

# British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



April 25, 2025

**Attendees:** Lisa Nathan, Caitlin MacRae, Dan Hackborn, David Waddell, Shirley Chan, Alexis Greenwood, Amory Strader, Diana Marshall, Rachael Huegerich, Helen Brown

- 1) Welcome and check ins
- 2) Approved March CAC minutes and today's agenda
- 3) Business arising, action updates
  - BCLA conference CAC gathering
    - Wednesday, May 7@7pm
    - Dodd Narrows B Room (on the lower level)
    - In-person meet up during BCLA conference!
    - can carry on afterwards; at least Lisa, Helen, Caitlin, Dan will be in attendance
    - ACTION ITEMS: Send reminder to list
- 4) Updates
  - OLA CAC meeting update (Caitlin)
    - OLA CAC has been connected with Diana (thanks Caitlin!) re: the benchmarking survey and would like to further connect over the toolkit too
    - OLA CAC seems like it is in a good place, organizationally
  - CFLA CAC update (Dan, Helen)
    - a bunch of documents are finished, translated and some are soft-launched
      - (1) Climate Action brief (soft-launched)
      - (2) climate document for partnerships (w/ VPL)\*
      - (3) climate conversations document (w/ VPL)\*
        - (a) \*"These still aren't finalized, but they are near enough that I wanted to share the work from CFLA and Environment Canada collab so see attached. VPL staff worked on the text and the images, I was mostly there to proof-read and offer suggestions. We will link the CFLA website versions of these files once they are live on our own website. Here they are for your awareness at the moment, final draft pending. The same Ontario and Quebec librarians I was working with for broader CAW promotion will also be promoting these documents. So, communication about one will reference the other. We hope to have a double-whammy of communication to get people to use the docs and also participate in CAW."
    - CFLA website is in the midst of updating, CAC has requested a page dedicated to issues of note and related resources such as climate change

- ACTION ITEM: clarify what documents we can share at BCLA conference
- Toolkit (Helen)
  - looking at next actions for CFLA CAC
    - (1) list of libraries with Climate Action Plans/Strategies with links to the plan
    - (2) Develop resources for highlighting success stories
  - discussion about inviting wider collaboration on these^ resources
  - possible goal for next Climate Action Week to invite or finalize contributions towards one of these projects?
  - possible alignment or navigation around UBC Library participation with the Sustainable Libraries Initiative
- Gaming Grant (David)
  - “The gaming grant process is sitting with Rina. We have finished itemizing the cost of the grant and we have put in final draft our proposal/description. What remains up for decision is which category we apply under. I had indicated that Environment section is likely our best shot, but Rina was going to ask her network if they agreed. They have tried applying in the past for non-environmentally focused library topics and Rina will report on their suggestions. We still have time for one other category if we don't go with environment, but waiting on Rina's response (I pinged her several days ago) does make it much more likely that we will have to go with environment. BCLA is preparing all the administrative moves for us, so that seems on track. I will e-mail Rina again today to get a response from my previous call to her. Caitlin can feel free to add anything else she thinks has been left out.”
  - broaden the scope of the application away from Climate Action Week solely, towards lining up resources that can help all types of libraries within BC to establish fundamental climate-oriented infrastructure (paid positions, etc.)
  - Arts and Culture is due end of April; Environment is due end of August; due to impending deadline of the former it is likely we will apply for the latter category

#### 5) Climate Action Week 2025

- “I have been working with the CFLA CAC and some Quebec and Ontario library leaders to better promote CAW in those provinces. I've had two meetings and back-and-forth e-mails with them. I have a commitment from one to have some assistance on French translation (my French is passable but by written is not passable at a professional level) for our CAW call-outs to help better reach Quebec. We need to confirm the date for this year, so I would like a quick discussion with the group that Nov 1 - Nov 8 works again. Hopefully no one disagrees, I can't think of a reason to change it. Once I hear back on this, I will be crafting some call-out language in English and in French which I will then send out. I would love your help in circulating this, as always.”
- Finalize dates and outreach
  - **Nov. 1st through 7th**

#### 6) BC Benchmarking Survey

- meeting scheduled to analyze data and finalize report
- Quick tangent: Diana has been directory for book recycling options has been collated

- Helen will fwd: CFLA contact Margaret Law to Diana with respect to Better World Books and shipping books to other country
- book composting options?

7) Preparation for AGM in May

- terms/rules clarification re: proper notification of BCLA membership
- rotating positions (Co-Chair, Secretary, Student Representatives)
- outreach/recruitment for Student Representatives?
- reminder: anyone can join the CAC and participate, must be a member of BCLA to be on the Exec

8) Action Item Review

- meet in-person at BCLA!
  - Send reminder to list
- David follow-up with Rina re: gaming grant application for Arts & Culture or Environment
- Caitlin doublecheck terms of service re: AGM notification and election
- Caitlin, once AGM date is confirmed, email to CAC exec and post on Branches
- Helen will fwd: CFLA contact Margaret Law to Diana [done]
- Dan: clarify what documents we can share at BCLA conference
- Lisa send notes to Langara and Fraser Valley re: Student Reps
- Caitlin check-in with Rina re: Zoom link changeover for next calendar year

9) Check out and closing thoughts

- Lisa recommends <https://www.alieward.com/ologies/climatefervorology> on collective everescence towards climate action
- potential Basecamp clean up?

**Next Meeting: Friday, May 16, 2025 12-1 pm pending rules around AGM**