

NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION COUNCIL PRIDE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, March 1, 2004

In attendance: Lucie S. B.
François B.
Daniel C.
Liette D.
John G.
Doug J.
Henry M.
Jacques M.
Brad T.

Also in attendance: Bob Allen, Technical Adviser
Ed Cashman, REVP-NCR

The meeting was called to order by the Co-chairs Karoline Klüg and Lane Trudeau at 5:30 pm.

1. Agenda **(Appendix A)**

m/s/c **Dan C., François B.**

THAT the agenda be adopt as amended.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting **(Appendix B)**

m/s/c **Dan C., François B.**

THAT the minutes of the previous meeting be adopted as presented.

3. House Keeping

The chairs outlined five issues which had come to their attention following the issuance of the agenda. These will be sent out in an email from them to committee members by the co-chairs. Included was the need to have a volunteer to sit on the NCR Regional Council Bylaws committee which will be reviewing and recommending changes to the NCR Council Bylaws. As well, there is a UN petition on line which should be widely circulated and signed by as many

supporters as possible. And, the Committee needs volunteers to be at a booth at the LBX (?) on April 24, 2004. Again, Karoline will send out a comprehensive email on these topics.

3. Report on Regional Council AGM

The Co-chairs gave a brief report. Key points included the fact that this year's operating budget provided by Council is \$5,000. We will need to keep track of our expenditures and need a volunteer to serve as Treasurer. Dan Charron volunteered and was acclaimed. Due to the limited resources available it was suggested that committee members bring their own food on the first meeting, that a pot luck meal be organized for the next one and that the committee plan a post-meeting dinner for the third. These details will be posted on our web site. The Co-chairs also attended a one day planning retreat with the Council and Regional Staff. They also were taking the Union Development Program in French following successful completion of the Talking Union Basics course.

4. Outline of Action Plan and Committee Projects - Short and Long Term` (Appendix C)

The Co-chairs outlined a program of potential activities in which the committee could engage and asked members to sign up to work on those that interested them. The activities will be posted on the web. Included among these was the idea of developing a distinctive logo or identifier along the lines submitted by Co-chair Trudeau. **(Appendix D)**

5. Pride Parade

Henry and Liette will investigate what would be involved in the Committee participating in the Pride Parade and report back to the next meeting.

6. Guest Speaker: Shannon Blatt on the Kimberley Nixon case.

A brief summary of the court decisions to date was provided **(Appendix E)**
Shannon then outlined the social and legal implications for trans-Canadians of this B.C. case.

Following the discussion a number of motions were presented.

a.) m/s/c Henry M., François B.

THAT the REVP seek to have the Kimberley Nixon case reviewed by the PSAC with a view to providing support by making a public statement to that effect, by providing a financial contribution to her defense, and by bringing forward a motion to the Canadian Labour Congress to have the Congress support Kimberley Nixon in her struggle.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b.) m/s/c Liette D., Henry M.

THAT our committee donate \$250 representing 5% of our annual budget to the Kimberly Nixon Defense Fund.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

c.) m/s/c

Henry M., François B.

THAT we write to Kimberly Nixon expressing our full support for her efforts to defend herself before the courts, and further

THAT we write to each of the other regions encouraging them to provide similar support including but not limited to matching or exceeding our financial contribution to her defense before the end of this year.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Survey Results

(Appendix F/G)

Results will be analyzed and posted on the web.

8. Liaison with other committees.

Karoline will attend OGAC, Lane the Aboriginal Circle, and François the Health and Safety Committees. Others expressing interest in attending other committees should contact Karoline or Lane.

m/s/c

Dan C., Lane T.

THAT the committee communicates with other Regional Council Committees encouraging them to support Kimberly Nixon.

9. Pride Committee's place in the PSAC.

m/s/c

Henry M., Dan C.

THAT this item be tabled until a later meeting.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 pm. following a series of announcements.