



**BCFED POLITICAL ACTION STANDING COMMITTEE
BCFED PROVINCIAL ELECTION WORKING GROUP
Minutes**

Date of meeting: May 1, 2023
To: Committee Members
From: Denise Moffatt, Director, BCFED

PRESENT: Nathan Allen, CUPE; Nicole Seguin, HSA; Anna Chudnovsky, BCTF; James Coccola, BCGEU; David Fleming, CUPE; Sara Rozell, HEU; Janet Andrews, NWDLC; Orion Irvine, CLC; Eva Prachkin, UFCW 1518; James Morrison, BCGEU-CEU; Hillary Bergshoeff, IATSE; Margo McKenzie, IATSE; Russ Surbey, BCFMW; Jeremy Allingham, BCBT; Andrea Matthews, BCIT FSA; Denise Moffatt, BCFED, Trish Garner, BCFED

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- 1. Territorial Acknowledgment**
- 2. M/S/C Adopt Agenda**
- 3. Discussion re upcoming by-elections and member to member outreach**
 - -Vancouver Mount Pleasant - one candidate, Joan Phillip will be acclaimed at May 24th nomination meeting
 - Ravi Parmar will be nominated in Juan de Fuca
 - Affiliates discussed planned efforts to engage members about the upcoming by elections
- 4. Boundaries Commission**

The boundaries commission report has been adopted by the legislature. There will be 6 new ridings. There are some other changes that will have a significant impact on ridings such as in the Nanaimo and Ladysmith area and False creek.
- 5. Good Jobs Platform**

The committee discussed working with community organizations to identify common priorities for the upcoming election. Denise will meet with a few community organizations and report back to a future meeting.
- 6. Labour Campaign Update**
 - Committee discussed strategies that we can use to prepare for next year's provincial election

- Committee discussed some of the new strategies that were used in the recent municipal by elections by the VDLC and NWDLC around calling hubs and making it easier for affiliates to do member to member outreach
- Affiliates discussed the need to identify our target riding early
- Denise will share the postal code sort and affiliates are asked to identify their density numbers to assist with identifying targets

7. New Business - None

8. PEWG Meeting Adjourned

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1. M/S/C - Adopt Agenda

2. M/S/C – Adopt Minutes of April 6

3. Legislative Updates

- a) Key dates:
 - Session end date – May 11
 - Fall session – October 3 – Nov 30
- b) Staffing updates re labour contacts
 - Director of Special Projects – Jasleen Arora
 - Deputy Chief of Staff to the Premier – Don Bain
- c) Truth and Reconciliation Day – *Bill 24*
Miscellaneous *Bill 24* has reached 3rd reading. Will ensure that unionized workers are able to recognize Truth and Reconciliation Day
- d) Future Ready Plan – Announcement will be made on May 2nd. Want to see more labour involvement in the next two years of the plan. Encourage affiliates to continue to connect with the Ministry of Post Secondary Education about this.
- e) Gig Work – BCFED connected with an UBER driver who was assaulted by a passenger. Attack received significant media coverage and revealed the health and safety risks that drivers face. The drivers WCB claim was denied also exposing gaps in the system.

3. CLC Report

Busy with preparations for their upcoming convention. Also trying to map out when we might expect a federal election. Fall session priorities will be identified following convention.

5. Municipal Report

- NWDLC, thanked the group for successful the success of their April 15th leadership event.
- Janet reminded the group that spots are still available for their on-line leadership cohort for women and non binary union members.
- Denise acknowledged the very moving Day of Mourning events that were held by Labour Councils across BC.

6. Affiliates Updates

Cupe BC – reported that there is a May Day rally today being hosted at Vancouver City Hall by the VDLC. Main issue will be the City of Vancouver abandoning their commitment to the living wage.

BCGEU – will be working on their member-to-member outreach plan for the by elections. They will also be looking at the Prince George school district by-elections

HSA – continuing their campaign around family connection centres selection process. They held a how to become a Labour Council delegate workshop that was very successful.

IAMAW – reported that they had a substantial group participate in the CLC lobby in Ottawa. They also held a political action symposium in March. They focused on sectoral specific groups and developing their lobbying efforts and strategies. They brought in special guests to practice lobbying skills.

BCBT – Main push is on flush toilets campaign for construction workers. An updated report and campaign audit coming out soon.

HEU – continuing to promote their Care Can't Wait campaign. www.Carecantwait.ca

BCTF – Shared teacher testimonials on the impact of teacher shortages. Video available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uzPxRYoOLkg>

7. New Business - none

8. Adjournment

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