



VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL

REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2019

1. LOCATION: Maritime Labour Centre, 1880 Triumph Street, Vancouver, BC

The VDLC acknowledges that this meeting is being held on the unceded traditional territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh, and other First Nations people.

2. CHAIRPERSON: Terry Engler, 1st Vice President

3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

MSC that the minutes of the January 15, 2019 meeting be adopted.

4. CREDENTIALS:

The following credentials were received since the last VDLC meeting:

(* = recredentialled, A = alternate)

CUPE Local 389

Joyce Griffiths *

David Head

Kyle Knowles

Lauri Loveland

Cindy McQueen *

Carol Nordby

Tina Nowaczewski

Rod Smele

Brian Warman (A)

MSC to obligate/seat the delegate(s).

5. GUEST SPEAKER:

Neal Adolph, United Way Lower Mainland, CLC Labour Participation Dept. Director – Period Promise Campaign

The CLC and United Way Canada work together to achieve mutual goals of safer, healthier, and more diverse and inclusive communities. Period Promise is one of those campaigns. The campaign, previously known as Tampon Tuesday, has brought in over 250,000 menstrual products in the Lower Mainland and Fraser Valley – 1/3 of the entire Canadian campaign. While collections are incredibly helpful, Period Promise wants to go further to eliminate period poverty.

Period poverty is the situation that people who menstruate and who suffer poverty cannot afford to purchase menstrual products. When they are unable to afford products they stay home from work or school, use unsanitary means, or turn to theft to obtain those products. Period Promise is offering 2 solutions: 1. Collection and distribution of products (March 4 to April 7, 2019) and 2. Adopt new policy – menstrual products should be considered a necessity and provided for free wherever they are needed. It's a campaign where unions, governments, corporations, etc. can sign on and say they will put products in their washrooms, where they will be accessible and free

for whomever needs them. The United Way Lower Mainland wants to change provincial policy so that menstrual products are deemed a necessity and provided free by the province of British Columbia.

Alleviating period poverty makes a huge difference to those that experience it, it gets them back out into the community living their lives.

Please go to the website – periodpromise.ca – and make your pledge and get involved. Anyone wanting to talk further can contact Neal at: neala@uwlm.ca

6. EDUCATIONAL:

Doug Kinna, BCGEU – BC Money Laundering Inquiry

Tens of thousands of British Columbians have been affected by this multi-layered and ongoing crisis. A public inquiry is the best way to learn the truth about a crisis that has claimed thousands of lives and has made BC the most unaffordable province to live in.

Full presentation on website.

MSC to suspend the regular order of business in order to conduct the 2nd call for nominations to the 2019 VDLC Executive Council and elections.

7. NOMINATIONS TO THE EXECUTIVE BOARD:

The following delegates were nominated at the January 15, 2019 Regular Meeting (in order of nomination and position):

- *Stephen von Sychowski, MoveUP* - President
- *Terry Engler, ILWU Local 400* - 1st Vice President
- *Graham O’Neill, HEU North Shore Community Local* - 2nd Vice President
- *Bal Sandhu, HEU PHSa* - Recording Secretary
- *Neil Munro, Heat & Frost Insulators Local 118* - Member-at-Large
- *Keith Stone, BCGEU Local 503* - Member-at-Large
- *Betty Bi, UFCW Local 1518* - Member-at-Large
- *Emelia Colman-Shepherd, IBEW Local 213* - Member-at-Large
- *Russ St. Eloi, UA Plumbers Local 170* - Member-at-Large
- *Stefan Nielsen, UFCW Local 1518* - Member-at-Large
- *Shane Polak, PSAC UVAE Local 20045* - Member-at-Large
- *Frank Warwick, CUPE Local 1004* - Member-at-Large
- *Karen McVeigh, HEU Dogwood Lodge Local* - Member-at-Large
- *Crystyna Sawyer, HEU PHSa Local* - Member-at-Large
- *Jody Polukoshko, BCTF VESTA* - Member-at-Large
- *Cristina MacLennan, CUPW Local 846* - Member-at-Large

Jody Polukoshko, VESTA, did not stand for election and delegate Cristina MacLennan is not eligible to run at this time.

2nd Call for nominations to the VDLC Executive, nominations presided over by CLC Representative Ron Stipp.

