

Prairie Region Council Meeting
Minutes – 4 June 2026
9:00 am AB/SK time / 10:00 am MB time
In Person – Sheraton Suites Calgary Eau Claire

PRESENT:

Marianne Hladun, REVP Prairies
Krysty Thomas, Alternate REVP Prairies
Stasi L'Hirondelle, Northern Alberta Geographical Rep
Alex Creamer, Southern Alberta Geographical Rep
Dawn Montgrant, Northern Saskatchewan Geographical Rep
Kristin Bowler, South-East Manitoba Geographical Rep
Sherry Hunt, Regional Womens Committees Rep
Tim Hubick, Persons with Disabilities Rep
Janette Husak, Indigenous Persons Rep
Madeline Lee, Racially Visible Persons Rep
Michelle Lang, Directly Chartered Locals Rep
Craig Kremer, 2SLGBTQIA2+ Persons Rep
Alicia Zurba, North-West Manitoba Geographical Rep
Tania Fikus, Young Workers Rep
Amy Stoik, Southern Saskatchewan Geographical Rep
Amanda Wakeford, Separate Employers Locals Rep
Lisa Garnier, Associate Director, Prairies
Brooke Bunn, Regional Manager, Prairies
Brianne Goertzen, Regional Political Communication Officer, Prairies
Adrita Hasan, Communication Officer, Prairies
Tesla LeSaux, Administrative Assistant Winnipeg RO

Regrets:

Vanessa Hruska, Executive Assistant to REVP Prairies

1. The meeting was called to order by Marianne Hladun at 9:05 am AB time.
2. Janette offered to deliver the Land Acknowledgement, recognizing that we gather on the traditional territories of the peoples of Treaty 7 in Southern Alberta. We also acknowledge that the City of Calgary is home to the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region 3. Marianne thanked Janette for her contributions as the Indigenous representative on Council and for her assistance in identifying an Elder for the convention.

3. PSAC Statement on Harassment is in effect. Lisa Garnier is the Anti-Harassment Coordinator. If you have any concerns, please contact Lisa Garnier.
4. Opening remarks – Marianne stated this will be a brief meeting to discuss convention logistics. PRC is in session now and will remain in session until Sunday afternoon. Members will be notified if any resolutions arise that require a meeting, and attendance is expected to ensure quorum. Attendees were reminded to always keep their convention credentials and ballot books with them as neither will be replaced if lost. Component seating will be assigned through a lottery at 6:00 p.m., with one representative from each component participating. Components not represented will be assigned seating by staff. Final table assignments will be identified following the lottery.
5. Submitted Agenda Items:
 - a. Review Convention Agenda - Marianne provided a detailed overview of the convention agenda.
 - b. Political Action Overview

Following previous discussions regarding logistical concerns with holding activities at Harry Hays, it was decided that delegates will instead participate in an “I Support My Bargaining Team” photo opportunity at 11:30 a.m. Members are encouraged to bring flags and participate in a group photo.

Due to venue restrictions, a drone will not be used. Instead, an elevated camera position will be used to capture the image. Staff will assist in organizing participants and the activity is expected to take approximately 30 minutes. Following the photo, delegates will break for lunch, with food options available for purchase through the BMO Centre food fair.

- c. Structure of Candidate Forum

Only candidates whose nominations were received by the deadline are eligible to participate in the Candidates Forum. Delegates may submit questions for candidates using the designated question box. Bruce Roy will moderate the forum, with Bruce and Lisa reviewing submissions beforehand to remove duplicate questions.

Each candidate will have three minutes for opening remarks and two minutes for closing statements. Speaking order will be determined by random draw and rotated throughout the forum to ensure fairness. Candidates may meet

with Bruce and Lisa beforehand to review the forum rules, with a question-and-answer session scheduled for 5:40 p.m. Friday in the Wild Rose Room.

Lisa confirmed there is one declared candidate for REVP and two declared candidates for Alternate REVP.

Motion to allow all candidates to speak at candidate's forum

m/s Stasi L'Hirondelle / Tania Fikus

Approved

d. Host Committee Update

Amanda provided an update on convention activities and host committee preparations. The host committee table will feature maps, pins, stickers, welcome packages, silent auction items, and photo opportunities. A 50/50 raffle will be held with separate draws on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, with tickets available for \$1 each.

The silent auction will be displayed at the BMO Centre from Friday through Saturday, with prize information also available on the convention app. Social Night will feature a Western theme, a roaming photo booth with props, and music provided by Lindsey. Calgary Tourism will conduct a White Hat Ceremony in conjunction with the Prairie Voice Awards.

A PDF guide highlighting food and retail options near the BMO Centre will be made available to attendees. Lisa also noted that a shipment from UNE was delivered to the Winnipeg Regional Office and will be transported to Calgary by Rachel.

e. Other

Discussion

Tap payment and e-transfer will be available at the event. Due to logistical considerations, the planned raffle has been replaced with a bidding process. Donations are not subject to the same restrictions as raffles or other chance-based fundraising activities.

Tesla has created an e-transfer information poster. Committee members are asked to track all e-transfer donations received. Donation receipts are not guaranteed, but Amanda will follow up with the charity if requested. The charity can provide receipts for donations of \$20 or more.

Krysty will connect with Amanda regarding additional donations for the social.

Brianne has created a QR code slide linking directly to the charity's donation page.

Janette reminded everyone to wear their blue jean jackets on June 6.

6. 21 May 2026 PRC Minutes Approval

Motion to approve 2026 May PRC Minutes

m/s Stasi L'Hirondelle / Tim Hubick

Approved

7. Roundtable:

Meeting minutes will be distributed promptly following the meeting. Approval of the minutes will be obtained through an email quorum process.

Marianne expressed appreciation to all PRC members, particularly those who will not be seeking re-election for their contributions and dedication.