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To: Library Board Chairs and BCLTA Liaisons

LIBRARY CO-LOCATION RESOURCES

The ongoing discussion around co-location of school and public libraries is now resulting in partnership opportunities around the province. The recently completed elementary school/library/community centre project in Pouce Coupe is an excellent example of what can be accomplished when school boards, library boards and local governments work together with the larger community interest in mind. This joint-use facility will preserve the independence of all parties involved in the project, while taking advantage of the efficiencies inherent to resource sharing.

BCLTA would advise libraries that may be considering such a partnership to review the following co-location template and checklists accessible through the BCLTA website (www.bclta.org) under *Resources > Library Co-location Resources* – stored in the Quintessential Consultant website with other relevant co-location materials and links:

- Library Co-location Feasibility Checklist
- Co-location Library Services Agreement Template
- School/Public Library Co-location Agreement Checklist

These resources have been developed to assist libraries in evaluating whether a partnership with a school or other public facility would be beneficial to their community. BCLTA members are invited to review these materials and to contact regional representatives on the BCLTA Board with additional questions or concerns about co-location initiatives.