank Balance, as of December 31, <Year> <i>(should match Bank Statement balance)</i>		\$2,672.24
NOTES: Asset: x5 \$30 Co-Op gift cards remaining from Jessy's Garden event in 2022 (\$150)		