



VANCOUVER and DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL



REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 21, 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:** Graham O'Neill, 2nd Vice President

- 3. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

MSC that the minutes of the April 16, 2019 Regular meeting be adopted.

- 4. CREDENTIALS:**

CUPE Local 718

Dal Benning

Dustin Innes

Raman Johal

Marianne Thomas *

Angela Zanardo

UA Plumbers Local 170

Phillip Bailey *

Al Phillips

Russ St. Eloi *

Barb Tetu *

HEU Lions Gate Local

Sherree Alm *

Chena Binns

June Gay *

- 5. GUEST SPEAKERS:**

Pamela Vivian, Erased from History: Mackenzie-Papineau

Pamela is a CUPE member from Camosun College and is producing a documentary on the BC volunteers of the international brigades that fought against fascism in Spain during the Spanish Civil War, 1936 to 1939. She started this project because her great uncle from North Vancouver fought in Spain where he lost his life; he was also a strong unionist who was involved in the 1935/36 Seaman's strike as a member of what is now ILWU Local 400. Her uncle was 1 of 400 volunteers from BC to travel to Spain.

The 1930s were a difficult time, the government of BC developed relief camps (a way to remove the poor from the cities), but the bringing together of people allowed them the opportunity to begin organizing themselves to fight for better, out of this emerged the On-to-Ottawa trek. Approximately ¼ of the On-to-Ottawa trekkers were also volunteers who went to Spain. Those that went to Spain were also greatly connected to labour, many being union organizers and activists.

Pamela shared a video.

Her goal is to tell this story about the folks who felt so strongly about what was happening. Sadly, it isn't a story that is well known.

Pamela is funding the documentary herself with the help of some labour organizations. If any locals, organizations, or individuals are interested in helping bring this documentary to fruition, please let her know.

Jean Swanson, Vancouver City Council

Acknowledged that we are located on the unceded territories of the Coast Salish People. Jean thanked the VDLC for its endorsement during the October 2018 election and for the time committed by union activists in their fight for all workers. Jean also thanked the VDLC for the support on her motions regarding renovations and demolitions and on transit.

Although the resolution on renovations was watered down a bit, a report is due June 11 so it will be interesting to see what the city comes up with. Jean is introducing another motion to expand Vancouver's Rental Housing ODP law that says if you are going to demolish purpose built rental housing, whatever is built in its place must also provide rental housing. However, this law does not apply to buildings on arterial streets. Councilor Swanson's motion will expand the law to cover all areas, no exceptions.

The transit motion from the #AllOnBoard campaign, called for children to travel transit at no cost, to stop ticketing children, and for a sliding scale rates for low income people; this not only has environmental impact, but a social justice one as well. Not only did this motion pass in the City of Vancouver, but also at the Lower Mainland Local Government Association meeting, although it still has a long way to go it's a solid start that they will see through.

Jean is happy to see the VDLC resolution coming forward on tax breaks. As things arise at city council, she is doing her best to keep abreast of the labour issues connected to them. If there is anything the VDLC or affiliates want council made aware of, or if workers' rights need defending at City Hall, please contact her.

Jennifer Reddy, Vancouver School Board Trustee - OneCity

Jennifer acknowledged the unceded territories of the Coast Salish people and drew attention to the fact that the Red Women Rising report just came out from the Downtown Eastside Women's Centre about how women come to the DEWC. Jennifer stated that accountability at the Labour Council is high for her, as she grew up in a labour family, her dad being a member of United Steel Workers in the East Kootenays and herself being a CUPE worker for the Vancouver School Board. She encourages people to reach out to her, especially youth, their voice needs to be heard at the table. School Board meetings and committee meetings are open, public process, so everyone is encouraged to attend and/or submit their questions and/or concerns.

The Long Range Facilities Plan is about the 114 sites in the Vancouver School District and how they will be managed. These facilities affect many people, not just the workers who are employed there, but also the families that use them. The option of closures was voted down by the Board. The decision making process is ongoing, so there is still an opportunity to engage in that.

