

BCLA CAC Meeting

Date: 19 November 2021, 12:00pm – 1:00pm

Present: Lisa Nathan (co-chair), Helen Brown (co-chair), Caitlin MacRae (NWPL), David Waddell (VPL), Warren Wulff (Nat Res Can), Suzanne Jay, Jenna Thomson (SFU), Stephanie (GVPL), Kevin Millsip (BCLC), Julie Backer (WVML), Leo Pedersen, Jennifer (SPL)

Regrets: None.

Agenda:

1. Approval of minutes from previous meeting: Approved.
2. Approval of agenda: Add to Discussion:
 - a. Recent floods and landslides
 - b. Climate Preparedness Week
3. Updates:
 - a. Website (David)
 - i. Awaiting additional access to tweak page design.
4. Old business
 - a. Questionnaire / poll (David)
 - i. Background: Past committee conversations, idea sharing, suggested a poll.
 - ii. Started a draft: "What can I do: Working in the library during climate collapse". Proposed questions:
 1. What are you (or your organization) currently doing?
 2. What would you like to be doing?
 - iii. Discussion: Importance of organization level action (individual effort less impactful). Compile and share to inspire. Add questions:
 1. What do people want to know more about? (Gives CAC concrete ideas for future committee work.)
 2. Interest in BCLA Climate Change Position Statement? Interest in Day of Action?
 3. Offer checkbox options that include our planned projects and other ideas.
 - iv. Timing/Format: Wait and include survey content about the Position Statement. Invite expert input into survey content wording. Currently hosted on Google forms, but we have access to Qualtrics.
 - v. **ACTION:** David will draft survey/poll and invite input, then Lisa or Helen will upload to Qualtrics.
 - b. Proposal for BCLA Conference (Kevin)

- i. Background: In planning phase. Topic: What role can our sector play in tackling the climate crisis? InterLINK regional conversation (action focused) and/or broader session for BC-wide conversation.
 - ii. Timing/Format: We need to submit a session summary to reserve space at BCLA. We are anticipating 60 min session, but not yet determined.
 - iii. **ACTION:** Kevin will draft a BCLA session summary(ies).
 - iv. **ACTION:** Lisa will enquire with Rina about BCLA session format (and possible hybrid/Zoom access), how much space/time to expect, how to coordinate with other climate-themed sessions, and the possibility of having a CAC meeting at the conference to workshop a project.
- c. Climate Change Position Statement Working Group
 - i. We're working out a meeting schedule. Next steps probably to reach out to groups and gather input - good fit with survey/poll discussed above.
- d. Scheduling Meetings (Helen)
 - i. We're surveying the group to help choose the best regular meeting time during third week of each month. If you'd like to attend our meetings participate in the poll this week. We'll use results to plan 2022 meetings. <https://www.when2meet.com/?13654043-Ln4UU>

5. Discussion

- a. Library Toolshed (Kevin)
 - i. This could be a good fit for storing/sharing our documents: <https://www.librarytoolshed.ca/>
- b. Climate Preparedness [Something] Week?
 - i. Lots of possibilities. A week might be more effective than a day. Flexible timing. Could be BCLA or other org that starts it. Partnership possibilities. Speakers. Follow Science Literacy Week model. Coordinate to reduce implementation workload. SRC model to provide resources and support. Evolve and grow over time.
 - ii. Timing:
 1. Earth Day in April.
Nat'l Emergency Preparedness Week is May.
Climate Preparedness Week in is Sept.
Science Literacy Week is in Sept.
Shake-Out BC is October.
Ideally plan for main post-secondary academic year (Sept – March) so that academic libraries can more effectively participate. Perhaps plan for spring before forest fires begin.
 2. Work towards this after BCLA or offer something simple for this year such as information or a presentation? Include in conference.
 3. Coordinate with the Libraries in the Global Arena series? (It will continue next year! More concrete. E.g. invite Mass. speakers.)

- iii. Focus/content: Emergency response and preparedness, neighborhood action, lots of topics to engage with, experts to invite. Mitigation. Justice and equity focused.
 - iv. Nat Res Can is in charge of BC Shake-Out and flooding response. Federal libraries need mandate from Ottawa to participate.
 - v. This project needs a lead. Continue discussion in Dec.
 - c. City of North Vancouver – [Climate and Environment Strategy](#)
 - i. This is available.
 - d. City of Vancouver – [Climate Emergency Action Plan](#)
 - i. Staff gave an update; not meeting the goals.
 - e. Nov 2021 Flooding and Landslides
 - i. Library staff and customers want to know how they can contribute. What volunteering opportunities available?
 - ii. **ACTION: All** will share climate emergency/flood volunteer opportunities to CAC listserv.
 - 1. [Fraser Valley Flood Resources](#) Current news and important updates.
[The British Columbia Heritage Emergency Response Network \(BC HERN\)](#) : B.C. arts and culture institutions, who believe in emergency preparedness. Joining forces to support each other.
6. Resources shared
- a. Book: [Before We Lost the Lake](#) by Chad Reimer.
 - b. CBC short video summary of Sumas Lake history.
 - c. Book: [Openings : a meditation on history, method, and Sumas Lake](#)
7. Next Meeting: Friday December 17, 11:00-12:00 noon.
- a. Week of Action – further discussion.