

Prairie Region Council Official Call
Minutes - 28 July 2026
6:00 pm AB/SK time / 7:00 pm MB time
Virtual - Zoom

PRESENT:

Krysty Thomas, REVP Prairies
Alex Creamer, Alternate REVP Prairies
Stasi L'Hirondelle, Northern Alberta Geographical Representative
Tania Fikus, Southern Alberta Geographical Representative
Dawn Montgrant, Northern Saskatchewan Geographical Representative
Kristin Bowler, South-East Manitoba Geographical Representative
Sherry Hunt, Regional Women's Committees Representative
Natalie Slonowski, Persons with Disabilities Representative
Janette Husak, Indigenous Peoples' Representative
Tury Al-Jaqobi, Racially Visible Persons Representative
Michelle Lang, Directly Chartered Locals Representative
Joel Hildebrand, 2SLGBTQIA+ Persons Representative
Michael Weisgerber, North-West Manitoba Geographical Representative
Simon Pazdor, Young Workers Representative
Eric McCrimmon, Southern Saskatchewan Geographical Representative
Amanda Wakeford, Separate Employers Locals Representative
Brooke Bunn, Acting Associate Director, Prairies
Brianne Goertzen, Regional Political Communication Officer, Prairies
Adrita Hasan, Communication Officer, Prairies
Vanessa Hruska, Executive Assistant to REVP Prairies

1. The first meeting of the cycle was called to order by Krysty Thomas at 6:03 pm AB time.
2. Krysty stated she is joining in from Treaty 7 and invited everyone to take a moment to reflect on the lands and communities in which they are joining in from; to challenge themselves to think about relations with indigenous peoples and understand what our responsibility of reconciliation is; what a meaningful action would really look like beyond a land acknowledgement. We need to make sure we are walking a path of reconciliation in our meeting spaces, decisions we make, and the work we do.
3. Krysty acknowledged and recited the PSAC Statement of Harassment policy. Respect and acknowledge everyone in the spaces and understand we are under the guiding principles of the policy. Brooke will be the anti-harassment coordinator on the call. If you have any concerns, please contact Brooke via her cell number.

4. Opening remarks - Krysty welcomed everyone to our first PRC meeting and asked everyone to share their camera. It is important for us to get together face to face, get to know one another, and do the work we need to do.
5. Submitted agenda items:
 - a. Welcome and introductions - as an icebreaker, everyone introduced themselves and shared their background, role, and union portfolios.
 - b. PRC Handbook - Krysty advised the PRC Handbook is our guiding principles for the work we do as a council and would like everyone to read it to have a good understanding of their roles and responsibilities. The 2025 version posted today, is our current version.

Krysty advised the handbook is a living document and the Bylaw committee is responsible to update it. Bring forward any pieces of it that you think needs updating. Our reporting structure states for every in-person meeting we have a report back feature, page 46. When we meet in October folks are required to submit a report to share what you have done related to your role. It helps us track accountability. If your report is submitted late, you are not able to speak to it.

Krysty asked Brianne to share a PRC Report Back Form. Brianne stated the form is a way for the REVP office to know what work your doing and track and capture events. The form will also be used as a monitoring tool for the PRC Outreach budget. An overview of the way the form is accessible was shared.

Question:

Can we go through what a PRC approved, funded, and sponsored event would be?

A discussion took place on report content and reporting. It was explained that the form will support you and the work that you do.

- c. Ratification of PRC Committees - Krysty provided overview of the structure, what each PRC committee and chair is responsible for. Council was asked if they had suggestions. A discussion took place. Alex offered to sit on the Health and Safety Committee. Krysty advised a staff rep will attend the first meeting.

Action:

Krysty to be removed from Finance Committee and Alex added to the Health and Safety Committee.

Question:

When would we meet as a committee?

Response:

Before the next PRC meeting, find time to meet virtually and review the TOR. Primary goals is to support the committees.

Krysty advised there are a few compliance issues she would like to prioritize to ensure work is being done in compliance. A discussion took place on what making committees feel supported would look like heading into the All-Committee Summit, Financial Reporting packages, and submission timelines. It was noted that timely response for return of committee review from REVP office is needed. We need to streamline the reporting package, as a team we need to get the committees on track and supported, and ensure safeguards how money is being used in place. Suggest looking at other regions for templates. A debate took place. Krysty appreciated the feedback.

Motion ratification of PRC Committees

m/s Amanda Wakeford / Stasi L'Hirondelle

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MOTION CARRIED

- d. In person PRC October meeting - will be held at Metis Crossing. Travel date 18 Oct, 19 - 20 Oct, full meeting days, half day 21 Oct for meeting with travel in the afternoon. The All-Committee Summit will be in the spring of 2027.

PRC meeting for the rest of the cycle - Krysty shared the proposed PRC meeting dates and locations for 2027 and meeting locations for 2028 and 2029. A discussion took place on PRC meeting locations.

Motion to accept 2027 meeting dates

m/s Stasi L'Hirondelle / Alex Creamer

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PRC minute approval (4 June) - a discussion took place on minute errors.