In order to be eligible for nomination delegates must have been a delegate for a minimum of 1 year and have attended 6 of 11 meetings from March 2018 to February 2019. Support of your

local is important as the Executive meets during the day on the Thursday prior to the VDLC Regular meeting, this may require book off for some.

President *Nil*
 1st Vice President *Nil*
 2nd Vice President *Nil*
 Recording Secretary *Nil*

Treasurer

<i>Joy Tullos</i>	<i>CUPE Local 15</i>
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Members-at-Large (12 positions)

<i>I. Nick Aubichon</i>	<i>CUPW Local 846</i>
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ELECTION:

All nominees were acclaimed to the 2019 VDLC Executive. CLC Representative Ron Stipp swore the new Executive in.

<i>President</i>	<i>Stephen von Sychowski</i>
<i>1st Vice President</i>	<i>Terry Engler</i>
<i>2nd Vice President</i>	<i>Graham O'Neill</i>
<i>Treasurer</i>	<i>Joy Tullos</i>
<i>Recording Secretary</i>	<i>Bal Sandhu</i>
<i>Members-at-Large: (12 positions – 11 filled)</i>	<i>Betty Bi Emelia Colman-Shepherd Nathan Fralick Karen McVeigh Neil Munro Stefan Nielsen Shane Polak Crystyna Sawyer Russ St. Eloi Keith Stone Frank Warwick</i>

8. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Stephen von Sychowski reported on VDLC activities since the January 2019 meeting.

Political Action

The Municipal Engagement Committee meeting was held February 11, it was well attended for a first meeting, with about ten members present. We brainstormed areas of work for the committee and discussed its purpose. We are meeting again on February 15 to set our priorities for the coming months and get to work.

We have not yet been able to arrange a meeting with Michael Wiebe, as he has not returned my calls or emails.

Quarterly meetings with Mayor Stewart have been scheduled which will be attended by myself and representatives of affiliates who have pressing issues at the time of each meeting.

Vancouver City Council has passed some good motions since our last meeting, including one to declare a climate emergency (which has now also been done in Richmond) and one on money laundering.

Disclosure statements from last years' election are now posted on the Elections BC website, I was approached by only one media outlet for an interview on this which resulted on a story in the Courier which was neutral in tone but noted that we fulfilled all of our reporting obligations.

Four NPA candidates filed late and received fines. The NPA itself has yet to file. It has been fined \$3,000 and has until February 18 to file or else it will be disallowed from running candidates in the next election. No other party failed to file. One independent mayoral candidate, "Spike", failed to file.

Labour Day

The Labour Day Planning Committee met for a second time on January 29, this time with Melissa Moskal from the PNE joining us for a portion of the meeting. The group was still unable to come to an agreement on what to do for Labour Day this year. The issue identified post-meeting by myself and Michelle Livaja was that the folks in the room are there to help plan, but don't have decision making authority in terms of committing funds for the PNE or whatever we choose to do. As a result, I have set out to reach a ranking officer of each sponsor organization from last year as well as many of our other affiliates in order to get a decision made. I am working on this and putting together a backup option as well.

Queen Alexandra Fundraiser

The fundraiser at Queen Alexandra did not sell out, but we did have about 120 ticket sales and combined with donations we raised over \$6,000, which is very good.

We need to at least match what we raised last year, if not better. We are working on getting a couple items for a raffle. We have three good items already. If you have, or can get, something please let me know.

I am also working with United Way on having the Wishing Tree integrated with the Period Promise campaign and investigating other possible funding.

Vancouver Municipal Boards

I have submitted Rachel Roy and Donalda Greenwell-Baker as our two recommended names for the "non-City" labour representative seat on the PNE Board. Traditionally they should select one of our names for that role, however, they have both applied through the normal process and it would be great if both of them ended up on the Board.

Pharmacare Lobby

We continue to attempt to schedule meetings with Joyce Murray (Vancouver-Quadra), and Harjit Sajjan (Vancouver South). VDLC 2nd Vice President Graham O'Neill led a meeting with Johnathan Wilkinson (North Vancouver) on February 1.

May Day

We are currently scheduling the next May Day Organizing Committee meeting with the intent to bring together a larger group of participants and begin serious planning. It is likely that we will return to a similar format to last year, but the over-all theme is yet to be decided.

