



## MANAGEMENT REPORT

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TO: Library Board  
FROM: Rhonda Sherwood  
SUBJECT: **BCLTA Report**

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### **SUMMARY**

This report constitutes the regular monthly update from the BCLTA liaison.

### **PURPOSE**

This report is for information.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Board receive the report for information.

### **BOARD POLICY**

No policy connections.

### **STRATEGIC IMPLICATIONS**

The VPL 2020 Strategic Plan includes a focus on Sharing & Collaboration and seeks to foster a community that shares information, ideas & stories. The VPL board's liaison roles, while part of our standard governance practice, also support this initiative.

### **BACKGROUND**

Until February 2017 this report was provided verbally. In an effort to increase the efficiency of board meetings the VPL Governance Committee agreed to having the monthly updates on BCLTA and InterLINK provided via written report. Reference to "Library Partners" includes the following

organizations BC Library Trustees Association (BCLTA), BC Library Association (BCLA), Association of BC Public Library Directors (ABCPLD), and the BC Libraries Cooperative (BCLC).

## **DISCUSSION**

### **May 11<sup>th</sup>, BCLTA AGM**

- The 2019 BCLTA AGM will be held at 8am with breakfast on May 11<sup>th</sup>, at the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel, Surrey, BC.
- Please see the website at <https://www.bclta.ca/2019-bclta-agm/> for the Special Resolutions, Board Nomination Packages, and all other AGM information.
- The Annual Report will be available at the end of April and the Financial Review will be presented at the AGM.
- Breakfast has been ordered for AGM attendees but there is still time to let BCLTA know if you are attending the AGM and if you have any dietary needs.

### **May 11<sup>th</sup>, BC Public Libraries Summit, *Future Focused Public Libraries: value, investment, and results***

- Summit updates and registration can be found at <https://www.bclta.ca/bc-public-libraries-summit-2019/>
- BCLTA received a \$2,500 one-time grant from the Libraries Branch to apply to costs of the Summit.
- The discussion portions of the Summit will be facilitated by Jennifer Miller, Director of Engagement and Communications with Delaney + Associates.
- Special guests and speakers include:
  - Kevin Kelly and his son Michael Gabriel from the Kwantlen First Nation who are generously providing an Indigenous Blessing to open the event.
  - His Worship Mayor Doug McCallum of the City of Surrey.
  - Morning keynote from Alden E. Habacon, Diversity & Inclusion Strategist.
  - Wendy Wright, Library Director and Wally Bergen, Board Chair from the Smithers Public Library speaking on their library, community, and reconciliation.
  - Gordon Yusko, Assistant Director, Community Engagement, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, UBC Library, speaking on community development in BC's rural and northern regions
  - Jody Johnson, Principal, PEERs Employment and Education Resources Inc., PEERs works on a range of projects and is especially proud to be project managing all elements of NewToBC.

## BC Public Library Partners Greetings to the UBCM Mayors' Caucus

- The BCLTA, on behalf of the Public Library Partners (BCLTA, BCLA, BCLC, and ABCPLD) sent greetings to the UBCM Mayors' Caucus which was met in Prince George at the end of March.
  - The greetings can be found at <https://www.bclta.ca/bc-public-library-partners/>
  - The greetings were shared with the membership in the March Bulletin and readers were encouraged to find time to talk with their local government and to refer to the greetings, the goals of the BC Public Library Partners, and the unique value their public library brings to their community.
  - The Partners work together to increase awareness of the positive impact of BC public libraries and to influence provincial public policy and funding impacting libraries and their communities. As well the Partner organizations collaborate on projects such as the updating of the Trustee Orientation Program, developing and hosting sessions at the BC Libraries Conference, and providing advisement to the Libraries Branch through the Ministry of Education's Public Library Advisory Group.
  - Upcoming Partners' work includes meeting with an advocacy strategist (April 25th) and working with our members to ensure that we have a focused, meaningful, and consistent strategy across the province for the upcoming 2020 provincial budget consultations.

## Other Highlights

- **The *Bulletin*** was promoted with a draw for new subscribers during March. During that time, there was an increase in subscriptions and in the opening and click-throughs of the *Bulletin*. We need board news, governance resources, #ProudTrustee moments, and photos to show the readers the difference public library boards make to the communities they serve.
- **The BC Libraries Conference**, on May 10<sup>th</sup> will include a full day of sessions, hosted by BCLTA and ABCPLD with a focus on BC public library governance. These sessions are open to all with conference registration and will focus on building a strong shared leadership between boards and library directors. This year's sessions will highlight budget planning and oversight for achieving strategic goals such as reconciliation.
- **Beyond Hope.** BCLTA and ABCPLD will be hosting a workshop titled, "Boards and Library Directors: Talking public library governance and public library values". This workshop for trustees and library directors will explore the practices and outcomes of successful strategizing, oversight, and management for public libraries through a lens of public library values, such as diversity and inclusivity, equitable access, intellectual freedom, privacy, and reconciliation.
- **GLAM SLAM!** BCLTA has been invited to talk (5 minutes!) about BCLTA and how public library governance intersects with GLAM on May 8<sup>th</sup> as part of the GLAM Symposium.
- **TOP** sessions are being held in Pemberton, Cranbrook, Prince George, Vancouver with more in the planning across the province. The new workbook, the Trustee Orientation Checklist, and the

Board Discussion Starters have received very positive feedback and BCLTA is in the planning stages for the development of other resources such as BC public library governance one-pager. BCLTA has received funding (\$20,000) from the Libraries Branch for the administration and delivery of TOP and for the development of other trustee resources.

- **BCLTA board work** this spring includes:
  - AGM preparation. In addition to the Constitution and Bylaw special resolutions posted on the BCLTA AGM page, the board will also be bringing a resolution to the membership regarding the collecting of the 700+ names and locations of trustee across the province. This will strengthen BCLTA's membership engagement and advocacy efforts.
  - Hosting the May 11th Summit.
  - Policy review and development (sponsorship policy is next).
  - Board orientation and engagement (new president and directors at 2019 AGM).
  - Working with the Partners on a provincial advocacy strategy.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

### **FINAL REMARKS**

BCLTA is our association and the organization that represents the over 700 public library trustees from around BC. Keeping informed about the work of BCLTA supports our library and the important role we play as trustees. As the BCLTA seeks to improve its resources your feedback is invaluable. Don't hesitate to get in touch directly with the BCLTA or through myself to ask questions or provide suggestions