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BC Library 2020 Stakeholder Consultation – Second Call for Feedback

Attention Library Board Chairs/Liaisons:

As a follow-up to the 2007 Library2020 Symposium, the Library2020 Interim Steering Committee has been working to identify new models for collaboration among BC's libraries.

A first step in this process has been to contract the services of Marleen Morris & Associates (MM&A). to develop a business plan, with financial support from a number of BC libraries and library organizations. The process involved exploring two successful collaborative models elsewhere; surveying stakeholders about the collaborative environment in BC including past achievements and current initiatives; and developing from these a small number of potential models for managing future collaborative initiatives in BC.

MM&A began this work last fall by interviewing approximately 70 stakeholders from library, education and government sectors about these issues. A summary report of these consultations was completed in December and circulated for comment. As a result of the comments received and a brainstorming day led by Alane Wilson, it was decided that MM&A should be asked as the second phase of their work to develop a set of alternative communications processes which could allow us collectively to move forward most effectively.

That report is now complete and the Interim Steering Committee is seeking feedback on this report, which you will find attached to this email.

Members of the Interim Steering Committee have been asked to circulate the report widely in their constituencies and solicit feedback through the sectoral representatives (Public Libraries/Interlink/etc. (June Stockdale); post-secondary libraries/ELN (Carole Compton-Smith); School libraries (Heather Daly); Trustees (Errin Morrison). Those of you attending the BC Library Conference Library 2020 breakfast meeting will also have an opportunity to discuss the report at that event.

Once comments are received and reviewed, a communications strategy representing the consensus response will be implemented to enable us to move forward on this initiative. The report notes the importance of an evolving and grass roots process in achieving a successful multitype library organization, and our hope is that we can move forward from the Interim Steering Committee to an agreed upon communications structure and, eventually, suitable governance model. Your responses will help us to carry Library 2020 forward.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR FEEDBACK TO YOUR CONSTITUENCY REPRESENTATIVE BY MAY 31, 2009

Trustees can contact BCLTA Executive Director Errin Morrison at execdirector@bclta.org or 778-355-9979 with feedback on the attached report.