

# **Advocacy Committee Opposes the Elimination of the Canadian National Archival Development Program**

## **Call to Action**

The Archivists Round Table of Metropolitan New York, Inc. (ART) Advocacy Committee opposes the cuts made to the Canadian NADP, and have [written a letter to the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper](#) stating their opposition of the NADP elimination and requesting that the decision be reversed.

**The Advocacy Committee calls upon all ART members to help save the program by [signing the online petition](#), and [writing a letter](#).**

### **Online Petition:**

[Sign the petition to reinstate the Canadian National Archival Development Program](#)

### **Letter Writing Campaign:**

**ART members are encouraged to mail a letter or write an email to the Honourable James Moore, Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages, and to Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper stating their opposition of the NADP elimination and requesting that the decision be reversed.**

### **Sample Letter Text:**

Subject: Reinstate the Canadian National Archival Development Program (NADP)

On April 30, 2012 Library and Archives Canada (LAC) eliminated the National Archival Development Program (NADP), a \$1.7 million contribution program administered by the not-for-profit Canadian Council of Archives (CCA) and distributed to Canada's 13 archives councils to support archival activities locally. Through the councils, NADP funding is on the ground across the country ensuring that Canada's documentary heritage is both preserved in local communities and made available to the broader researching public.

We believe that the elimination of this Program puts LAC in contravention of the Library and Archives of Canada Act which empowers and obliges the LAC "7(f) to support the development of the library and archives communities", as well as compromising the role of the Librarian and Archivist of Canada to "8(i) provide professional, technical and financial support to those involved in the preservation and promotion of the documentary heritage and in providing access to it."

The outright elimination of this funding will dramatically affect the archival community in Canada, in particular the small and medium sized archives which rely on this funding to make information accessible to their local communities and beyond.

We call upon the Honourable James Moore to reverse this decision now.

Sincerely,

[your name]

Source: "[Make it Better - Write a Letter. Help Save Canada's National Archival Development Program.](#)"

**Letters can be mailed to the following addresses:**

Prime Minister Stephen Harper Office of the Prime Minister 80 Wellington Street Ottawa, ON K1A 0A2 Canada  Email: pm@pm.gc.ca	The Honourable James Moore Minister of Canadian Heritage and Official Languages House of Commons Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6 Canada  Email: james.moore@parl.gc.ca
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**For up-to-date information regarding the elimination of the Canadian NADP, please visit the [Canadian Council of Archives News & Events page](#).**