

Council of Provincial and Territorial Archivists

Resolution Regarding Participation in the Pan-Canadian Documentary Heritage Network Forum

The Council of Provincial and Territorial Archivists (herein referred to as the Council), comprised of the representatives of the provincial and territorial government archives in Canada, met on June 6, 2012. The meeting was held prior to the commencement of the 37th annual conference of the Association of Canadian Archivists in Whitehorse, Yukon.

At that meeting, the Council reflected on its June 2011 resolution concerning the Library and Archives Canada's Pan-Canadian Documentary Heritage Network Forum (the Stakeholders Forum).

Considering the objective of the Council, in light of its unique perspective as the representative of the public archives of Canada, to partner with the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) in providing leadership for the national archival network and to work as an advocate within government for the issues and concerns that most affect archives;

Considering developments impacting the mandate and vision of the Canadian Council of Archives resulting from the withdrawal of funding to the CCA, specifically to the National Archival Development Program (NADP) by the Department of Canadian Heritage;

Considering the Council's declared support for the Stakeholders Forum format in June 2011 based on an acknowledged *"continuing need to recognize and incorporate the mandates of the stakeholders in planning and deliberations"*;

Considering the lack of collaboration presently existing between Library and Archives Canada and the Canadian archival network;

Considering further the Council's determination that the framework of the Stakeholders Forum as the vehicle for defining a pan-Canadian strategy and network cannot replace the role of the CCA within the Canadian archival network and that the withdrawal of essential funding to the CCA has hindered the capacity for the Canadian archival community to participate effectively in the Stakeholders Forum;

The Council of Provincial and Territorial Archivists is resolved to:

DECLARE its withdrawal of support for participation in and commitment to the current Stakeholders Forum;

ACKNOWLEDGE that the vision of a pan-Canadian strategy is still viable if consideration is given to the existing national archival network and the fundamental role that the CCA holds as the foundation of this network;

ENCOURAGE open dialogue/communication between the Department of Canadian Heritage (Citizenship and Heritage Sector, Library and Archives Canada), the Council and the CCA in addressing the needs and concerns of the archival community with the objective of achieving active participation by the national archival network in a pan-Canadian strategy.

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