



Little Sister's Bookstore

Submitted by the BCLA Information Policy and Intellectual Freedom Committee

Whereas intellectual freedom is a core value of librarianship.

And Whereas freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression are fundamental freedoms under the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

And Whereas since 1986, Little Sister's has fought against the censorship resulting from Canada Customs' (now Canada Border Services Agency - CBSA) decision to stop shipments of lawful books and magazines destined for that store.

And Whereas in January 2007, the Supreme Court of Canada overturned the 2002 BC Supreme Court decision granting an Order for *Advance Costs*. This has proved detrimental to the court case proceeding against Canada Customs.

And Whereas access to the legal system is a right.

Be It Resolved that the BCLA send a letter to the Minister of Justice, and opposition party critics, to affirm that people need reasonable access to the legal system to be able to challenge government policy and practices.

Be It Also Resolved that the BCLA send a letter to the Minister of Public Safety who is responsible for Canada Border Services Agency, and opposition party critics, to request the Minister instruct CBSA to stop censoring lawful materials.

Be It Also Resolved that the BCLA also send a letter of support to Jim Deva and Bruce Smyth, Co-owners, and Janine Fuller, Manager, of Little Sister's Bookstore encouraging them to maintain their fight against censorship and their battle for the freedom of expression in Canada

Moved by T. Roberston. Seconded by M. Gonzales Palacios.