

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



January 16, 2026

BCLA CAC meeting

1. Welcome and check ins
2. Approve CAC Nov.21, 2025 minutes and today's agenda
 - Last month's minutes and this month's agenda approved.
3. Business arising
 - BCIT library and GenAI survey
 1. Call for participation in a survey went out asking librarians how AI is being communicated to patrons; Lisa reached out and offered potential support from CAC
 2. Helen is thinking of making a slide deck based on previous talks
4. Updates
 - CFLA update (Dan, Helen)
 1. Transition to task force structure ; committee is sunset and this line item can be taken off the regular updates
 2. CFLA's Potential Task Forces ; **Action Item** : All, get in touch with one of us if you are interested in participating in any of these:
 1. strategic plans
 2. library losses
 3. AI & libraries
 4. knowledge infrastructure
 3. Toolkit (Helen)

1. No update
4. BC benchmarking survey 2023 (Dan/Diana)
 1. Initial Draft open to exec for review ; **Action Item** : Dan send invite and access **Action Item** exec review (deadline?)
 2. *ask Alexis for administrative help if necessary! this goes out to everyone*
 3. CAPAL conference benchmarking survey presentation promoting next iteration ; **Action Item** : Dan & Diana look up proposal deadline
5. BCLA 2026, Pre-conference climate action workshop @UBC registration open (Lisa/Dan)
 - [Coming Together Around Climate Work in BC Libraries | Informing Climate Action Group](#)
 - **Action Item:** ALL register in this BCLA satellite workshop if interested!
 - Workshop is free, speakers are being confirmed, for anyone outside of the Lower Mainland travel funding is available
6. BCLA 2026 conference discussion (confirm dates/times of Climate Action sessions)
 - ^Satellite Workshop
 - Informing Climate Action panel
 - Benchmarking survey
 - Burnout
 - non-BCLA but relevant event (presented last BCLA): Jan 21st Wednesday @ 2 PT NWPL and RegenerateBC presentation
7. Backburner items (just so we don't forget, but maybe no updates)
 - Opportunity to hear from ZEIC | [zeic\[dot\]ca](http://zeic[dot]ca) (David)
 1. ZEIC contact has lapsed for the moment. **Action Item** : David check-in with ZEIC contact
 2. CAC Document storage update and discussion (Lisa/Dan)

1. alpha build of encrypted cloud storage invites have gone out

2. next steps

1. backups

2. security

3. migration

4. long-term viability; social, economic, etc.

3. putting a large amount of climate librarianship documentation onto an open access repository with UBC CirCLE ; **Action Item:** Helen check in w/ CirCLE, tie into SLI certification ?

3. Mental health related to Climate change (David)

1. David met with Caleigh with MHCCA ; Arbutus House will be hosting a climate imaginary futures (with mental health at the forefront) collab program between MHCCA and GTEK ; Vancouver Public Library might get involved too ; GTEK contact will send David a promotional poster ; **Action Item :** David send Arbutus house event poster to anyone of relevance upon receipt

8. other business

- 2% increase in CAW year over year ; **Action Item:** David convene Climate Action Week planning sub-meeting
 - 1. water theme for upcoming CAW?
- UBC has begun its SLI certification
- Administrative branch of FVRL is conducting a building waste audit
- Potential NRCAN collaboration : **Action Item :** everyone get in touch with Dan if interested in hosting some kind of programming around upcoming National Climate Assessment reports

9. Project Sharing Time

10. Action item review

- **Dan**

1. (and/or Diana) look up proposal deadline for CAPAL
 2. send benchmarking invite and access to exec
- **Helen :**
 1. check in w/ cIRcle
 - **David :**
 1. check-in with ZEIC contact
 2. send Arbutus house event poster to anyone of relevance upon receipt
 3. convene Climate Action Week planning sub-meeting
 - **ALL :**
 1. review Benchmarking draft by... (deadline ?)
 2. get in touch with Dan if interested in hosting some kind of programming around upcoming National Climate Assessment reports
 3. register in BCLA satellite workshop @UBC (April 21) if interested
 4. get in touch with one of us if you are interested in participating in any of these
 5. get in touch with Dan or Helen if you are interested in contributing to a CFLA task force

11. Check out and closing thoughts