# **Grants for Assistance Application**

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South Cariboo and District of 100 Mile House

Sunday September 29th 2024 3:40 PM



Name of Organization: Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society

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Purpose of Organization: Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society are community members committed to promoting literacy through awareness, advocacy and by initiating and supporting learning opportunities. We work collaboratively and in partnership with others in response to individual and community needs focused on marginalized learners and to inspire lifelong learning.

How long has the organization operated in the community? 24 years

BC Society Registration Number: S-41583

Federal Charitable Registration Number: 866732092RR0001

Chairperson's name: Jim Chorney

Telephone: email

Treasurer or Financial Officer's name: Kathleen Newell

Telephone: email:

Current Grant Requested from CRD: \$ 1000

PROJECT INFORMATION

## 1. Brief Description of Proposed Use of Grant Being Applied For:

Grant funds will be used to update, repair and refurbish our popular StoryWalk installation at Parkside Art Gallery in 100 Mile House. The StoryWalk features a children's book, mounted page by page, on the story easels on the grounds of Parkside Art Gallery. Each board also suggests a physical activity such as "run", "walk backwards", "skip" or "hop to the next page" to encourage both reading and physical literacy for children, emergent readers and families. Over the summer many seniors have also enjoyed the weekly StoryWalks as well as visitors to our community. Daycares enjoy the outing and the children enthusiastically participate in the story through the associated actions. The installation – which includes 16 posts and laminated boards installed at Parkside Art Gallery – has sustained some damage over the six years it has been up. Funds from the grant would help purchase supplies to make repairs and upgrades as needed. Any additional funds would go towards the creation of new laminated stories to add to our rotation of StoryWalk titles.

# 2. How do you know there is a need for this service/project in our community?

The StoryWalk is a popular family literacy program in our community, and titles are switched out at Parkside Art Gallery every Friday. Our family literacy facilitators work closely with families and their young children and hear first-hand how popular the StoryWalk is for kids of all ages. Local daycares and classes from nearby 100 Mile Elementary take regular "field trips" to the StoryWalk to enjoy with their little ones. In the past few years we have also created a portable StoryWalk program that allows us to set up at community events in the park, at the arena or elsewhere — our program facilitators have heard plenty of positive feedback when attending these events, and other community organizations will often reach out to request that CCPL bring a StoryWalk to their family event. The StoryWalk program offers a place to build foundational literacy skills and a love of reading and also offer outdoor physical activity, while strengthening family connections. We estimate that approximately 400 adults and 400 children attend our StoryWalk on a yearly basis.

- 3. Start date of the project: 1/1/2024 End date for the project: 12/31/2024
- 4. Describe the key activities and timelies to complete this project: Key activities include undertaking a review of the infrastructure at our permanent StoryWalk installation to identify how many posts need to be repaired or replaced, and prioritizing those that are in the worst shape. This will take place during the fall so that supplies can be purchased and plans for replacement and refurbishing can be made for the spring. Over the winter months, new StoryWalk titles will be purchased (three copies of each title are needed), and constructed.
- 5. How will you determine if the project/event was successful? Continued positive feedback from the community members that we work with regularly; feedback from daycare providers and 100 Mile Elementary teachers; interactions with community members and families at various events that we attend; direct client feedback.
- **6.Does your organization have sustainable funding? Please explain.** Our organization's funding is reliant on successful funding proposals with various levels of government and external organizations. Funding contract terms range from one to five years in length, depending on the type of program and services offered.
- 7. Is your agency applying for funds from other sources for this project/event?

<u>No</u>

8. Describe the impact of this application being denied or approval of an amount less than requested. Will you be able to complete the project/event if you do not receive the funds applied for?

While our program would still continue to run, we wouldn't be able to carry out much needed repairs and refurbishments to the StoryWalk installation, and we would have to limit the number of new StoryWalk titles that we are able to incorporate into our collection.

