

## **NWT Archives Council Activities Report 2004**

In 2004, there was a great deal of uncertainty surrounding the future of Canadian Council of Archives funding programmes due to the Treasury Board review of all grant and contributions programmes across the Federal Government. Consequently, the CCA Board along with Library and Archives Canada spent a tremendous amount of time preparing the application for Treasury Board review. In addition, the NWT Archives Council Executive was involved in the review of structures and operations of the CCA and its relationship with Library and Archives Canada. Although the Treasury Board has not yet considered the application for renewal of this programme, I was informed last Friday that there will be CCA funding programmes for 2005-06 and the application forms and guidelines are now available on the CCA website. I sent out an email last week with the link for the site and if anyone has any questions about these grant programmes please let me know.

It is important to note that the 2005-06 fiscal year is considered a 'transition' year for this funding and it is expected that once Treasury Board has reviewed the programme and if it is renewed that there will be a new funding programme unveiled for 2006-07 that is called the National Archival Development Programme. Five broad objectives for this programme have been identified by CCA and LAC, however more detailed guidelines need to be developed. It is expected that if Treasury Board renews the grants and contributions for CCA that this new programme will be outlined by the summer of 2005. These five goals have been incorporated into this year's terms and conditions for grants so if you are considering projects, I would advise you to ensure that your application complies with one or more of these objectives.

Due to the delay in hearing about the grant programmes, the turnaround time for completing applications is quite short. If members are going to submit an application to the CCA, the NWT AC must receive it by March 1<sup>st</sup> in order for the application to be adjudicated by the Council and then sent to CCA for the March 15<sup>th</sup> deadline.

This past year saw the successful completion of several projects that were in part funded in part by the Canadian Council of Archives. One of the projects was the creation of an item level finding aid for over 1800 videos that were created by Information Networks, which was part of the Dept. of Culture and Communications. Now that there is administrative control over this important collection, it is hoped that a preservation plan can be developed. In addition, funding was received by Northern Life Museum to implement a holdings maintenance programme and establish preservation priorities and policy for the Northern Life Museum Archives.

The Archives Council also held a successful workshop in Yellowknife this past October called "Introduction to Archives" Nine people from member institutions in Fort Smith, Inuvik, Hay River, Yellowknife, and two people from the Nunavut Archives Council attended the workshop. By all accounts, the results were very positive and I would like to extend my thanks to the CCA Secretariat for their assistance and to the CCA Board for their support.

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