The budget is also being worked on. One of the issues being faced is that of deferred maintenance of cafeteria equipment, the city would be looking at around \$5million to replace equipment for seven schools, those seven cafeterias double as teaching facilities.

There are also a lot of seismic mitigation projects, which is causing a lot of stress for families.

Kings Gate Mall is also a big point of interest for Jennifer as it is a property held by the city, worth \$147 million. It's her position that this property should not be sold, as it is public lands.

Jennifer has been contributing many op-ed pieces and writing a blog on all issues being dealt with. She would love to hear everyone's feed back.

6. EDUCATIONAL:

Harley Augustino, UNITE HERE! Local 40, re: hotel worker bargaining

Harley spoke on the Support Hotel Workers Campaign. See VDLC website for more information.

Hotel Workers' Rally - June 20, 2019, 5:00 pm at Rosewood Hotel Georgia, 801 W. Georgia St., Vancouver

www.fairhotel.org – for socially responsible union hotels

<https://www.uniteherelocal40.org/campaigns/support-vancouver-hotel-workers/> - sign on to their public statement of support for Vancouver's hotel workers

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

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

Political Action

Our Municipal Engagement Committee meeting April 26 was cancelled due to my illness.

However, we met with Janet Fraser and Allan Wong from the Vancouver School Board on May 2. It was a friendly and productive meeting wherein we discussed school closures (none are planned), the Access Without Fear policy, and bargaining.

The next Municipal Engagement Committee meeting is scheduled for May 27, 10:00 am at the Maritime Labour Centre.

I will be meeting with BCGEU Secretary Treasurer Paul Finch on May 21 (rescheduled from April 15) to discuss taking the Affordable BC campaign, in particular Land Value Capture, to the other municipalities in our District, aside from Vancouver.

We lobbied all NDP MLA's in our district regarding the Employment Standards Act and the Labour Relations Code, with the exception of George Heyman and Adrian Dix. This was part of a boarder effort across the province. Many progressive changes have now been tabled, although they fell short on paid leave and one-step certification. However, Saskatchewan just passed paid domestic violence leave so we are hoping that will generate some further movement here in BC. Thank you to all of those who participated in these and

allowed us to get so many done despite me being out of commission for a week right in the middle of it.

There is currently a set of Fair Wage Commission Living Wage Hearings taking place. The commission is looking at moving from minimum wage to living wage. This is an important next step in ensuring good wages for all workers. It's open for submissions until the end of May and there is the opportunity to speak as well. All are encouraged to do so, especially those who work in non-living wage jobs presently or can speak from personal experience about it.

We were also pleased to see a public inquiry announced into money laundering this month, something labour has vocally called for.

Labour Day

The Labour Day Planning Committee met on May 2 and is moving ahead on planning the event at Jack Poole Plaza. The committee has set a benchmark for success: our members left happy and inspired, we saw members we don't usually engage with, it was educating for members and the public, and was an accessible, barrier-free event.

The focus of the event will be family fun, with kids play area, games, live entertainment, and free food. It will also include a short rally, booths, and all the usual features of Labour Day.

Metro Vancouver Alliance

Metro Vancouver Alliance hosted a training session "Building Power for Community Good" at UBC last week and held a housing action focused on renters.

May Day

The May Day march and rally took place on May 1 under the theme of "Unite to Strike". It was a mixed success, drawing a similar sized crowd to previous years but featuring a diverse and exciting list of speakers as well as creative elements such as street theatre and a giant pinata. A debrief meeting was held to review the event and plan next steps for the May Day Organizing Committee on May 14.

Constitutional Review

The committee met for the second time immediately prior to this month's Executive Board meeting and is making good progress. We have not yet received any submissions from delegates or affiliates however 2 or 3 people have told me there are some on the way.

Strike Manual

I have begun working on a Strike Survival Manual modeled after one in use in Toronto, it will come forward next month.

Better Transit and Transportation Coalition

This coalition was formed to support the transit referendum back in 2015 and includes labour, business and governmental representation. It has started up again recently and will be pushing its congestion reduction plan as a Federal election issue. We will participate in order to ensure a labour presence and will also be checking with affiliates who represent transit workers to gauge their support for the plan.