Motion to adopt the amended 4 June 2026 PRC Minutes

m/s Dawn Montgrant / Alex Creamer

All in favor, show and say, hand vote

MOTION APPROVED

- e. Committee updates - Krysty shared the PRC members assigned to committees listing, provided an overview, and stated there will be a WhatsApp chat made for each committee to connect with each other. Krysty stated she hopes council can come together and support the committees and the work they do. A discussion took place.
- 6. Committee Terms of Reference, Section 4 Decision Making - Stasi recited the last bullet of Section 4 Decision Making and stated the PSAC Rules of Order are different. Krysty advised that we follow the Bourinot's Rules of Order and that she would ask for a ruling. A discussion took place.

Action:

Ruling on Section 4 to be requested and Section 4 to be updated accordingly.

- 7. Notice to staff to post meeting dates - Stasi advised a few committees posed questions of "what length of time is required to give posting notice of a meeting on the website and how many days notice to give staff". Stasi would like to see something firm as the committee handbook stated two to three days notice. A discussion took place on being considerate to staff and find consensus to work with admins to request, receive, and action posting requests. Krysty advised the rule to advertise notice of a meeting is 14 days ahead of time to give due diligence of the notice. Two days minimum notice to staff for lead time. If there are concerns let's follow up.

8. Round Table

Outreach funding - Krysty advised we have Outreach funding. Finance Committee has been tasked to accept Outreach proposals for recommendations and REVP approval.

Bargaining - many units bargaining, PA and Separate Employers strike vote coming. PRC has the ability to show up for our members and come together for relationship building. Goal is to have as many people come out to vote and participate in the process and see the value and the importance.

Strike - DCL 72150 has been on strike for thirty-six days and need support.

Amended motion of \$1000.00 to DCL 72150 Local Bank of Canada

m/s Alex Creamer / Michelle Lang

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Krysty appreciated everyone for attending the meeting and is excited for the term.

We will continue to push forward the priorities for our region. Keep connected.

Motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm

m/s Sherry Hunt / Alex Creamer

MOTION CARRIED

PRC COMMITTEES

2026-2029

DRAFT – For PRC Ratification

BYLAWS COMMITTEE	Stasi L'Hirondelle Michelle Lang Tania Fikus Kristin Bowler
COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE	Simon Pazdor Dawn Montgrant Amanda Wakeford
EDUCATION COMMITTEE	Sherry Hunt Eric McCrimmon Tury Al-Jaqobi
FINANCE COMMITTEE	Krysty Thomas Alex Creamer Amanda Wakeford Natalie Slonowski Michael Weisgerber
HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE	Jo Hildebrand Janette Husak Sherry Hunt Michael Weisgerber

Date		Location
2027		
March 4 and 5, 2027 (Travel day March 3th)	PRC in-person Meeting	Winnipeg, MB
March 6 and 7, 2027	All Committee Summitt	Winnipeg, MB
May 20, 2027	PRC Conference call	Zoom
July 22, 2027	PRC Conference call	Zoom
Sept 25-26, 2027	PRC in-person Meeting	Regina SK
November 26, 2027	PRC Conference call	Zoom
Feb 20-26, 2027	Pre-Convention Committees	Ottawa, ON
May 29-June 3, 2027	National Convention	Halifax, NS
2028		
TBC	PRC in-person Meeting	Edmonton, AB
TBC	All Committee Summitt	Edmonton, AB
TBC	PRC Conference call	Zoom
TBC	PRC in-person Meeting	Saskatoon, SK
TBC	PRC Conference call	Zoom
2029		
TBC	PRC in-person Meeting	Winnipeg, MB
TBC	Prairie Region Convention Committees	Winnipeg, MB
June 1-3, 2029	11th Triennial Convention	Winnipeg, MB

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

PRESENT:

Marianne Hladun, REVP Prairies
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Sherry Hunt, Regional Womens Committees Rep
Tim Hubick, Persons with Disabilities Rep
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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 MB 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.

APPENDIX C - PRC RECORDED VOTES

28 July 2026

28-Jul-26		Ratification of PRC Standing Committees	Ratification of Proposed PRC Meeting Dates in 2027	Ratification of Motion to Donate Funds to Bank of Canada Local 71250		
Tury	Al-Jaqobi	1	1	1		
Kristin	Bowler	1	1	1		
Alex	Creamer	1	1	1		
Tania	Fikus	1	1	4		
Jo	Hildebrand	1	1	1		
Sherry	Hunt	1	1	1		
Janette	Husak	1	1	1		
Stasi	L'Hirondelle	1	1	1		
Michelle	Lang	1	1	1		
Eric	McCrimmon	1	1	1		
Dawn	Montgrant	1	1	1		
Simon	Pazdor	1	1	1		
Natalie	Slonowski	1	1	1		
Amanda	Wakeford	1	1	1		
Michael	Weisgerber	1	1	1		
Krysty	Thomas	1	1	1		