

# **BCLA Climate Action Committee Meeting Minutes 2025.10.17**

Attendees: Allison Richardson, Caitlin MacRae, Lisa Nathan, David Waddell, Dan Hackborn

## 1. Welcome and check in – Describe a tasty treat you enjoyed last weekend (Lisa)

- Happy Canadian Library Workers Day!

## 2. Approve CAC September 2025 minutes and today's agenda (Lisa)

- Approved.

## 3. Business arising

- None.

## 4. CAC Document storage update and discussion (Lisa/Dan)

- Potential for self-hosted collaboration server. Yunohost w/ Cryptpad implementation? Potentially low-cost and relatively renewably powered due to BC's existing power grid? Data sovereignty, sustainability via reuse of hardware, good example of small achievable actions.

## 5. Updates

### 5a. Toolkit (Helen)

- No updates at this time.

### 5b. Climate Action Week 2025 (David)

- Bibliotheque de Universite d'Ottawa will be doing a technology program using a game called Climate Station with some gaming consoles; good example of unique and implementable climate programming.
- First Quebec bibliothèque participant this year!
- Funding sorted sometime in the next year is a priority, would help to implement French language materials for CAW
- David has continued reaching out to participating libraries and Climate Action Week will be the biggest yet

### 5c. BC benchmarking survey update (Dan/Diana/Caitlin)

- Initial results document created; Caitlin has done a first pass at summarizing down to a one-pager and will be doing a 2<sup>nd</sup> pass; it's close to one page!
- Still hopefully released around Climate Action Week?
- Distribution method?

- Digital; teaser report
- 3-4 points to highlight; tell a story
- Dan will send some notes to Caitlin re: suggestions for the points
- Will also read through results with an eye to guiding Committee work
- Next survey this summer? Discuss timeline
  - Possible support from UBC School of Information?

#### 6. BCLA 2026, Pre-conference climate action workshop @UBC (Lisa)

- April 21<sup>st</sup> pre-conference climate workshop from Informing Climate Action team at UBC; open invitation to start thinking about who or what topics it would be interesting to hear from UBC researchers; networking opportunity. Suggestions follow:
  - Tara Mahoney from SFU gives a course on climate communication
  - Andrea Reimer gives course on Navigating Power for Climate Action
  - What types of moves are the most successful during societal-scale changes, i.e. theories of social change?
  - Grassroots organizing for a climate action committee in your workplace
  - KPU will be doing Sustainable Libraries Initiative certification; potentially an Intro to the the SLI process from Surrey?
  - Dean at KPU has been supporting a climate strategy at KPU; second draft available; possibly a workshop on organizational climate strategies?

#### 7. ZEIC Update – Zero Emissions Innovation Centre zeic[dot]ca. (David)

- List of interested folks collected, but CAW is the priority right now

#### 8. Book Recycling Directory (Diana)

- Future additions could include electronics recycling for optical media?
- BC Cancer Library got in touch to notify us that some organizations listed in the directory may no longer be able to provide book recycling services due to tariff and border restrictions; double-checking may be required to determine which services are still operating with a given organization, and we may wish to add an item to the directory encouraging folks to double check with third party recyclers for book recycling services

#### 9. Action item review (Dan)

- David (and anyone else in their own library/networks): get the word out and participate in Library Climate Action Week 2025!

- Dan: continue exploring yunohost, send Caitlin and Lisa thoughts about survey results to highlight
- Lisa get in touch with Rina re: survey continuity
- Diana: potentially add a line about double-checking available services from third party recyclers in light of the tariff tumultuousness at the border?
- Everyone: send Lisa ideas for useful topics or researchers (particularly from UBC) that could be hosted at the UBC Informing Climate Action team's pre-conference workshop before BCLA this year

#### 10. Check out and closing thoughts

*Next meeting: Nov. 21, 2025@noon*