Events Attended

April 17 – Lobby meeting with MLA David Eby
April 17 – United Way of the Lower Mainland, Community Interest Research Committee
April 17 – Lobby meeting with MLA Shane Simpson
April 30 – May Day Organizing Committee
May 1 – May Day March and Rally
May 2 – Labour Day Planning Committee
May 2 – Vancouver School Board meeting
May 3 – Climate Strike
May 7 – Sustainable Communities Breakfast
May 8 – Meeting with Canada-Philippine Solidarity and Lawyers Rights Network
May 10 – Meeting with CUPE Local 718 and Living Wage for Families Campaign
May 13 – BC Employment Standards Coalition
May 13 to 16 – Labour Education Human Rights Bootcamp
May 14 – UNITE HERE! Local 40 rally
May 15 – Public Service Alliance of Canada Area Council
May 16 – Constitution Review Committee
May 16 – VDLC Executive Board
May 21 – Regular meeting

8. CORRESPONDENCE: Circulated at the meeting

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

9. EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS:

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

Subject: Spending Authorizations

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

- Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives renew membership – At a cost of \$100.00

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

Subject: #GetSeismicRight

BECAUSE Edith Cavell is a 100-year old elementary school which could be upgraded at a cost of \$15.5 million, or replaced with a brand new school at a cost of \$20 million. The upgrade option was selected on the basis of initial cost savings; and

BECAUSE this decision was a faulty one, because the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Education and the Vancouver Project Office does not permit deferred maintenance and capital expansion to be factored into decisions related to seismic upgrades; and

BECAUSE in the example of Edith Cavell, this will prove costly to the public because there is \$6 million of deferred maintenance that was not factored into the cost consideration. Therefore, while it appeared cheaper to upgrade the school, it will not be in the long run. Additionally, a new school would have a new life cycle and be built to safer seismic standards which importantly means the school would be much more likely to be usable after an earthquake; and

BECAUSE to further compound the issue, Edith Cavell, and nearby elementary schools, have a lottery system and turn away kindergarten kids in their catchment every year, thereby demonstrating a need for expansion. But since capital expansion and seismic upgrade decisions are required to be managed separately, this data on future and current demographics is ignored. All of this results in a faulty method of evaluating projects and a poor system to allocating resources, whereby not all factors are able to be considered in seismic upgrade decisions,

- i. Future demographics are not allowed to be considered in seismic projects, so even if it is a brand-new school, it won't be built to adequately meet the demand of more kids moving into the growing catchment, and,
- ii. BC Area Standards rules resulted in a footprint that will be 32% smaller than the school it replaces and will have no spaces for the arts, sports, and community.

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL call on Minister of Education Rob Fleming to work with the Vancouver Project Office to amend the Memorandum of Understanding so that seismic upgrading decisions can be made with a fulsome consideration of the needs of the students and staff, future demographics, capital expense needs, deferred maintenance, and other factors.

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

Subject: Regulate Gas Prices, Boost Investment in Public Transit

Data from CCPA-BC (<https://www.policynote.ca/over-a-barrel/>)

BECAUSE British Columbian's are facing record-high gas prices, reaching over \$1.70 per litre, a 55 cent increase since 2016; and

BECAUSE during the time that has passed from 2016 to the present day, taxes on gasoline have increased roughly 6.3-cents per litre; 1.2-cents on April 1 of 2018 and 2019, and just under four cents per litre in federal GST levied on the overall pump price; and

BECAUSE during that same time, the margin taken by refineries has ballooned, reached as high as 55 cents per litre in April of this year, and accounting for 18 cents of the price increase witnessed since 2016; nearly three-times as much as has been caused by tax increases; and

BECAUSE increases in the margin taken by retailers since 2016 has also increased, roughly 2.6 cents per litre,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL note that it is profiteering, not taxation, which is driving outrageous prices as the pumps; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL FURTHER therefore not support the elimination or reduction of taxes on gasoline, which would reward the profiteering of big oil, and instead should be invested to boost public transit and otherwise assist with the reduction of congestion and greenhouse gas emissions; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL FINALLY instead support Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives BC in their conclusion that the provincial government should empower the BC Utilities Commission to regulate automobile fuel as has been successfully done in the maritime provinces.

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

Subject: Shifting the Tax Burden

BECAUSE on April 29, 2019, Vancouver City Council voted to reduce business property taxes by 2% and shift the burden of those taxes to residential property owners; and

BECAUSE this shift was done ostensibly to aid small business, but in fact is an across the board reduction for all businesses, meaning that wealthy corporations will reap the greatest benefits of this shift while predominately working people will take on the greatest burden; and

BECAUSE while we are sympathetic of the needs of small business people, many of whom are struggling, a more targeting tax adjustment specifically in aid of those in need would have been more appropriate than an across the board hand out; and

BECAUSE the effect of this tax shift will be to increase housing costs at a time where we remain entangled in a housing affordability crisis. This increased cost will not only be for homeowners, but also to renters as the increased costs are likely to be passed down in higher rents; and

BECAUSE if the revenue lost in business taxes is not made up via residential property tax increases it could lead to suggestions of budget cuts to make up the difference,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL express its opposition to this tax shift and call instead for the City to work toward a new method of assessment which will provide tax fairness for residential and small business property owners while ensuring that big business pays its fair share; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL oppose budget cuts as a solution to any funding shortfall related to this decision, as such cuts tend to reduce public services, eliminate jobs, and harm workers and their communities.

Note:

Votes against were Mayor Kennedy Stewart, and councillors Colleen Hardwick (NPA), Christine Boyle (OneCity), Jean Swanson (COPE) and Melissa De Genova (NPA). Votes in favour were councillors Lisa Dominato (NPA), Sarah Kirby-Young (NPA), Rebecca Blich (NPA), Michael Wiebe (Green), Adrienne Carr (Green), Pete Fry (Green).

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

Subject: Green New Deal

BECAUSE scientists warn that we have eleven years to dramatically reduce greenhouse gas emissions of face climate catastrophe; and

BECAUSE the Pact for a Green New Deal is bringing together workers organizations, scientists, Indigenous leaders, youth, artists, and others to support an ambitious policy platform aimed at re-tooling our economy to respond to the multiple crises facing our society; and

BECAUSE the Green New Deal recognizes that climate and jobs are not in conflict, rather we can both cut emissions in half and also create more than a million new good jobs; and

BECAUSE the Green New Deal now boasts 67 endorsing organizations, including unions, labour groups, and dozens of public figures; and

BECAUSE these organizations aim to press political parties to commit to the implementation of a Green New Deal in the lead up to this fall's federal election,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL endorse the Pact for a Green New Deal; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL FURTHER promote the Green New Deal to its affiliate unions.

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

Subject: Major Vancouver Sports and Land Acknowledgments

BECAUSE BC has the most unceded territories this side of the Rocky Mountains, and is home to many major sports teams, who play and compete on that land; and

BECAUSE it is a simple gesture to raise awareness to the general public, and to create dialogue of the importance of Truth and Reconciliation amongst other organizations outside the labour movement; and

BECAUSE Truth and Reconciliation is a vital part of decolonization and giving respect to Indigenous people and their land,

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL reach out to all Vancouver area sports teams/clubs (Canadians, White Caps, BC Lions, Canucks etc.) to inform them, and raise awareness of the significance of Indigenous land acknowledgements, as well as the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and the 94 Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission; and

THE VANCOUVER AND DISTRICT LABOUR COUNCIL WILL in doing so, also reach out to the Indigenous nations upon whose traditional territories the aforementioned sports teams/clubs operate and offer to partner with them in calling for land acknowledgements to be made a standard feature of the opening ceremonies of all games and events.

10. REPORT OF UNIONS:

- a) ILWU Local 400 – Reported by Jason Woods
Ledcor certification has gone 1 ½ years with no decision from the Board.

Local 400 is finishing up their first contract negotiations with Dilawni Group for their new bargaining unit at Mercedes on Boundary & Broadway in Burnaby.

The Local is seeing growth from 217 members to 330.

