

BC Human Rights Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: September 20, 2006

In Attendance: Tracy, Sylvia, Sanda, Deanna, Carol, Kim & Craig

Regrets: Sargy, Rex, Carolyn, Lana, Todd, Floyd, Rodney & Katie

**Thanks to i] Chairperson: Tracy
ii] Food provider: Deanna
iii] Staff Representative: Monica
iv] Minute taker: Kim**

Updates:

i] Todd Harding had done a presentation on accessibility at work previously and intended to provide an update - as he is unable to attend this item will be tabled until the next meeting.

ii] At Service Canada there is a membership vote being undertaken by some members who were either CEIU or NHWU to determine which component will represent all of those affected members. The question was raised as to whether this could affect the recognition of the BC Human Rights. Regardless of how the vote goes it will not impact the committee as it is a fully, and duly, authorized committee now.

Fall Planning:

Dates	Topics
October 16th [Monday]	Lancaster House Conference Playback on Accommodation of Disabilities 12pm - 2 pm Regional Office Boardroom [open meeting]
October 17th [Tuesday]	Woman's History Month Proposed presentation on 'Witches' [Halloween theme as well] by Regina Brennan - Sanda will contact.
November 8th [Wednesday]	Panel Discussion on Disabilities Issues a] Mobility Awareness - speaker to be contacted by Craig b] Learning Disabilities - speaker [Rhonda Brain] to be contacted by Carol

c] Visual Impairment - speaker Harry Monk to be contacted by Monica

December ? TBA

Human Rights Event [contact Jennie]

Suggested topics:

1] Racially Visible Issues

2] GLBT Issues - suggested speaker Mary-Woo Sims or Svend Robinson

January 9th [Tuesday]

Business Meeting

Monica will contact REVP Kay Sinclair to speak

Motion moved by Carol: The BCHRC shall offer the invited speakers to the November Panel Discussion, \$100 per person to be donated to a Charity/Organization of their choice on their behalf.

Seconded by: Tracy
Carried.

Future Educational Topics:

- The Aging Brain
- Sex Trade Workers
- 'Aids in Africa' presentation
- Provincial Health Care Critic [NDP] on state of healthcare and 3ps

Other Issues & Roundtable:

- i] Katie's email seeking topics for NCVM conference - ie. diversification, resources, issues - tabled until October meeting - Monica will send out email
- ii] Deanna interested in attending the Vancouver Island NCVM conference seeks funding from PSAC-BCHRC - tabled until October meeting
- iii] BARGAINING:
 - 1] All PSAC- BCHRC members should approach their local and/or component and review and provide feedback on the demands being forwarded - ensure comply "through an Equity Lens" [demands will be available in the near future]
 - 2] PSAC-BCHRC TB/PARKS members should try to get delegate status to the Regional Bargaining Conference which will be held in Vancouver the beginning of December

future on whether or not to rescind the legislation indicating marriage can be between two people to include same-sex marriage.

- Union school is approaching -- encourage members to get applications in to attend.

Meeting adjourned -- 8 pm