

SUBJECT LINE

**BC Chamber of Commerce Calls for Provincial Literacy Champion**

BULLETIN TEXT

Attention Library Board Chairs/BCLTA Liaisons:

At its recent Annual General Meeting in Prince Rupert, the BC Chamber of Commerce endorsed a policy recommendation submitted by the Fort St. John & District Chamber of Commerce and supported by the Chambers of Commerce from Dawson Creek, Fort Nelson and Tumbler Ridge.

Provincial action will be requested on the following resolution:

The Fort St. John & District Chamber of Commerce recommends that the Provincial Government

- a) create a provincial literacy champion to ensure that the provincial goals of having the highest literacy levels in British Columbia are met;
- b) call for a comprehensive British Columbian literacy strategy and with the resources necessary to make a difference;
- c) increase funding levels to community literacy initiatives to ensure long term sustainability for these plans.

*Please see the attached document for the full text of the May 27, 2009 news release on this topic.*