

RVAC REPORT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 – DECEMBER 2019

Executive:

Joanne Robinson – Female Co-Chair
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Antoine Moise – Vice Chair Communications
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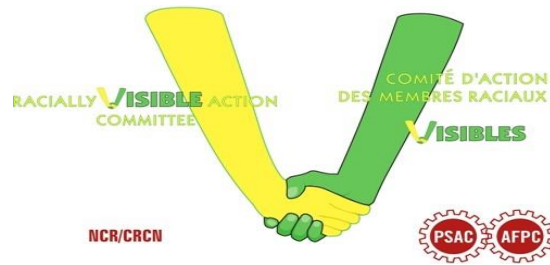
We will endeavour to answer the three questions posed by PSAC.

Two (2) activities that we implemented or participated in, is as follows:
The committee rallied to support Jamaal Boyce - Ottawa U student – Racially motivated arrest. The committee with the assistance of PSAC produced a media release in regards to the unfair treatment of Jamal. This release was also sent to the Dean of Ottawa U as well. Various members of the committee assisted with this release as it is so close to home. RVAC members and community members were in agreement with the stance of the RVAC Board.

The Racially Visible Action Committee (RVAC) and Aboriginal Action Circle (AAC) presented the movie - Indian Horse. This powerful movie shown on the 21st of March 2019 was followed upon with an open discussion. Although the numbers were not high; the persons who attended were touched by the movie.

RVAC participated at all Council and NCR Executive Meetings.

Joanne Robinson, Co-Chair participates at the National Human Rights Committee and National Indigenous Peoples' Circle



In order to promote our events, we not only enlist the assistance of PSAC, but we also send out invitations using mainstream media and word of mouth.

The current board has the following mandate for 2020:

- Hosting the 2020 PSAC RV Conference.
- Movie night once again for March 21, 2020
- Information sessions for members and guests
- Book Readings – The book reading that we had this year was very good although the turnout was not- we will have to leverage our marketing to have a better turn out next year.
- Attending events to promote RVAC: Sister Zelma Buckley (RVAC) and Naira Tariq (PSAC) attended the Health Canada and Public Health Agency of Canada Visible Minorities Network (HC-PHAC VMN) on the 25th of February 2019. They provided information on PSAC and RVAC. The event was successful, something worth exploring again.

Joanne Robinson & Antoine Gomis
Co-Chairs
Racially Visible Action Committee (RVAC)