

**Statement by the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) upon the occasion of the public release of:
The Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel Report: *The Future Now - Canada's Libraries, Archives
and Public Memory*
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It is with a sense of great hope for the future of Canadian archives that CCA receives the recommendations from the Royal Society of Canada's (RSC) Expert Panel on the "status and future of Canada's libraries and archive institutions".

(link: http://rsc-src.ca/sites/default/files/pdf/L%26A_Report_EN_FINAL_Web.pdf)

We share the belief that archives are vital to an equitable Canadian society, and that additional resources are needed to meet the variety of services expected by Canadians. Knowledge creation and its purposeful use is increasingly collaborative and dynamic in the 21st century -- and there is a cost to this collaboration. Archivists bring a unique combination of education and experience to this knowledge environment, offering a strong return on investment, as well as a creative and skillful perspective to address the modern knowledge landscape.

Privileged with a long standing commitment of collaboration, CCA and its members remain deeply committed to considering the recommendations of the Expert Panel and moving forward creatively within a quickly evolving and collaborative framework.

We have only now begun to digest the report's 70 recommendations; however, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the members of the Expert Panel for their commitment to Canada's memory institutions, and for listening to Canadians and heritage professionals from a variety of backgrounds, through public consultations across Canada and an array of written submissions.

The Canadian Council of Archives looks forward to the exciting conversations ahead with our stakeholders and partners, and to working with them to foster effective solutions and improved efficiencies to meet public needs and the expectations of our networked knowledge society.