

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



August 16, 2024

Attendees: David Waddell, Shirley Chan, Helen Brown, Lisa Nathan, Caitlin MacRae, Jennifer Wilson, Diana Marshall, Kelly Lau

- 1) Welcome and check ins
- 2) Approve minutes and agenda
- 3) Business arising, action updates
- 4) Updates
 - a) Toolkit project (Helen) – No report
 - b) BC benchmarking survey (Diana w/support from Helen)
 - a. Brief update from Helen who asked to extend the date and 13 other libraries submitted since the first due date. 77 in Total. (Out of approx. 215 libraries)
 - c) Library trustees policy project (Caitlin)
 - i) September 11 with BC Library Trustees, time will be shared soon.
 - ii) Plan to divide attendees into groups depending on their size, geography, etc. So that “like” libraries are together.
 - iii) 15 minute presentation on BCLA’s climate position statement. (Helen reminded group that she uploaded a previous presentation slide deck to the Basecamp.
ACTION ITEM: Share time and Zoom info when set with committee (CAITLIN)
 - d) Climate Action Week (David)
 - i) Thanks to Shirley for help in getting more libraries on board.
 - ii) David noting that he has heard from some folks. There seems to be a feeling of pressure to do BIG things. Discussion of how to encourage folks to do something, even if not huge. Need to convey that any level of participation is welcome.
 - iii) Helen suggested CFLA and Carl involved.
 - iv) Diana suggested a comparison between libraries filling out benchmarking survey and those participating in climate action week.
 - v) Jennifer suggested some encouraging language for future messaging to libraries who participated last year.
 - vi) CFLA monies are being used to support the graphic design of climate action material (support any library to take action at any time of year) in mid September.
 - vii) [BC Gaming Grant](#) – David is working with Rina who is currently reviewing the application that David put together.

ACTION ITEM: Reach out to David if you are able to do some calling/emailing to try and round up some interest. (ALL)

- e) OLA CAC meeting update (Caitlin)
 - i) Not a lot going on with them over the summer
 - ii) They are (now) striking a committee for CAW
 - iii) Pulling out stats from their survey and making info graphics for climate action week.
 - iv) Using a newsletter to share their benchmarking survey information via “Hoopla”. Caitlin will find out more b/c we don’t know what Hoopla is.
 - v) Getting ready to receive proposals for the OLA Super Conference (usually due at the end of September). Suggestion to consider submitting for one of the pre-recorded presentations.
- f) CFLA CAC update – No Update
- g) Alberta Training Conference (David)
 - i) David is meeting with one of the organizers to shape the presentation. He plans on giving the talk to use first.
- h) [Active Project Tracking Sheet](#) (David)
- i) Communication, Branches, Basecamp, website etc.
- 5) Book recycling, collaborating on larger projects (Diana, Chris C.)
 - a) Diana will be looking at the BC Benchmarking survey results to see what folks are doing related to book recycling. Link from a project in Penticton <https://www.penticton.ca/city-services/garbage-recycling-yard-waste/recycling/recycling-books>
 - b) Sharing of different recycling options for books and pens/office supplies.
 - c) Idea to share the process of how to find out what happens and different options via listserv. For example, don’t buy pens anymore and for pens that do show up – share them out.

ACTION ITEMS:
Seed conversation of recycling options/ideas via listserv (Jennifer)
Respond to conversation (ALL)
- 6) Work from Home (Diana)
 - a) FVRL started a Work from Home Committee. Diana is collecting information on North American libraries that still have staff working from home.

ACTION ITEM: If you have information on libraries’ Work from Home policies/practices, please connect Diana know (ALL)
- 7) Update from Surrey (Jennifer/Kelly)
 - a) Awarded grant from local government to start a bike repair station – starting with a small pilot. Likely to start at one branch.
- 8) Action item review
- 9) Check out and closing thoughts

Next Gathering: Join a Climate March in your area!

Next Meeting: Friday, October 18, 2024 12-1 pm