

Transitioning the National Heritage Digitization Strategy

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NHDS
National Heritage
Digitization Strategy



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The beginning

Announced in June 2016 to coordinate digitization of documentary heritage in the collections of Canadian memory institutions.

Followed examples of other successful collaborative digitization strategies, e.g New Zealand, Netherlands, Sweden, the United States.

Collaboration of memory institutions.

Included **access, discovery and preservation of published and unpublished analogue material.**

To complement strategies already in place at Canadian memory institutions.



NHDS foundational assembly, Oct. 2016
Credit: Library and Archives Canada

Key accomplishments

Formed national Steering Committee – Leaders from across libraries, archives, museums. Permanent secretariat established at Library and Archives Canada.

Raised \$1.1M in private donations to support 23 projects:
Collections from: Prince Edward Island's Historical Newspapers; Inuit Art Foundation; Indigenous newspapers; Hudson's Bay Company.

Coordinated successful Council on Library and Information Resources (CLIR) proposal.

Published resources

RightsStatements, file formats, best practices, survey results.

Developed prototype discovery platform.



1984 Vancouver gay summer games : schedule of events, digitized by the BC Gay and Lesbian Archives, through NHDS funding

Taking stock

In summer 2019, we started reflection on the future of the NHDS, looking at what we had achieved and what remained to be done.

Key considerations:

- Original ambitions
- Funding
- Governance
- Network
- Other initiatives

CRKN was a natural partner. Steering Committee formally approved transition of secretariat at September meeting.

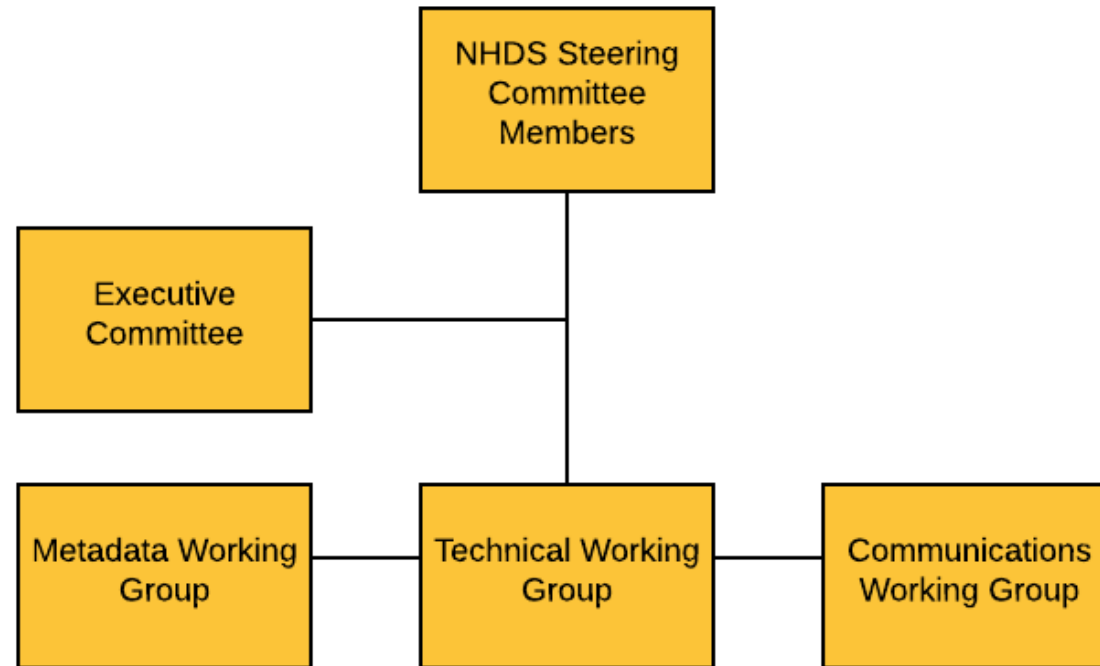
Resourcing the NHDS Secretariat

- To support the NHDS Secretariat, CRKN will be offering in-kind staff support (.25 FTE) by the Heritage Projects and Partnerships Coordinator along with director-level oversight from the Senior Director, Strategy and Engagement
- Meeting and administrative support
- Managing NHDS website, email list, documentation

Secretariat Models

Proposed Model for Discussion

NHDS



The NHDS Secretariat will be supported by CRKN staff

NHDS Steering Committee - Proposed Governance Discussion

- What does it mean to be a member of the NHDS Steering Committee?
What are members committing to?
- What are the criteria by which new members would be approved?
- How do we maintain representation? What representation is currently missing?

Transition Plan

Activity	Date
Joint announcement expressing interest in shifting secretariat responsibility to CRKN and inviting further community feedback	June
Review of current NHDS governance and development of proposed new structure	June-September
Presentation of transition plan and proposed structure to NHDS and CRKN Board	Late June
Vote on transition	September 23
Administrative transition (website, emails, files, etc)	October
Finalized terms of reference and appointment letters for updated governance	November
Annual planning for 2021 (would include community outreach and engagement)	November – early 2021
Launch of updated priorities and annual plan	Early 2021

Business Plan & Ongoing Strategy

Business Plan 2018-2019

- A comprehensive Business Plan for the NHDS was developed for 2018-2019
- Next steps:
 - Review the objectives of the 2018-2019 to indicate successes and where objectives are ongoing
 - Following the transition, launch consultation for the development of the 2021 Business Plan/Strategy
 - Review and re-confirm mission, mandate, and principles

Thank You!

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