Nathan Smith, ITF Inspector/ ILWU Local 400, made a \$152,000 wage claim on a Greek registered ship for its Filipino crew last month. A total of \$500,000 in last year.

- b) PSAC Local 20045 / UVAE – Reported by Shane Polak
PSAC is currently in bargaining with a number of bargaining units. The bargaining unit at Table 1 (PA Group) is at an impasse, so the bargaining team has withdrawn from negotiations with the Treasury Board. The next steps are a PIC (Public Interest Commission) and then most likely a strike vote. The union has been offered a 1.5% wage increase over each of the 4 years; the union wants 3.5%, the same rate the parliamentarians gave themselves. The union has tabled a number of improvements. The tone of the bargaining meeting seemed as though the employer did not have a mandate to bargain.

As for the issues with the Phoenix System, the Treasury Board has offered the union a remedy for the issues faced due to the system – 5 days paid leave! Needless to say, the union ‘is not amused’. Many PSAC members have faced, and continue to face, much more than the damages being offered in compensation. PSAC also received news the Phoenix spending is adding up for taxpayers, \$147 million to \$1 billion to continue to try and fix the failed system.

- c) CUPW Local 846 – Reported by Nicholas Aubichon
CUPW held its national convention in Toronto where they elected a new executive; including 3 women. CUPW made history by electing the first black woman to lead a national union. Convention delegates:
- vowed to work towards a green sustainable post office with an electric fleet at Canada Post and more solar,
 - will continue to push for postal banking,
 - vowed to encourage members to become active in the upcoming federal election and to vote for pro-worker, pro-public service candidates, and
 - amended language in their constitution to include gender neutral language.

A large demonstration was held in support of food-order delivery workers; 600 delegates marched up Bay Street and rallied at Nathan Phillips Square. CUPW is embarking on an exciting campaign of organizing these workers and other workers in the gig economy.

CUPW is in an ongoing arbitration process to gain a new collective agreement. Late last week, the federal government’s appointed arbitrator asked for an extension of the term – this is the second extension granted. December 31, 2019 is the date the decision is due; 23 months after the expiration date of CUPW’s previous contract.

- d) ILWU Local 500 – Reported by Joulene Parent.
The strike vote held May 8 and 9, 2019 resulted in a 98.4% in favour of supporting strike action against the member companies of the BC Maritime Employers' Association if necessary.
- e) CUPE Local 391 – Reported by Tanya Ferry
Local President Kari Scott-White met with Parliamentary Secretary for Gender Equity Mitzi Dean to discuss the issue of pay equity.

Local 391 sent a full contingent to the CUPE BC convention where the local won an award for its newsletter.

Local 391 was nominated for the United Way Spirit Award for their activism last year.

Vancouver Public Library has removed auxiliary librarian hours, now they want to introduce temporary librarian contracts, meaning at the end of the contract the librarian is no longer an employee.

- f) BCTF VSTA – Reported by Treena Goolieff
Negotiations between BCTF and the BC Public Schools' Employers' Association (BCPSEA) have taken an unsettling turn. Despite the Supreme Court of Canada win in November 2016 that restored class size and composition limits to BC Students, the BCPSEA has tabled concessions that intend to negate these gains. These concessions would result in the lay-offs of thousands of teachers, bigger classes, and less support for students with special needs. Teachers are frustrated and sit surprised that BCPSEA is bargaining like it's 2014 and there is still a Liberal government in place. BCTF encourages the public to ask their MLAs and school board trustees if they are aware of the concessions and how these concessions will effect BC's students, teachers, and the province as a whole.

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

- a) UA Plumbers Local 170 – Reported by Russ St. Eloi
b) UFCW Local 1518 – Reported by Betty Li
c) HEU PHSA Local – Reported by Ruth Kirk

MSC to adopt the reports of committees.

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- a) Solidarity in Action – Reported by Bal Sandhu
Everyone encouraged to share UNITE HERE Local 40's website where everyone can sign the pledge in support of hotel workers.

A rally is being held May 23 in solidarity with USW Local 5114, information was circulated.

Delegates and guests were invited to sign up for updates on solidarity actions.

MSC to adopt the reports of committees.

