



To support and represent trustees in advancing public libraries

BCLTA AGM 2018 Resolution

Reinstate the Sub-vote to Support Public Libraries and the Library Sector

Carried unanimously:
May 12, 2018 Annual General Meeting

Proposed by:
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BCLTA Board Director

A dedicated budget line (sub-vote) for public libraries was removed in the 2011/2012 BC provincial budget. Since that time, funding for public libraries has been allocated from the *Transfer to Other Partners* budget. Without a dedicated budget line for public libraries, Trustees are required to make local budget decisions impacting their communities in an environment of ongoing financial uncertainty. Reinstating a dedicated budget line for public libraries would be a strong signal that the BC Government recognizes the important role that public libraries play in their communities and acknowledges that community service is best delivered in a stable and transparent financial environment.

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Resolved that the BC Government:

1. Provide provincial funding for public libraries that is adequate, predictable, and sustainable; and
2. Discontinue funding for public libraries via the *Transfer to Other Partners* budget; and
3. Restore a dedicated budget line (sub-vote) for public libraries.