- 9. Does your organization charge user fees/membership/admission? If yes, attach your current fee structure. No
- 10. Does your organization receive any other support(s) from the CRD? (i.e. financial support, rental subsidies, contribution agreements, tax exemption, use of CRD-owned facility) If yes, what support(s) and how much?

n/a

11. How will you recognize the CRD's contribution to your organization?

CRD would be recognized in our annual Thank You ad in the 100 Mile Free Press, as well as posts our various Social Media channels when the repair work is being done. We would also request a Free Press article about the StoryWalk improvements in which we would acknowledge the CRD for its grant, allowing us to carry out the improvements.

Date of your last Annual General Meeting (AGM): 11/22/2023

Previous Grant from CRD amount: \$\$500, 2018

Previous project Description: Creation of StoryWalk installations in Williams Lake.

I confirm: \*

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Please	attach minutes, list of Directors, and Financial Statements * 😯
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	2023 AGM Minutes.pdf 970.6 KB
	Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society - Financial statements rec'd Feb 5'24.pdf 117.5 KB
	CCPL-Board-of-Directors-2023-24.pdf 283.1 KB
A final	report for your last grant received MUST be included with this submission, if not previously submitted.
If your	organization charges user fees/memberships/admission, attach your current fee structure.
Please	provide a detailed financial budget for the project.*
File N	ame

CRD-Grant-Project-Budget.pdf 119.9 KB

# **Financial Information**

# Year Ended August 31, 2023

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# CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS LLP

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#### COMPILATION ENGAGEMENT REPORT

## To the Directors of Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society

On the basis of information provided by management, we have compiled the statement of financial position of Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society as at August 31, 2023, and the statements of changes in net assets and revenues and expenditures for the year then ended, and Note 1, which describes the basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the compiled financial information and other explanatory information ("financial information").

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial information, including the accuracy and completeness of the underlying information used to compile it and the selection of the basis of accounting.

We performed this engagement in accordance with Canadian Standard on Related Services (CSRS) 4200, *Compilation Engagements*, which requires us to comply with relevant ethical requirements. Our responsibility is to assist management in the preparation of the financial information.

We did not perform an audit engagement or a review engagement, nor were we required to perform procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion or a review conclusion, or provide any form of assurance on the financial information.

Readers are cautioned that the financial information may not be appropriate for their purposes.

Williams Lake, BC January 24, 2024 PMT CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS LLP

# Statement of Financial Position

August 31, 2023

			2023	 2022
	ASSETS			
Current				
Cash		\$	177,768	\$ 285,346
Accounts receivable			17,412	172,128
Prepaid expenses		_	3,794	1,410
			198,974	458,884
Tangible capital assets (Note 3)			14,779	22,055
Restricted cash		_	93,644	68,219
		\$	307,397	\$ 549,158
	LIABILITIES			
Current	LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		\$	37,129	\$ 25,192
Deferred contributions (Note 4)		_	60,724	 334,022
			97,853	359,214
	NET ASSETS			
Unrestricted Fund			186,394	167,889
Capital Fund			23,150	22,055
			209,544	189,944
		\$	307,397	\$ 549,158

APPROVED BY THE DIRECTORS	
	Director
	Director

# CARIBOO-CHILCOTIN PARTNERS FOR LITERACY SOCIETY Statement of Changes in Net Assets Year Ended August 31, 2023

	Unrestricted Fund		Capital Fund <b>2023</b>		2023	2022	
Net assets - beginning of year	\$	167,889 \$	22,055	\$	189,944 \$	174,986	
Excess of revenue over general expenditures		19,600	-		19,600	14,958	
Transfers		(1,095)	1,095		-		
Net assets - end of year	\$	186,394 \$	23,150	\$	209,544 \$	189,944	

# Statement of Revenues and Expenditures

Year Ended August 31, 2023

		2023		2022
Revenue				
Government of Canada - Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship				
Canada	\$	234,700	\$	211,849
Province of BC - Municipal Affairs	*	118,781	Ψ	99,651
Red Cross Financial Literacy		85,773		(1,438)
Donations		64,026		9,616
Decoda Literacy Solutions		37,465		57,875
City of Williams Lake		35,000		25,000
Fostering literacy		10,000		10,000
Fees		5,920		10,000
Province of BC - Gaming revenue		5,250		5,250
Interest and other income		2,937		476
Memberships		2,937 85		115
Social Planning Council		65		8,609
Province of BC - Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills		-		0,009
Training - Community Adult Literacy Program				222 755
Transferred from deferred revenue		224 022		233,755
Transferred to deferred revenue		334,022		243,399
Transletted to deterred revenue		(60,724)		(334,022)
		873,235		570,135
Labour for program delivery				
Professional fees		13,841		12,737
Sub-contracts		50,742		22,937
Wages and benefits		623,421		394,278
		688,004		429,952
		185,231		140,183
General expenditures				
Advertising and promotion		4,156		4,420
Amortization		6,722		10,116
Bank charges and interest		559		260
Insurance		3,067		2,855
Licences, dues and fees		4,189		3,254
Office supplies, printing and communication		9,170		4,644
Program supplies, food and books		56,938		41,837
Rental		43,131		41,597
Repairs and maintenance		13,950		3,411
Telephone and utilities		4,384		3,253
Training		4,031		4,106
Travel		13,684		5,716
		163,981		125,469
Excess of revenue over general expenditures from operations		21,250		14,714
Other income				
Gain (loss) on disposal of tangible capital assets		(1,650)		244
Excess of revenue over general expenditures	\$	19,600	\$	14,958

#### Notes to Financial Information

# Year Ended August 31, 2023

#### 1. Basis of accounting

The basis of accounting applied in the preparation of the statement of financial position of Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society as at August 31, 2023, and the statements of changes in net assets and revenues and expenditures for the year then ended is the historical cost basis and reflects cash transactions with the addition of:

- · Accounts receivable
- Prepaid expenses over the specified term of the expense
- Tangible capital assets recorded at historical cost and amortized on a declining balance method
- · Accounts payable and accrued liabilities
- Deferred contributions for revenue received in excess of expenses incurred for restricted funds.

## 2. Purpose of the Society

Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society (the "Society") is a not-for-profit organization incorporated provincially under the Society Act of British Columbia. Management has determined that they are exempt from payment of income tax under Section 149(1) of the Income Tax Act.

The Society is run by community members committed to promoting literacy through awareness, advocacy and by initiating and supporting learning opportunities.

#### 3. Tangible capital assets

	_	Cost	 cumulated ortization	 2023 et book value	١	2022 let book value
Computer equipment Furniture and fixtures	\$	15,457 21,440	\$ 11,656 10,462	\$ 3,801 10,978	\$	8,332 13,723
	\$	36,897	\$ 22,118	\$ 14,779	\$	22,055

# **Notes to Financial Information**

Year Ended August 31, 2023

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Deferred contributions			
		2023	 2022
Book fund Books for Babies City of Williams Lake Community Action Initiative Decoda Literacy Solutions Donations Donations - In memory of Bruce Mack Government of Canada	\$	6,555 2,768 10,000 - 2,796 23,180 4,346 5,235	\$ 6,555 365 14,631 496 12,573 - 3,246
Province of BC - Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training - Community Adult Literacy Program Province of BC - Ministry of Municipal Affairs - BC Settlement and Integration Services St. Peters Anglican Church - Refugee Fund Thrive - Technology Fund	_	- 1,793 4,050	237,491 50,827 3,838 4,000

#### 5. Gaming affiliation certificate

The Society applies annually to the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Finance for a Community Gaming grant. In order to receive gaming funds the Society is required to have a separate bank account for gaming funds, and expenditures are restricted by terms set by the Licensing and Grants Division.

60,723

334,022

The unaudited financial statements are presented on a consolidated basis. This results in presentation of the gaming bank account as part of the consolidated cash balance. If the amounts had been shown on a fund basis, the Gaming Fund presentation would be as follows:

	 2023	2022
Fund presentation of gaming net assets		
Cash Due to operations from gaming	\$  5,257 (5,257)	\$ 5,257 (5,257 <u>)</u>
Net assets	\$ -	\$ 

# 6. Capital disclosure

The Society considers its capital to be the balance maintained in its Unrestricted Net Assets. The primary objective of the Society is to invest its capital in a manner that will allow it to continue as a going concern and comply with its stated objectives. Capital is invested under the direction of the Board of Directors of the Society with the objective of providing a reasonable rate of return, minimizing risk and ensuring adequate liquid investments are on hand for current cash flow requirements. The Society is not subject to any externally imposed requirements of its capital.

# **Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society**



Annual General Meeting Minutes

Date: Wednesday, November 22, 2023

Time: 3:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chair: Shannon Thom, Vice-President

**Attending**: Shannon Thom, Lil Mack, Kathy Newell, Jim Chorney, Barry Casey, Jennifer Coupe, Melissa Hermiston, Jinhee Miller, Kimberly Vance-Lundsbye, Alison Turnbull, Brenda Vallee, Sarah Balitsky, Suzanne Cochrane, Lory Rochon, Ren Powers, Sarah Jackman, Linda Bingham, Michele Bebault, Eva Navrot, Tara

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AGM called to order at 3:32 p.m.

## **Indigenous Land Acknowledgment**

#### **Round of Introductions**

**Adoption of 2022 AGM Minutes** – Jim moved and Lil seconded that the minutes of the 2022 AGM be approved. CARRIED.

**Adoption of the 2022 AGM Agenda** – Shannon requested that "Acting" president's report be added under reports. Lil moved and Barry seconded that the 202e AGM Agenda be approved as revised. CARRIED.

# **Bylaw Revision**

The following bylaw update, approved at the August 23, 2023 board meeting, was presented for review and approval:

#### Signing authority

- **8.2** A contract or other binding record to be signed by CCPL must be signed on behalf of CCPL by any of the following:
  - (a) both the president and the Executive Director,
  - (b) both the vice-president and either the president or Executive Director,
  - (c) if both president and Executive Director are unavailable, then by the vice-president and another director,
  - (d) if the vice-president, president and Executive Director are all unable to provide signatures, then by any 2 other directors.

Barry moved and Lil seconded that the revised bylaw be adopted. CARRIED.

#### REPORTS

**Acting President's Report** - Shannon shared a written acting president's report, as attached. Jim moved and Barry seconded that the report be received. CARRIED.

**Secretary's Report** – Jim presented a verbal secretary's report, acknowledging and thanking Carla for all of her support she provides to his position and the board as a whole. Jim noted it was a continued pleasure to be on the board of directors. Lil moved and Kathy seconded that the report be received. CARRIED.

**Treasurer's Report** – Kathy presented a written report as attached. Lil moved and Lory seconded that the report be received. CARRIED.

**Executive Director's Report** – Sarah presented her written report, as attached. Jim moved and Lil seconded that Shelly's report be received. CARRIED.

#### **AGM Elections**

Lory facilitated the voting for the AGM, and reviewed the rules as follows: The rules for nominations and election are nominees do not have to be present, but it is helpful if they have been contacted and indicated their willingness to stand for election. Each position will have a call for nominees, 3 times. Only one person has to nominate a person; there might be several nominations for each position.

**President** – Barry nominated Jim Chorney. No additional nominations were made on second and third call. Lory moved and Kathy seconded a motion to close the nomination and declare Jim president by acclamation. CARRIED.

**Vice-President** – Kathy nominated Shannon Thom. No additional nominations were made on second and third call. Lory moved and Lil seconded a motion to close the nomination and declare Shannon Vice-President by acclamation. CARRIED.

**Secretary** – Jim nominated Barry Casey as secretary. No additional nominations were made on second and third call. Lory moved and Kathy seconded a motion to close the nomination and declare Barry secretary by acclamation. CARRIED.

**Director** – Kathy nominated Linda Bingham as director. On second call, Kathy nominated Michele Bebault as a director. On third and fourth call, there were no further nominees. Lory moved and Lil seconded a motion to close nominations, and the two nominees were declared elected to the board of directors by acclamation.

#### **Board Positions -**

All the Board positions are now a 2-year term.

<b>Board Position</b>	Held by:	Elected	Term End
President	Jim Chorney	November 2023	November 2025
Vice-President	Shannon Thom	November 2023	November 2025
Treasurer	Kathy Newell	November 2022	November 2024
Secretary	Barry Casey	November 2023	November 2025
Lil Mack	Director	November 2022	November 2024
John Hack	Director	November 2022	November 2024
Jennifer Coupé	Director	November 2022	November 2024
Linda Bingham	Director	November 2023	November 2025
Michele Bebault	Director	November 2023	November 2025

Kathy moved to adjourn, the AGM was adjourned at 4:11 p.m.

#### **Executive Reports:**

# Acting President's Report - Shannon Thom

Dear Members and Supporters,

I trust this message finds you well as we convene for our 2023 Annual General Meeting. It brings me great pleasure to reflect on some of the notable achievements of the past year with Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy.

In a world where knowledge is power, your commitment to promoting literacy holds significant impact for individuals and communities alike. Together, we have overcome obstacles and facilitated access to education for those who need it most.

Our dedicated volunteers, committed staff, and generous donors have played a pivotal role in both delivering and expanding our programs. Through outreach initiatives, valuable community partnerships, innovative educational tools and delivery strategies, and tailored support for learners of all ages we continue to make a tangible and lasting difference.

Just In Time tutoring has proven to be a valuable addition to our services, providing timely and personalized assistance to young learners at key points in their educational journey, further enhancing our commitment to literacy. Through this initiative, we ensure that support is available precisely when and where it is needed most.

As we navigate the path ahead for the coming year, let us remain true to our mission. Let us continue inspiring a love for learning, empowering individuals to realize their full potential here in Canada, and contributing to a society where literacy is not merely a skill but a fundamental right.

I want to express heartfelt appreciation to our previous president, Shelby Byer. Your leadership has been instrumental in bringing us to this point and we appreciate your dedication to advancing literacy in our region.

I extend my sincere gratitude to each of you for your unwavering support: staff, board members, tutors, supporters, donors, and other volunteers. Together, we are not just shaping a brighter future but also creating a legacy of literacy in the Cariboo Chilcotin for generations to come.

Thank you for being an integral part of this incredible journey.

Shannon Thom Acting President, Cariboo Chilcotin Partners for Literacy

# ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING November 22, 2023 2022-2023 TREASURER'S REPORT

At this time we do not have our Yearend Financial Report from PMT.

Thankfully, Covid did not impact our programs or the general operation of CCPL. In fact, we started a new program called Just in Time Tutoring (JiTT). CCPL helped to finance the "coaching" needed to show the suitability and sustainability of the program. There were 2 successful pilot programs that ran before and after Spring Break. It was funding well invested. We still remained in the black!! Furthermore, Carla did a magnificent job of fundraising for the program so that it can go full board in September and run through to the end in June 2024!

With Shelly stepping down and Sarah Jackman taking over as ED, we wisely invested money into making this a smooth takeover by continuing to financially support Shelly as her experience and understanding of what the position entails is invaluable and greatly appreciated by Sarah.