OTHER REPORTS:

a) CLC – Reported by Ron Stipp

Upcoming federal election has been called for October 21, with the writ being called the day before Labour Day. There has been an increase on the CLC's web activity on their four key issues: universal pharmacare, pension protection, campaign for equality – done waiting, and campaign for just transition. They are getting a lot of people signing on; their goal is 500,000+ and are already at 200,000.

Canadian Council met and has given the ok for regions to start giving workshops to train activists. Several affiliates have already signed up for workshops. They'll be trained in how to canvas via telephone and door-to-door and how to talk member-to-member. They'll begin mid-June and continue through to September.

Get Out the Vote will be from Labour Day on, as soon as the writ is dropped at which point laws change. Campaign will be on issues; no particular party will be promoted, as per the law.

Targets are being decided. Only NDP candidates will be supported, all the incumbent ridings. Labour Councils will be called to conduct canvasses in the evenings in target areas: VDLC's targets are incumbents Jenny Kwan, Vancouver East, and Don Davies, Vancouver Kingsway.

b) BC FORUM – Reported by Agnes Jackman

The 2019 summer issue of the Advocate has been circulated, it includes a pull-out of the latest FORUM Health and Dental Plan rates.

BC FORUM Board met May 14. Items discussed include: June 19 AGM preparation; preparation of resolutions for the National Pensioners Federation Convention, September 10 to 12; work to freshen the BC FORUM pre-retirement planning course; and increasing funding to BC FORUM (a special Board meeting is being held on sustainable funding). The next Board meeting will be July 16.

c) PNE Board – Reported by Stephen von Sychowski

As in the past the VDLC has provided names to the city of people to represent labour on the PNE Board; from the names provided, the city has appointed Rachel Roy to the Board. Rachel will be invited to update the labour council on what is happening at the PNE.

As an aside, BCGEU delegate Matt Demario has been appointed by the city to the Tenant Advisory Committee.

MSC to receive the other reports.

12. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NIL

13. NEW BUSINESS: NIL

14. NOTICE OF MOTION: NIL

15. GOOD AND WELFARE:

- A moment of silence was held for progressive, pro-labour lawyer Sylvia Shelton who recently passed away. Their family has supported the VDLC for a long time, her brother Chris Shelton regularly attending VDLC meetings. Sylvia and Chris have been supporters of our fundraising effort for QAS often providing auction/raffle items and making substantial private donations; their father having been a student there. Service will be held Friday, May 24, 2:00 pm at their home.
- June 8 - CoDev Gala Dinner - for many years the VDLC has supported CoDevelopment Canada who supports human rights and labour rights in Latin America. Sister Marion Pollack had tickets for sale.

MSC to allow guest Brandon Houston to address the council.

- June 4, 9 am to 5 pm – Resident Artist has created an app called Pocket Dial – everyone is invited to come and call city councillors – mostly focused on housing and Oppenheimer Park – come to 103 – 30 W. 6th Ave, DEA Projects, make a call, have a coffee
- Raffle tickets - \$5 each proceeds to benefit Queen Alexandra Elementary’s Wishing Tree free store – Congratulations to the winners of the 5 prizes to be won:
 - Crystyna Sawyer - Labour History Walking Tour, donated by Joey Hartman
 - Graham O’Neill - Bulova Women’s 98L163 Watch, donated by Cavan Advertising
 - Lauren Bowles - Labour History Book Collection, donated by the VDLC
 - Jolene Parent - Coffee Enthusiast’s Gift Basket, donated by Commercial Street Café
 - Keziah McCrystal Rothlin - Dreamcatcher, donated by Chris Shelton.Thank you to everyone who supported the raffle.
- June 15, 5:30 pm – Peoples’ Voice banquet this year’s event will also mark the 100th anniversary of the Winnipeg General Strike.
- June 4 at the Maritime Labour Centre a performance the Battle of Ballentyne Pier, the musical – it will be also be performed at the Studio at CBC on June 5 – Facebook page Ballantyne Musical

16. MEETING ADJOURNED: *MSC to adjourn at 9:18 pm.*

17. NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 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.vdlc.ca