Affiliate Recruitment Drive

We have identified 35 local unions who ought to be affiliated to our labour council. In most instances these locals have not been affiliated historically, however, a small number of them were but disaffiliated for various reasons. We will work our way through this list, sending packages and following up by phone and email for meetings over the course of the coming months.

Events Attended

January 15 – BCFED Strike Support Conference Call re: MoveUP v. Westminster Savings

January 16 – Meeting with Monica Urritia re: Adopt an Organizer Program

January 16 – United Way of the Lower Mainland, Community Investment Research Committee

January 28 – Rally for United Steelworkers Local 5114

January 29 – Meeting with David Flemming re: CLC Winter School

January 29 – Labour Day Organizing Committee

January 30 – BCFED Strike Support Conference Call re: CUPE 15 v. Vancouver Art Gallery

February 1 – Philippine Solidarity Tour follow-up conference call

February 3 to 8 – CLC Winter School

February 5 – May Day Organizing Committee conference call

February 8 – United Way of the Lower Mainland, Labour Committee conference call

February 9 – CUPW Building Community Power event

February 11 – Day of Mourning planning meeting

February 11 – Conference call re: United Way of the Lower Mainland pension

February 12 – Metro Vancouver Alliance Strategy Team meeting

February 13 – VDLC Executive Board

February 14 – Women’s Memorial March

February 15 – Municipal Engagement Committee

February 15 – BCFED Political Action Committee

February 19 – VDLC Regular Meeting

January 18 to 25 – Away on family/medical leave

9. CORRESPONDENCE: Circulated at the meeting

MSC that the correspondence be received and filed for the information of the delegates.

10. EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

a) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Spending Authorizations

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL authorize the following expenditures:

- Two tickets to Migrant Workers Centre dinner and dance - At a cost of \$100.00
- May Day advertisement in People’s Voice - At a cost of \$90.00
- Renew members in CoDevelopment Canada - At a cost of \$100.00

b) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Community Health Centres

BECAUSE Community Health Centres;

i. Provide Team-Based, Interprofessional Primary Care

In contrast to solo practitioner models, Community Health Centres offer high-quality primary care through a collaborative team approach. Social workers, family physicians,

- nurse practitioners, nurses, dietitians, chiropractors, dental hygienists, therapists, and other clinicians provide services in a team environment, based on patient needs,
- ii. Integrate services in primary care, health promotion and community wellbeing
Community Health Centres integrate team-based primary care with health promotion programs, illness prevention programs, and community health initiatives, in keeping with the World Health Organization's definition of primary health care,
 - iii. Are Community-Centred
Factors affecting health and healthcare vary from community to community. That's why CHCs focus on the most appropriate services and programs for the local community they serve whether that means a geographical catchment or a community of individuals with common characteristics. CHCs engage members of the community in helping to identify priorities and strategies for services. This includes community needs assessments, client surveys, community advisory groups, and, in many instances, a volunteer Board of Directors comprised of community members,
 - iv. Actively Address Social Determinants of Health
As part of their integrated, comprehensive approach, CHCs support individuals, families, and communities to achieve health by actively addressing "social determinants of health" such as poverty, access to shelter/housing, education, language barriers, and other factors that have a direct impact on health, including access to appropriate healthcare services. In this way, CHCs help tackle the root causes of illness, working from an "upstream" approach to prevent illness and progression of illness, and
 - v. Demonstrate Commitment to Health Equity and Social Justice
CHCs recognize that many differences in health status among segments of the population are socially and institutionally structured. As such, these differences are avoidable and unfair. CHCs work to eliminate these health inequities. CHCs are also committed to social justice, meaning the fair and compassionate distribution of the fruits of economic growth. CHCs advocate for these principles to be embedded within the institutions of society such as taxation, social insurance, public healthcare, public schooling, public services, labour law, and the regulation of markets; and

BECAUSE research from many jurisdictions demonstrates that Community Health Centres provide effective and cost-effective care, achieving important outcomes in improving health and reducing health system costs; and

BECAUSE the Metro Vancouver Alliance, of which the Vancouver and District Labour Council is a founding member, held a public assembly prior to the last provincial election at which they obtained the commitment of NDP leader John Horgan and Green Party leader Andrew Weaver to establish 20 community health centres in BC by 2020; and

