

Fraser Valley Area Council Annual General Meeting

Wednesday February 23, 2005
Crossroads Restaurant Abbotsford
6-9 pm

In Attendance:

Record of Attendance not available.

1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of Previous Minutes
3. Financial Report-audited statement for January 1, 2004 to December 31, 2004 presented by Tammy Chretien. Motion for adoption carried.
4. Election of Officer-Jack Rudd conducted the elections and the results were:
Jayne Johns, President
Chuck Leech, Vice President
Tammy Chretien, Treasurer
Edi Martin, Secretary
5. Political Action, Count Me In Campaign-James Little was unable to attend so Jack Rudd provided background information on the Count Me In Campaign. Everyone was urged to sign up for James Little's e-mail and attend Count Me In Campaign sessions.
6. BC Convention-general discussion of regarding the convention.
7. Next Meeting-Jayne will schedule a caucus meeting of FVAC members who will be attending to review resolutions that may be priorities for our geographic area. Tentatively set for Thursday April 7, 2005 at the Coast Hotel. Also, another FVAC general meeting will be held May 11, 2005 to report out on the convention.

The meeting was held the evening before the start of the BC PSAC Regional convention as scheduled at the FVAC annual general meeting on February 23, 2005. The purpose of the meeting was to bring together delegates from Fraser Valley (East) to promote the Area Council, review and prioritize resolutions that are of specific concern to members residing in Fraser Valley (East) and to discuss other related matters.

1. BC PSAC Regional Convention

The caucus reviewed the resolutions package and the Finance, By-laws and General Resolutions committee reports. Noted were the resolutions submitted by the Fraser Valley Area Council and their rank in the order of priorities.

2. Political Action

- (i) SE2-The coalition of community groups and activists in the Fraser Valley have designed a web site providing ongoing information about their efforts to stop the SE2 power plant in Sumas Washington. They are selling T-shirts with info sheets to raise awareness and funds. Members of the FVAC have been active participants in this coalition. Jayne presented each delegate with a T-Shirt and info sheet. The delegation agreed to wear the shirts on the first day of the convention to raise awareness. Info and T-shirts are available online at <http://purecanadafoundation.com>

(Note-this activity generated such a positive response from the convention floor that the web site address was posted)

- (ii) Provincial Elections-A general discussion was held about the Count Me In Campaign and upcoming training sessions. Jayne is registered to attend a Talking Politics workshop on Thursday April 21, 2005 in Burnaby and encouraged others to join her. The agenda for the Convention includes a workshop on Saturday morning so a more in depth discussion will develop into a more detailed action plan for the Fraser Valley (East).

Next Fraser Valley Area Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 11, 2005 Crossroads Restaurant Sumas Way Abbotsford 6-8 pm.