

## British Columbia Library Association | Climate Action Committee Minutes February 16, 2024

Attendees: Diana Marshall, Caitlin MacRae, David Waddell, Jordanne Stahl (FVRL, UBC iSchool), Kelly Lau (Surrey Libraries Sustainability Coordinator), Amory Strader

Regrets: Helen Brown, Dan Hackborn, Lisa Nathan

- 1) Welcome and check ins
- 2) Approved minutes (Jan, 2024) and agenda (Feb, 2024)
- 3) Business arising
- 4) Updates
  - a) Conference planning – proposals have all been accepted for the BCLA Conference
    - i) What is the state of climate in libraries (David & Diana) – presentation-style
    - ii) Where do emissions lurk in libraries (Helen & Coco Chen) – workshop style
    - iii) Read 4 Climate (Diana) – poster session
    - iv) Climate Action Week (David) – poster session
    - v) Climate action committee meeting/social, Thursday afternoon
  - b) Position Statement (David)

Update: Met with Rina yesterday. The position statement has been well accepted, and BCLA hasn't received any pushback. It's also been getting visibility around the country as well as around the world – still working on sharing it out, making sure all levels of library folks are seeing it, not just leadership. Please share widely.
  - c) Logo design opportunity update (David, Caitlin)

Working with VCC students on developing a logo for the committee – looking for something bold and action-oriented. Completion within the semester
  - d) Toolkit Project (David on behalf of Helen)

Helen is taking the lead on this, working with other organizations around the country so that work is not duplicated and rather we can work together, creating something greater. Meeting last week with OLA and CFLA – broadening the language on the position statement so that it's more applicable for national focus. Toolkit is intended to be a real how-to for libraries. National cooperation will help us to make a more useful toolkit

Kelly spoke about Sustainable Library Initiative certification at Surrey. She just started and has an action list of 140 things to accomplish in the next 2 years which range from very small to very big. What will the certification get them? Shows stakeholders the library is committed to sustainability, and it's a long-term ongoing commitment. Helps to sort through options and really gives a good strong start. It's a 2 year certification process, and there's lots of flexibility built-in.
  - e) BC Benchmarking Survey (Diana)

Now looking at this through the frame of the position statement, to be sent to all libraries and library organizations. We've pulled questions from IFLA and OLA surveys and plotted them in a spreadsheet coordinated around the framework of the position statement. To be pushed in April and hosted in May. Feedback will be solicited when a first draft is created. 2 purposes: 1) benchmark to measure progress, as well as 2) twig interest and action from those who respond. Possibly the survey will be divided into a short form/long form to enable different kinds of inclusion

- f) Library Trustees Policy Project (Caitlin)
  - g) Climate Action Week (David)
    - i) Evaluation report
    - ii) [BC Gaming Grant?](#) we checked with Rina about this and it seems like it's a go, with some strategic thinking about long term development of this grant.
    - iii) Dates for CAW 2024? Nov 2-8, 2024  
ACTION ITEM: David to update Branches and the CAC website with these dates
  - h) OLA CAC meeting update (Diana) Working on a toolkit, did a Super Conference presentation, and evaluating their benchmarking survey results
  - i) CFLA CAC update (none today)
  - j) [Active Project Tracking Sheet](#) (David) – still there – check it out!
  - k) Update [CAC Terms of Reference \(2021\)](#) (David)  
Rina said we can change Terms of Reference whenever we want, just need to let her know so she can inform the board
  - l) Communication, Branches, Basecamp, website etc  
Keep forwarding any links that might be broken so we can fix them
  - m) Annual report and AGM planning,  
AGM in May. If you want to run, need to let Diana and David know in writing.
- 5) New business
- a) Caitlin recent event, by the Climate Action Network with many speakers – can share the link to the recording when it becomes available. Anyone interested in key takeaways can be sent notes (Contact Caitlin).
- 6) Action item review
- 7) Check out and closing thoughts

**Next Meeting:** Friday, March 15, 2024, noon-1pm