BECAUSE this promise has not yet been delivered on, and there is still time to make it happen,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL write to Premier John Horgan, and Green Party leader Andrew Weaver, reminding them of this commitment and urging them to act upon it in consultation with medical professionals, their unions and associations, and with communities; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL FURTHER support the Metro Vancouver Alliance, the BC Association of Community Health Centres, and others in working toward this aim.

c) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Federal Fair Wages Policy

BECAUSE the previous Federal government under Stephen Harper and the Conservative Party eliminated the Fair Wages and Hours of Labour Act as part of its omnibus budget bill in 2012; and

BECAUSE this legislation covered contractors and subcontractors in the construction, remodeling, repair and demolition industries, which represent close to \$25 billion in federal government spending every year; and

BECAUSE fair wage policies help ensure that federal projects use contractors who consistently pay a fair wage and adhere to employment standards and labour laws, and this is also shown to enhance productivity and increase the likelihood of timely and predictable completion of contracts; and

BECAUSE the federal government has just completed a public consultation related to this, and must now act on its commitment during the 2015 election to address this issue,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL support the call of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers and others for the federal government to restore its fair wages policy.

d) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Public Inquiry into Organized Crime, Fentanyl, and Money Laundering in BC

BECAUSE the RCMP documents leaked last year exposed links between organized crime, fentanyl, and money laundering connected to skyrocketing real estate prices in BC; and

BECAUSE a task force of G7 countries which tracks money laundering, terrorist financing, and threats to the international financial system, has highlighted BC money laundering in their recent report, and estimated that over \$1 billion per year has been laundered through underground banking; and

BECAUSE this situation must be corrected and cannot be allowed to continue to put working people, their families, and their communities in jeopardy,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL join the BC Government and Service Employees' Union and others in their call for a public inquiry into organized crime, fentanyl, and money laundering in BC; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL write to Attorney General David Eby and Premier John Horgan in support of the same.

e) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Jewish National Fund and the Income Tax Act

BECAUSE New Democratic Party Member of Parliament for Sherbrooke, Quebec, Pierre-Luc Dusseault has launched parliamentary petition E-1999 calling for the Jewish National

Fund (JNF) to be deregistered as a charity due to its engagement in discriminatory practices, support for a foreign army, and violations of Canadian and International Law; and

BECAUSE the petition presents an overview of the rationale for deregistering the JNF as follows:

- The Jewish National Fund (JNF), whose branch JNF Canada is a registered charity with the Canada Revenue Agency, engages in discriminatory practices as its landholdings are chartered for exclusively Jewish ownership, lease, and benefit, as noted by the United Nations, the US State Department, a former attorney general of Israel, and the JNF itself;
- Evidence strongly indicates that JNF Canada violates the Income Tax Act, common law, and Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) policy guidance CG-002 as it supports a foreign army through the building of roads, training facilities, and other infrastructure that is either entirely or primarily for the benefit of the Israel Defence Forces;
- JNF Canada violates Canadian and international law by enabling physical changes within Occupied Territory, thereby helping Israel effectively annex land within Occupied Territory, and in the case of East Jerusalem, deepen control over land already annexed illegally. Notably, the JNF Canada-funded Canada Park was built on the lands of three Palestinian villages destroyed following the 1967 war in direct violation of the Fourth Geneva Convention;
- JNF Canada materials depict the Occupied Territory as part of Israel, a representation that runs contrary to Canadian foreign policy and international law; and

BECAUSE last month the Beth Oloth Charitable Organization, based in Toronto, had its charitable status revoked on the basis of supporting a foreign army (Israeli Defense Force); and

BECAUSE in 2018 the VDLC adopted a policy regarding support for Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions with regards to the occupation of Palestinian territories,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL endorse parliamentary petition E-1999.

f) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Performance Audit of Employment Standards Branch

BECAUSE the Employment Standards Branch has the statutory responsibility of enforcing the basic employment rights of workers as contained in the Employment Standards Act and the Employment Standards Regulation; and

BECAUSE the Employment Standards Branch has been undermined by years of underfunding, and policy shifts away from enforcement and worker protection under the former BC Liberal government; and

BECAUSE the BC Employment Standards Coalition, of which the VDLC is a member, is seeking the endorsement of its member organizations to call upon the BC Auditor General for “performance audit” of the Branch; and

BECAUSE the Coalition hopes that such an audit will bring public and legislative attention to this issue, and serve to encourage the Minister of Labour to act to bring further progressive change to the Branch,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL endorse the call of the BC Employment Standards Coalition for a performance audit of the BC Employment Standards Branch.

