



NDP Responds

Note: We have yet to release our full platform but here are the answers to date outlining our commitments.

Canadian Council of Archives

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Dear Ms. Wilson,

Thank you for contacting us to obtain more information on the New Democratic Party of Canada's position regarding Canada's documentary heritage.

Below, please find the NDP responses to your questions:

Question 1:

The New Democratic Party joined the archival community in condemning the abolition of the National Archival Development Program (NADP). This program supported local communities and associations in the protection and promotion of their archives. An NDP government will restore the NADP.

Question 2:

The NDP acknowledges the role of the private sector in the protection and promotion of heritage. An NDP government will be open to looking at new ways of expanding private sector participation.

Question 3:

The NDP is the only party that fought against the cuts, mismanagement and lack of vision of the former administration at Library and Archives Canada (LAC). In response to our pressure, the government finally appointed a new managing director with the expertise required to allow LAC to fulfil its mandate.

An NDP government will value and support our national archives. Our fully-costed fiscal framework doesn't include further cuts to government services and government spending—unlike that of the Liberals, which includes 6.5 billion in cuts to ensure a balanced budget in 2019-2020.

The NDP vision for the arts, culture and heritage sector includes protecting and promoting our archival heritage. That's why the NDP is committed to restoring the National Archival Development Program.

Thanks again for your interest.

New Democratic Party of Canada