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## CCA 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Consultation

Dear colleagues,

As we approach the December holidays, the Canadian Council of Archives provides you with this communicate regarding two initiatives of interest to the Canadian Archival Community.

Following our 2018 annual general meeting in mid-November, CCA distributed a message, documentation and survey link to gather responses to our draft 5-year strategic plan (2019-2023). The plan will be the foundation upon which we assist our community to seek new and innovative ways to serve the information needs of Canadians.

The strategic pillars of the draft plan are:

Build organizational capacity

Facilitate access to Canada's documentary heritage

Member Engagement and Cooperation

Enhance Our Learning and Growth within the Canadian Archival System

The CCA recognizes that following community input, the finalized plan and its strategic action areas will evolve as new opportunities arise and circumstances change. Your input is important; we invite you to read the draft plan and respond to the consultation questions: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019StratPlan>  
Please provide your comments and suggestions by January 7th, 2019.

## ARCAN-L

In early 2018, CCA circulated a survey designed to collect input critical on the usefulness and functionality of the **ARCAN-L** listserv; CCA is the list administrator. **ARCAN-L** is provided for the discussion of archival issues and interests of particular relevance to Canadian archives and archivists.

The survey consisted of six (6) questions on the following topics: awareness of the ARCAN-L archives; awareness of the daily digest feature; preference for receiving attachments; what users like about the current listserv; what users dislike about the current listserv; and preference for additional functionalities. 101 responses were received; an average of four (4) minutes was spent by each respondent. In total, the completion rate for all questions was 88%.

Overall, users expressed comfort and ease of use for the current listserv and appeared reluctant to encourage substantial changes to ARCAN-L. Minor changes were supported by a minority of respondents. The changes that seemed most palatable include: encouraging increased use of the listserv for professional discussion; supporting the distribution of attachments; providing limited moderation; availability of increased functionality such as RSS support and improved administrative interface.

The majority of respondents indicated a preference for: permitting attachments and/or providing an attachment filter; encouraging courteous and respectful communication

CCA's Secretariat recommends: increasing communications to subscribers, specifically regarding the user admin page, policies, and include encouragement for use of attachments; Implementing a proposed ARCAN-L Community Code of Conduct and Policies, which will require minimal moderation; investigating new host/sponsorship options over the next 12-18 months, with the goal of establishing a new listserv hosting and sponsorship relationship by 2020-2021.