

BCLTA STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS SURVEY

Please identify each of the following issues (taken from “DEVELOPING A DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN FOR LIBRARIES - SITUATION ASSESSMENT” April, 2003) from the point of view of YOUR Board as being of: “HIGH IMPORTANCE”, “MEDIUM IMPORTANCE”, or “LOW IMPORTANCE.” The Page numbers in brackets refer to the document noted above. Also, please complete the “Recommendation”.

NAME OF LIBRARY BOARD: _____

1. CHANGING ROLE OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Expecting libraries to adopt **new roles** such as technology training, access to electronic information and the Internet and working with school libraries and government agencies. (Page 7).

high *medium* *low*

2. INCREASING OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCIES.

Finding opportunities for public libraries and other public sector organizations to work together in the licensing of commercial online database subscriptions to receive more favourable purchase terms and create **more uniform service levels** across the province. (Page 8).

high *medium* *low*

3. MODIFYING THE EXISTING GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK.

Mandating public library governance under the authority of a regional district to offer a **new option** for establishment of a regional library service for the entire regional district. (Page 13).

high *medium* *low*

4. OPEN ACCESS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES.

Ensuring basic library services are **accessible** to everyone in the area served by the library without payment of a user fee, and government funding generated from taxes to cover most of the cost of providing the service. (Page 15).

high *medium* *low*

5. PERFORMANCE BASED FUNDING.

Using provincial performance based (conditional) **funding** to encourage public libraries to meet broader provincial goals, thereby augmenting the established role that unconditional funding plays in supporting provision of basic library services. (Page 17).

high *medium* *low*

RECOMMENDATION:

IF OUR LIBRARY BOARD WAS TO MAKE ONE CHANGE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SERVICE, IT WOULD BE:
