

British Columbia Library Association Climate Action Committee Minutes



May 15, 2026

Attendees: Alexis Greenwood, Alyssa Gurklis, Brielle Steeper, Caitlin McCrae, Hamish Khamisa, Helen Brown, Lisa Nathan, Allison Richardson, David Waddell, Shevaun Ruby, Dan Hackborn

1. Welcome and check-in
2. Approve CAC April 17, 2026 minutes and today's agenda
 - 2.1. Approved.
3. Business arising
 - 3.1.
4. Standing Updates
 - 4.1. Toolkit (Helen)
 - 4.1.1. None at this time.
 - 4.2. BC Benchmarking Survey 2024/2026 (Dan/Diana)
 - 4.2.1. Met on Monday evening to review the survey one last time and update the questions before launching round 2; 2024-2025; open until July 20th; one person from every location in BC if possible!
 - 4.2.2. Promotions
 - 4.2.2.1. Rina, main channel announcement has been made
 - 4.2.2.2. TBA on CAC channel
 - 4.2.2.3. Outreach to Indigenous libraries
 - 4.2.2.3.1. Asking about making the survey more accessible to Indigenous participants **ACTION ITEM Dan email write2read**
 - 4.2.2.4. Direct invitation from CAC members is highly encouraged! **ACTION ITEM Everyone spread the word**

4.2.2.5. School libraries and gov't library outreach too

4.3. Climate Action Week (David)

4.3.1. Mention CAW in library circles in order to promote participation **ACTION ITEM EVERYONE**

4.3.2. NRCAN collab; Caitlin looping in municipal Climate Action Team and local agitators to collaborate on an exhibit; meeting with NRCAN first and then city and grassroots people after **ACTION ITEM: Caitlin, Dan, maybe Shevaun meet with NRCAN**

4.3.2.1. Potential collabs with Helen and UBC libraries too.

4.3.3. BCLA CAC blurb does exist and has been sent to partner libraries but not to provincial associations; could be submitted to CFLA to circulate to provincial associations and to CARL listserv **ACTION ITEM Helen (and David)?**

5. Backburner items (just so we don't forget, but maybe no updates)

5.1. CAC Document storage update and discussion (Dan/Helen CirCLE)

5.1.1. Helen heard back from CirCLE; probably could not host an official BCLA CAC repository but they can host anything that was co-created by a UBC affiliate like Helen, Lisa, Dan; at very least creates stable links to documentation that can be collated elsewhere

5.1.2. Private BCLA server still on the to-do list

5.1.3. Clean up and update of BCLA CAC website

5.2. Mental health related to Climate change (David)

5.2.1. No update at this time. Item can be removed from backburner list for the time being.

6. AGM, June 19 (Caitlin)

6.1. BCLA overall is hosting its AGM on June 19th now, are folks okay having AGM June 26th or July 17th?

6.1.1. June 26th will be our AGM **ACTION ITEM Everyone attend**

6.2. New roles: Co-Chair, Recording Secretary, Member-at-Large **ACTION ITEM everyone submit interest**

7. Other business

7.1. BCLA Sessions & Pre-conference workshop debrief

- 7.1.1. Very heartening to see how many people are working on this without necessarily being able to make time for CAC; really invigorating; good promotion, it reached atypical folks; created connections for the future that are popping up; things are changing

7.2. Social Infrastructure

- 7.2.1. New member onboarding processes? **ACTION ITEM connect Shevaun with Brielle and other new members**

- 7.2.1.1. Foster local hub model; maybe part of onboarding process?

- 7.2.1.2. Allison mentioned that a fvrl hub could happen; two local breweries have outdoor seating; Chilliwack and Langley

- 7.2.2. Movie Nights or other opportunities for remote connecting; **ACTION ITEM email Lisa ideas**

- 7.2.3. Future Geographies at the Vancouver Art Gallery; **ACTION ITEM Dan email when2meet about visit**

- 7.2.3.1. Also outdoor activities

8. Project Sharing (what's going on at your workplace?)

- 8.1. Helen has connected with Amy Harris at the Centre for Climate Justice to see about funding or support for the running list of GLAM institutions lost to climate impacts

- 8.2. Caitlin connected with Ellen Smith, a priest that travelled to COP30; zoom presentation through New West!; email for deets

- 8.3. Lisa will be teaching Information Worlds and Climate Justice again next term; is open to ideas for projects that her students can work on; bounded projects

9. Action item review

- 9.1. **ACTION ITEM Everyone spread the word about the 2026 Benchmarking Survey**

- 9.2. **ACTION ITEM Dan email write2read**

- 9.3. **ACTION ITEM EVERYONE spread the word in library circles about Climate Action Week**

- 9.4. **ACTION ITEM: Caitlin, Dan, maybe Shevaun meet with NRCAN; potentially loop in Helen**

- 9.5. **ACTION ITEM** Helen (and David?) circulate CAW blurb to CFLA and CARL
- 9.6. **ACTION ITEM** Everyone attend CAC AGM June 26 and submit interest in open roles
- 9.7. **ACTION ITEM** connect Shevaun with Brielle and other new members re: onboarding brainstorming
- 9.8. **ACTION ITEM** email Lisa ideas for fun online CAC activities
- 9.9. **ACTION ITEM** Dan email when2meet about visit to Future Geographies and post to branches
- 10. Check out and closing thoughts