- g) *MSC that the following recommendation be adopted:*

Subject: Persecution of Healthcare Workers in Guatemala

BECAUSE Luis Alpirez Guzman, General Secretary of National Union of Healthcare Workers of Guatemala (SNTSG) and Dora Regina Ruano of the same union were held for almost ten days by the Guatemalan government for negotiating a collective agreement in 2013 with the national Ministry of Health; and

BECAUSE the Ministry then indicated that it could not fund the compensation improvements negotiated in the Agreement; and

BECAUSE the government of President Jimmy Morales considers this “an abuse of power” by these trade unionists and while released from Jail the leaders remain under house arrest; and

BECAUSE this is just one of the more recent examples of the Morales government persecuting trade unionists, journalists, activists, and community leaders,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL call on Morales government to stop these abuses; free the SNTSG members from house arrest; and cease any further persecution against unionists, journalists, and community activists; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL send a letter of support to the SNTSG in their fight for justice in Guatemala.

11. REPORT OF UNIONS:

- a) UFCW Local 1518 – Reported by Stefan Nielsen

On January 29, Sobeys announced the intention to close 5 more Safeway stores and convert them to FreshCo.: Downtown Chilliwack, Aldergrove, Abbotsford, Maple Ridge, and Ladner. Chilliwack, Aldergrove, and Maple Ridge will close May 25, followed by Ladner on July 13, and Abbotsford on September 7.

Local 1518 has filed an appeal at the Labour Board on the Fresh Co. piece of the Ready award. The union has attempted to have this expedited in light of the announcement of more conversions.

The union has also asked Sobeys for a financial review of several “Appendix B” Safeway stores that UFCW believes are profitable. If the company refuses this, the union will advance through grievance procedure.

Implementation of the Save On Foods agreement continues. Grade B members now enjoy short term disability benefits for the first time, back dated to January 1.

- b) PSAC / UVAE Local 20045 – Reported by Shane Polak

All 4 PSAC Treasury bargaining units, representing 90,000 members, were back in bargaining February 12 to 14, but not without some grief. The Labour Board refused to establish a Public Interest Commission (PIC). The union is outraged by the Board in the

bargaining process. By December 2018, government negotiators had no mandate to reach a deal. PSAC applied for an impasse and the establishment of a PIC in order to get to a fair settlement. The Board's actions are out of step with how other applications of impasse are treated. It was no small surprise to PSAC bargaining teams that the government only made small movements and fell significantly short of the progress needed at the table. The union has made it clear to the Trudeau government that they expect the new Treasury Board President to have a mandate to reach a fair deal with PSAC. Recent talks were a small first step in that direction, but PSAC expects more progress at the next session (March 19 to 21, Ottawa).

The third anniversary of the Phoenix Pay System disaster is February 28. There are rallies planned. Please support PSAC members in that fight against that unmitigated disaster.

- c) CUPW Vancouver Local 846 – Reported by Nicholas Aubichon
On January 24, 2019, postal stations across the country were full of happy people. The reason for this happiness is that 6000 rural and suburban mail carriers saw the first of their pay equity fight results – an increase of over \$4.50 per hour.

CUPW is continuing in the forced arbitration process to gain a new collective agreement. They are hoping it will be quick, but are doubtful.

CUPW continues to campaign for a green post office; a post office that provides banking services, a wide range of delivery electric vehicles, etc.

- d) CUPE Local 391 – Reported by Tanya Ferry
CUPE Local 391 is happy to report that their local has elected a new president, Kari Scott-Whyte. Local 391 is preparing to enter bargaining and their bargaining committee is actively working on canvassing their membership. The union welcomed a new Library Board in January, which includes Councillor Christine Boyle. Local 391 is looking forward to developing good relationships with the board members.

