

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



February 20, 2026

Attendees: Caitlin MacRae, Kara Desimone, Jennifer Wilson, Lisa Nathan, Diana Marshall, Helen Halbert, Eleonore Shaffer, David Waddell

Regrets: Dan Hackborn

1. Welcome and check ins
2. Approved CAC Jan 16 2026 minutes and today's agenda
3. Business arising
 - a. ZEIC contact (David)
 - i. Reached out to rep from ZEIC, haven't heard back.
 - b. If you would like to explore accessing interactive kits from OceanWise, please reach out to OceanWise directly.
4. Standing Updates
 - a. Toolkit (Helen) No Update
5. BC Benchmarking Survey 2023 (Diana reported)
 - a. Edits from CAC Exec. appreciated
 - b. Doing a bit of formatting before sharing report with BCLA Board for approval
 - c. BCLA Conference – presentation prep underway
 - d. Planning for next iteration – should go live spring 2026 (post-BCLA conference)
 - e. Some discussion of the challenge of finding an appropriate ongoing survey platform and storage of data
 - f. CAPAL Conference – decided not to present survey at this time (wait until there are two rounds at least)
6. Climate Action Week (David)
 - a. This will be Year #4 of CAW!
 - b. Nov. 2 – 8th, 2026
 - c. David will update website and send out call to folks via a bcc.
 - d. Feel free to send David a contact if there is a library/ specific person you are aware of who may be interested – a personal connection helps
 - e. David will host a zoom call about this year's CAW in coming weeks
 - f. Funding opportunities? An open question about moving forward – ideas for exploring

- g. David will include a theme “suggestion” for folks... related to water to align with Summer Reading Club’s theme.
7. Backburner items (just so we don’t forget)
- a. CAC Document storage update and discussion (Dan/Helen/Lisa cIRcle) No Update. Meeting was cancelled b/c of Jasper Project post-disaster research report delivery
 - b. Mental health related to climate change (David)
 - i. If you are work at a library in the Metro Van area – reach out to David if you would like a connection to more resources. No plan at this point for collaboration. Opportunities for a more specific, librarian focused-mental health workshop, but contact overwhelmed by other projects at this time
 - c. Pre-BCLA Conference Climate Workshop @UBC– don’t forget to register if you are interested (Lisa)
 - d. BCLA Conference – lots of sessions on climate action –
 - i. Caitlin will share sessions and times via Branches
 - ii. Caitlin and Lisa will discuss an informal gathering during BCLA
 - e. AI survey in libraries – anyone hear back? (Lisa) no update
8. other business
9. Project Sharing Time
- a. FVRL is moving to a recyclable receipt vendor – EcoChit Canada
 - b. A thumb’s up for the Climate Action Certificate program through Simon Fraser’s continuing education
 - c. Surrey Libraries sustainability-oriented actions continue (attend their BCLA presentation!)
 - d. VPL hosting an invasive plants and pollinator bees program in March (Lori Weidenhammer / Madame Beespeaker)
10. Action item review
11. Check out and closing thoughts

Next Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2026