

June 1, 2012

Dr. Caron,

Members of the Canadian archival community and librarian colleagues have indicated the following to the Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) Board: that in response to a question posed to you during the Canadian Library Association Conference on May 31, 2012, regarding the termination of the National Archival Development Program (NADP) on April 30, 2012, you may have implied that 60% of NADP funds were spent on administration. We understand that a transcript of this session will be available in the near future but at this time, CCA is seeking clarification regarding these comments.

We remind you of the prescribed funding streams within NADP:

Contribution allocation for projects across Canada	(65%)	\$1,115,000
Development of capacity	(24%)	\$ 410,000
Program Administration	(11%)	\$ 185,000
Total NADP		\$1,710,000

In addition, when considering the matching funds invested by the Canadian archival community, the administration within the Contribution Allocation noted above, for projects in communities across Canada, was 0.95% for project administration as identified in the 2011 Final Report.

For validation of the information noted herein, the CCA Board draws your attention to the following documents for the information about program spending, administrative spending and impressive operational efficiencies:

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Canadian Council of Archives and Library and Archives Canada, annual program business plan and financial cashflow, 2006 to 2011
- NADP performance measurement plan
- NADP final reports from 2006 to 2011 and audited financial statements
- Audit Report, June 2010, Audit Services Canada
- Summative Evaluation of the National Archival Development Program, PRA Inc and the Evaluation Group at Library and Archives Canada (approved by the LAC Evaluation Committee on November 23, 2010)

Since its inception, CCA has been an innovative and forward thinking organization leveraging matching resources of at least 50% for each NADP investment, even though the Terms and Conditions of this contribution program did not require an investment from applicants.

CCA is more than an organization – it is a grass roots community working collectively and efficiently for 26 years. CCA has lead ground-breaking initiatives that have been envied by other countries, including ARCHIVESCANA.ca, internationally recognized standards, best practices dissemination and other resources produced by the Canadian archival system. On behalf of the Canadian archival community, we take exception to the suggestion that valuable NADP and other resources were spent on administration.

We look forward to clarification of your comments.

Sincerely,

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