

Steering Committee on Canada's Archives – Overview and TRC Taskforce Update

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Steering Committee on Canada's Archives

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Taskforces

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Martine Cardin

Archival Workforce

- **FR:** Jeanne Darche
- **EN:** Kathryn Harvey

Awareness strategy

Jacinthe Duval
Heather Gordon

Response to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Erica Hernández-Read

History

- ▶ **Fall 2015:** Launch of “*Canada’s Archives – A New Blueprint*” by the Canadian Archival System Working Group.
- ▶ **Spring 2016:** Canadian Archival System Working Group transforms into the Steering Committee on Canada’s Archives (SCCA) to guide the work of the blueprint by selecting priorities and establishing taskforces.
- ▶ **Fall 2016:** Taskforce leads are selected and members are sought.
- ▶ **To date:** Taskforces have established their mandates and strategies and the work is ongoing. The SCCA continues to guide the work and share results with the Canadian archival community.

Archival Workforce Taskforce

Co-Leads: Kathryn Harvey, University of Guelph, and Jeanne Darche, Institut national de la recherche scientifique (INRS)

- ▶ The Archival Workforce Taskforce's mandate is to gain a better understanding of the current and future state and composition of the Canadian archival workforce.
- ▶ The Taskforce intends to explore linkages between archival education programs offered by colleges and universities, on the one hand, and assess the issues and challenges experienced by workplace practitioners on the other hand. It will build on other related efforts undertaken within the Canadian Archival System in recent years.

For more information, consult the Project Charter at:
www.archives2026.com

Archival Workforce Taskforce

Status update

The **English** sub-group is:

- ▶ Seeking new members and drafting a renewed expression of interest
- ▶ Gathering information on training programs as well as compiling a list of job advertisements

The **French** sub-group is:

- ▶ Analysing the result from the report issued by the AAQ and focusing on competencies and their definitions

Awareness Strategy Taskforce

Co-Leads: Heather Gordon, City of Vancouver, and Jacinthe Duval, Bibliothèque et Archives nationales du Québec (BAnQ)

- ▶ In order to raise the profile of archives in Canada, the archival community must be equipped with the necessary tools and resources to coordinate messaging, increase engagement, and develop productive partnerships, with elected officials, community allies, private industry, academic institutions, and the general public.
- ▶ The Awareness Taskforce has two interrelated project goals: Create a National Advocacy Strategy and a National Public Awareness Strategy.

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Awareness Strategy Taskforce

Status update

The group is:

- ▶ Surveying personal networks, resulting in more than 150 responses
- ▶ Identifying the type of information to be retrieved from the focus group surveys.

The group has:

- ▶ completed their literary review.

ACCESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY THROUGH COLLABORATIVE ACTION

Heeding the Calls to Action:

*Establishing a Framework for
Reconciliation Action & Awareness within
the Canadian Archival System*

Presented by

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April 2018

Call to Action #70

70. We call upon the federal government to provide funding to the Canadian Association of Archivists to undertake, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, a national review of archival policies and best practices to:

- 1. Determine the level of compliance with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) and the United Nations Joint-Orontlicher Principles (UNJOP), as related to Aboriginal peoples' inalienable right to know the truth about what happened and why, with regard to human rights violations committed against them in the residential schools.*
- 2. Produce a report with recommendations for full implementation of these international mechanisms as a reconciliation framework for Canadian archives*

Response to the Report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Taskforce

► **Mandate:**

...to conduct a review of archival policies and best practices existent across the country and identify potential barriers to reconciliation efforts between the Canadian archival community and Indigenous record keepers. With such a review in hand, the Taskforce will then work in collaboration with Indigenous communities to create an actionable response to this research which will become the foundation for a reconciliation framework for Canadian archives.

► **Pan-Canadian Membership:**

Archives, Library and Information professionals from all provinces and territories, Indigenous partners, Research Associates (UNBC), NCTR, LAC

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Status Update

- ▶ **Online Survey**

Dissemination of survey results

- ▶ **Completion of Literature Review**

- ▶ **Grant Funding Approved!**

'Insight' grant submission to the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC). Next steps – Indigenous community outreach

Archivists look to 'decolonize' Canada's memory banks



First Nations people wait for the Walk for Reconciliation to begin in Vancouver, B.C., on Sunday, Sept. 24, 2017. THE

