

BCLA Climate Action Committee

October 20 Agenda

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Exec: David Waddell, Diana Marshall, Helen Brown, Amory Strader, Lisa Nathan, Caitlin McRae, Jennifer Wilson

Participants: Dan Hackborn, CJ Pentland, Benjamin Mertick,

Regrets: Jennifer Wilson

1. Welcome and check ins
2. Approve September minutes and today's agenda
3. Business arising
4. Updates
 - a. Climate Action Week (David)
 - i. Number of people confirming that they are participating (new and ongoing libraries). Lots of different examples of programming & services (e.g., folks dressing up as plants).
 - ii. List of participating libraries – <https://bclaconnect.ca/climateactionweek/participating-libraries/>
 - iii. Not limited to BC Libraries, feeling good about opening it up to libraries from other provinces.
 - iv. Last meeting that David is hosting for folks interested in CAW is next Thursday (Oct. 26 9-10). Meeting description w/out nice formatting: *“Do you want to participate in the 2023 Climate Action week this year (Nov. 4 – Nov. 10)? It is not too late! Simply pop onto our website and choose a passive display activity or book display. Prepare, print out, and presto! You are participating! You can then e-mail the committee to let us know and we will happily add your organization’s name to the illustrious list of participants. Alternatively, you can join me in an open house next week if you wanted to whip together a small program. Easy to do ideas include a film screening or adding a climate action component to existing programming.”*
 - b. Logo design opportunity (David, Caitlin)

- i. Elected to participate in this VCC student design project the end of the year. Caitlin helped a great deal in submitting the material, using the project language they need to proceed.

Suggestion from Helen to do some brainstorming in a future meeting (Nov.) so that we have more concrete requirements.

Action Item: Add this discussion to our November Agenda (Diana)

- c. Active Project Tracking Sheet (David)
 - i. This is an attempt/way to keep track of active projects CAC is working on and the leads for each.
 - ii. Decision made to not include the URL to this google doc in the minutes, but please contact the committee if you would like to access.
 - iii. Diana suggested to add the logo design project (co leads David and Caitlin)

Action Item:

1. Add *Logo Design Project* to project tracking sheet (David)
2. Add edit to all in permissions to document (David)
3. Add *Working with BCLA and other organizations for funding CAW* to project tracking sheet (David)

- d. Position Statement (Helen)
 - i. Sent draft to Kevin Milsip for suggestions/comments/edits
 - ii. Background: this is a statement for BCLA Board to adopt as a formal statement on climate action by BCLA for other libraries across province to draw upon in their work.
- e. BC Cooperative Association ‘Who’s your pension fueling?’ session (Diana)
 - i. Shared this at OLA, received some engaged questions.
 - ii. Awaiting response from K. Milsip

Action Item: Send gentle reminder to K. Milsip in response to some questions about the session. (Diana)

- f. Read4Climate Rack Card (Diana)
 - i. Thanks to all who sent suggestions/edits (and to Diana to making this happen!)
 - ii. Printed in FVRL using SugarSheet - <https://royalprinters.com/>
 - iii. Shared with BLCA CAC
 - iv. Shared with OLA CAC

- v. Shared on Library Toolshed – find it at [Read4Climate Rack Card and Posters](#)

- g. BC Benchmarking Survey (Diana) – What libraries are doing (from buildings, carbon output, recycling, programming, disasters impacting hours/staff/etc.) A sense of impacts.
 - i. OLA did a benchmarking survey just for public libraries.
 - ii. BCLA is interested in running a similar survey in BC. Still debating on how to proceed. Ideas and discussion:
 1. Should it be the same survey (leading to national level data) or a different one tailored to BC or some combination of both options?
 2. Discussed with folks from OLA– they would like to see BCLA do the same survey, to add/inform advocacy efforts at the national level.
 3. Also they have learned from the results and plan to change and improve it. Another idea is to do these surveys in OLA or BCLA ever other year (taking turns between OLA/BCLA) as both groups continue to improve the survey. There is going to be growth and change and we will want to make changes to this survey over time. Looking at it now as a growth and change project. Perhaps have a few questions that are the same.
 4. Idea for contextual questions (i.e. Province specific) to have a spot in the survey
 5. Perhaps have two different surveys instead of trying to shoehorn all the questions into one uber survey.
 6. Idea for one survey with a National component and a Regional component.
 - iii. Discussion of how this survey could play into funding decisions.
 - iv. Discussion of possible linkages with developing Position Statement (which is oriented to a range of libraries, not just public libraries)
 - v. Question about lawmakers at the federal level in supporting libraries – is their interest at that level. DH suggested that libraries are invisible at the federal level. Lightbulb hasn't gone off yet.
 - vi. Helen shared an example of how movement in the area of health/medicine for doctors to be viewed as an invaluable player in climate action has moved forward significantly (possible example/case study)

- h. OLA CAC meeting update (Diana)
 - i. Sept. 25th meeting
 - ii. CFLA received 13 applicants from different sizes/types of libraries to participate, and sent out invitations.
 1. Helen and Dan will be participating

2. First meeting of CFLA CAC in the next two weeks

Action Item: Connect Helen with OLA CAC toolkit committee (Diana)

- i. Communication, Branches, website etc.
 - i. Reminders of how BCLA CAC communications happen
 - ii. Backend works through Basecamp
Action Item: If you want to be added to our Basecamp account, reach out to Lisa via email (all)
5. New business
 - a. Conference Spotlight for New Initiatives
 - i. Envoy Connect Players (David) – shared some culture shifting example: The Envoy Connect is the world's first accessible, solar-powered, compact, portable, durable, yet economical audiobook player.
<https://cnibsmartlife.ca/products/envoy-connect-talking-book-player>
 - ii. <https://royalprinters.com/> Sugarsheet
 - iii. New Playground lending items at FVRL (Diana)
 1. https://www.fvrl.bc.ca/about_the_playground.php
 2. Air quality monitors (CO2 and another that measures other things in the air), and two energy meters (wall plug and digital).
 3. 6 items all part of their new initiative – sustainable technologies part of *Healing the Planet, Healing Ourselves* theme. Also includes solar panels, nature packs, radon detectors and thermal leak detectors.
 4. Customer survey for the kits reveals many folks are using these tools for the first time through this program.

Action Item: Add this to the Toolshed (Diana)
 - b. Others
 - i. Free and open IFLA event that Dan H. is participating in – will eventually go onto YouTube. <https://www.ifla.org/g/environment-sustainability-and-libraries/ifla-ensulib-webinar-series/>
6. BCLA Conference Proposals
 - a. Need to start brainstorming conference proposals.
 - b. David reached out to Rina to test the waters – and she strongly encourages CAC to submit proposals.

- c. Idea from Helen to do a bit of an updating session on all the library initiatives going on (international, nationally, provincially).

Action Item: Start developing Ideas (EVERYONE)

7. New BCLA Professional Development Coordinator - DEFER
8. Action item review
9. Check out and closing thoughts

Next Meeting: Friday, November 17, 2023, noon-1pm