



Association
of Canadian
Archivists

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The Honourable James Moore
Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages
House of Commons
Ottawa, Ontario
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Re: National Archival Development Program (NADP)

Dear Minister Moore,

I am writing you on behalf of the Association of Canadian Archivists (ACA) to laud your recent statements concerning the possible reinstatement of the National Archival Development Program (NADP).

Established in 1975, the ACA is a national not-for-profit organization representing over 600 archivists in Canada. With headquarters in Ottawa, the ACA's mandate is to provide the archival profession leadership and to facilitate an understanding and appreciation of Canada's archival heritage

For the past 26 years the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) has effectively administered the NADP (and its predecessors) on behalf of Library and Archives Canada to support archival initiatives across Canada. The \$1.7 million matching funds programme was distributed to archives throughout the 10 provinces and 3 territories. The elimination of this successful and efficient programme has had negative consequences for the Canadian archival network and, in particular, for small and medium sized archives. As Canada approaches its 150th anniversary, access to archival materials is more essential than ever; we cannot celebrate and study our past if Canada's historical documents are not available.

The ACA therefore urges you to reinstate this vital program. The NADP has greatly contributed to the preservation of Canada's documentary heritage and proven vital to keeping alive our connections with our collective past.

Yours sincerely,

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