The following reports were made but not submitted for the minutes:

- a) HEU Dogwood Lodge – Reported by Karen McVeigh

12. REPORT OF COMMITTEES: (in order reported)

- a) Education – Reported by Stephen von Sychowski
The 2019 Labour Education program has started up. The first course to run will be Promotions: How to Bargain Language and Win Non-Selection Grievances, March 5. Everything is on the website, as is registration. Programs were made available at the meeting.
- b) Women's – Reported by Ingrid Kolsteren
IWD March 8, tickets are now available through Eventbrite. Speakers are from the Poverty Reduction Coalition and entertainment is Jacky Arrah Yenga.

MSC to adopt the reports of committees.

OTHER REPORTS:

- a) Harrison Winter School – Reported by Carol Nordby, Ruth Kirk, and Betty Bi
Sister Nordby from CUPE Local 389 was the recipient of the 2019 Winter School Scholarship. She attended Women’s Health and Safety in the Workplace. The course was an overview of “rights and responsibilities, work place hazards, chemical exposure, ergonomics, violence, bullying and harassment, as well as stress”. From her course, Carol has put together a plan for a lunch and learn at her local for young workers regarding “Alive After Five” with the history of Day of Mourning. Her turn at Winter School introduced her to a number of amazing activists. To Carol, one of the great values of Winter School, is the learning from each other, as much as from the course itself, and the friendships that are built there. They all left their course feeling empowered and eager to share with their co-workers and employers regarding their rights and the need for Joint Safety Committees. Thank you to the VDLC for the opportunity.

Sister Kirk from HEU North Shore Community Local was the recipient of the Women’s Committee Scholarship for 2019 Winter School. She attended Women’s Health and Safety in the Workplace. It was an incredible experience. Thank you to the Women’s Committee.

Sister Betty Bi from UFCW Local 1518 attended Winter School on an Executive Scholarship for New Labour Council Activists. Participants learned a lot about politics and unions, parliamentary procedure, and how to run a meeting. Betty really enjoyed her experience there and encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to attend if they can.

- b) CLC – Reported by Ron Stipp
Harrison Winter School just wrapped up. This was the largest year yet, with well over 1,200 participants over the 5 weeks. With the incredible numbers, that continue to grow, they are looking at the possibility of expanding to a 6th week. It was a great year with many young activists and first time participants which is exciting.

Burnaby South By-election is Tuesday, February 26. It’s going to take a lot of work, anyone that has some free time and can volunteer, please do. A lot of work paid off in the by-election in Nanaimo; it was a great campaign and an incredible affirmation of the NDP seat as they received a higher percentage than they did in the general election. Federal general election is coming up fast, October 21. MP Lobby in Ottawa, Tuesday, February 26.

An important municipal leaders’ conference is coming up, the High Ground Conference, put on by the Columbia Institute. All progressive elected municipal offices are welcome – mayors, councils, school and parks board trustees. This is an annual conference to share ideas. Labour is very involved. The conference helps to reinforce ties with the progressive candidates that labour helped to get elected. The CLC has finished compiling the list of endorsed and friendly elected municipal politicians: that list will be given to affiliates, which can help them seek support for any campaigns.

MSC to receive the other reports.

13. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIL

14. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

15. NOTICE OF MOTION: NIL

16. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- 50/50 Draw to benefit Queen Alexandra Elementary School's Wishing Tree free store.
- A moment of silence was called for Brother Art Kube and three members of Teamsters who lost their lives on the job, a CN derailment. Brother Kube put his heart and soul into the labour movement and after retirement became a force for seniors and seniors' rights.
- Brother Les Rowe commended the VDLC for its support of Queen Alexandra for many years in a variety of ways. But the fact that there are families and children that rely on privately funded programs in our province for their education and support, suggests that we are not noisy enough with our governments federally, provincially, or municipally. There is much work to do.

17. MEETING ADJOURNED: *MSC to adjourn at 8:45 pm.*

18. NEXT MEETING: [TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 2019](#), 7:00 pm,
Maritime Labour Centre.

No Pizza Educational

The VDLC will not be holding pizza educationals. An educational component has been added to the meeting. Guests are always welcome to attend VDLC Regular meetings to observe.

Please visit website for event listings and more – www.vdvc.ca

[For lists of happenings please see our website events page.](#)