

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



June 21, 2024

Attendees: Diana Marshall, David Waddell, Shirley Chan, Lisa Nathan, Amory Strader, Helen Brown, Dan Hackborn, Josh Hamnett, Caitlin MacRae

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Approved May minutes and today's agenda

ACTION ITEM (Josh): Post May CAC minutes & '23 AGM minutes to BCLA's CAC site

- 3) Business arising: None
- 4) Updates
 - a) Toolkit project (Helen): work ongoing

ACTION ITEM (ALL): If you come across compelling examples of what other libraries/library folks across Canada are doing related to climate mitigation/adaptation please send to Helen.

- 5) CAPAL Conference (Helen)
 - a) Entire gathering focused on sustainability (not only environmental)
 - b) 4 sessions on climate action
 - c) Helen paid for access to 10 images of BC disasters related to climate change. Discussion of what the usage permissions of these images and how CAC might purchase some in future.
- 6) OLA CAC Meeting (David)
 - a) OLA conference, some interest in conversations about the ecological costs of AI for OLA keynote
 - b) Conversation on how to link climate anxiety with OLA's climate work and support greater health/mental health awareness in this space. Possible collaborators: Canadian Climate Institute and the Mental Health Commission of Canada.

ACTION ITEM (Caitlin): Caitlin has taken on the role of representing BCLA's CAC and this year's OLA's CAC meetings for information sharing and collaboration opportunities.

- 7) BC benchmarking survey (Diana)
 - a) Hearty thanks to **Amory** and **Dan** for all of their labor and problem solving on the survey. Also to **Diana** for leading the effort.
 - b) Published library survey about a week ago.
 - c) Survey open until August 5th

- d) 250 libraries in BC (roughly) – 15 have filled out survey so far, mostly from interior BC.
- e) Information session happened yesterday (June 20th). It was recorded and will be posted on BCLA website.
- f) Messages over Branches at first didn't go through. Rina edited message (removed some links) and it went out.

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Encourage your library to fill out the survey!

- 8) Library trustees policy project (Caitlin)
 - a) Heard back from BCLTA Exec. Director!
 - b) Tentative date set for September (11th or 12th) to meet with BCLTA members to present BCLA's climate action statement, and direct the development their own actions to take back to their libraries (ie: developing board policies, language for strategic plans, etc.).

ACTION ITEM (ALL): Interested in working with Caitlin on this? Caitlin Could use support for the July planning meeting and for the September meeting. Send a direct note to Caitlin.

- 9) Climate Action Week (David)
 - a) Work ongoing to connect with participating libraries
 - b) [BC Gaming Grant](#) - Shell of grant in the works

ACTION ITEMS (ALL): If you are able to help out, please contact David to a) contacting 2-3 libraries to connect on their plans and/or b) to support David in polishing the BC Gaming Grant Application.

- 10) CFLA CAC update (Dan)
 - a) National survey was developed and released on what libraries want from CFLA – ongoing survey. (Dan is engaged with many surveys)
 - b) CFLA is working on a briefing for libraries unsure where to start, providing definitions of common terms, using examples from BCLA's CAC, along with UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG's). Briefing should be released soon.
 - c) Question about getting grant supported student work going from David. CFLA is very busy right now.

ACTION ITEM (David): David will reach out to CFLA to connect about working with students paid to support this work via grant CFLA received.

- 11) [Active Project Tracking Sheet](#) (David) -ongoing

- 12) Communication, Branches, Basecamp, website etc.
 - a) New password for future CAC Zoom meetings

ACTION ITEM (David, Caitlin & Diana): Test Zoom link

13) New business

- a) Resolution at the BCLA AGM to add sustainability and climate justice to BCLA's values statement was received very well. Helen initiated this resolution (wrote it), David supported and presented the resolution during the meeting. Received 100% support from the attendees.
- b) Spotlight for new initiatives
 - i) Discuss David's notes about 2025 BCLA Conference – sustainability ideas & meeting time/space

ACTION ITEM (ALL): We will discuss projects at the July meeting

- ii) Discussion about attending a future COP meeting brought forward by Dan H.

14) Action item review

15) Check out and closing thoughts

Next Meeting:

1. Friday, July 19, 2024, noon-1pm

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84194420378?pwd=akRnQnVUblFOR0d0OFhSWFFsSFQ2QT09>

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