This is our third year of using Canada Helps to assist us in handling donations. This year we received \$10,010 using Canada Helps compared to \$855 last year. We continue to receive donations by cheque or cash as well. Besides these donations by individuals, the corporations and organizations in both communities continue to support our programs as we are becoming more and more visible in our efforts to show that "Literacy Matters".

One donation was for \$25,000 earmarked for Books for Babies (5) and JiTT (20). Since neither program needed to use the money in the near future, the full amount was placed in a nonredeemable GIC for a period of one year at 4.29%. This will give us an extra \$1,072.50 at the end of April. It makes sense to use our money to make money!

No year goes without a glitch...thank goodness it wasn't as bad as Covid. Last July Melissa was unable to use our Visa card to do online purchases, but she could use it if she was in person She alerted me and I contacted TDVisa who explained that there were 2 "odd" purchases, both from Ontario. They let the \$5 claim go, but refused the +\$200 claim. Good for them. I cancelled our card immediately under their recommendation and was assured that a new card would be sent in 7 to 10 business days. Not so. It went on and on as Michael, Melissa and I tried to get one sent. It finally came this October! Arggh!

Actually, it has been a great year, and while we don't have our final Financial Report in, I can assure you that our coffers are still healthy.

I applaud and thank the staff and volunteers who directly serve our communities; the programme coordinators; the administrative support staff; community, provincial and federal sponsors and funders; our retiring (sniff) ED; and the Board of Directors. Together we make a positive effort to demonstrate to all that "literacy matters"!

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Newell, CCPL Treasurer.

#### AGM Executive Director Report, November 22, 2023

Good afternoon, everyone

Considering that I've only been on board for the past three months, that period is really all that I can report on on a personal experience level, so I hope that this works as a bit of a catch up and update as well.

The first three months have definitely been both challenging and rewarding at the same time. We have an excellent team in place, both in 100 Mile House and in Williams Lake, and they have made my work so much easier with their experience and knowledge. As well, they have been very accepting and understanding of any changes that have been made. Also, thank you to the Board for being so open and free with your time with all of your answers to my questions. Coming in close to the end of the calendar year (not to mention fiscal year), there have been a lot of emails back and forth to make sure that I am on the right path, both financially and program-wise. However, even with the substantial change, I think that we are definitely on the right road.

The span and diversity of the programs being offered by CCPL is awe-inspiring and everyone should be very proud of the work that they have accomplished. Now that we have a finalized budget and plan for the upcoming year, I think we are in good shape. Reporting is being done as needed and on time, and a few proposals have gone out to add more funding to the programs that are in need of it.

Literacy in all its aspects, whether it be English Language Learning, Financial Literacy, Digital Literacy Tutoring, or any of the other programs being provided serve our communities in a way that can only make our own regional culture more enhanced and benefit everyone.

I appreciate you welcoming me to be a part of this exceptional organization

Sarah Jackman

Cariboo-Chilcotin Partners for Literacy Society Board Contact List 2024-25								
Title	Name	Phone	E-mail and mailing address					
President Nov.23-25	Jim Chorney							
Vice President Nov.23-25	Shannon Thom							
<b>Treasurer</b> Nov.22-24	Kathy Newell							
Secretary Nov.23-25	Barry Casey							
<b>Director</b> Nov.22-24	Lillian Mack							
<b>Director</b> Nov.22-24	John Hack							
<b>Director</b> Nov. 22-24	Jennifer Coupé							
<b>Director</b> Nov. 23-25	Michele Bebault							
<b>Director</b> Nov. 23-25	Linda Bingham							

Director Nov. 23-25	Geraldine Bob		
Executive Directors	Carla Bullinger Melissa Hermiston		

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# **CRD South Cariboo Grants for Assistance Application**

Detailed Budget - CCPL StoryWalk Refurbishing (Sept 2024)

Total: \$1000

\*\*\* in-kind contribution of labour for repair of StoryWalk installation = 6 hours @ \$60/hr = \$360