Visioning and Funding the Future of CRKN's Heritage Services

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Speakers and Facilitators

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Breakout session facilitators (current and incoming Board members)

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Agenda

- Developing the Vision for the Future of CRKN's Heritage Services
  - *Discussion period*
- CRKN History with CFI
- CFI Innovation Fund
- Member Collaboration
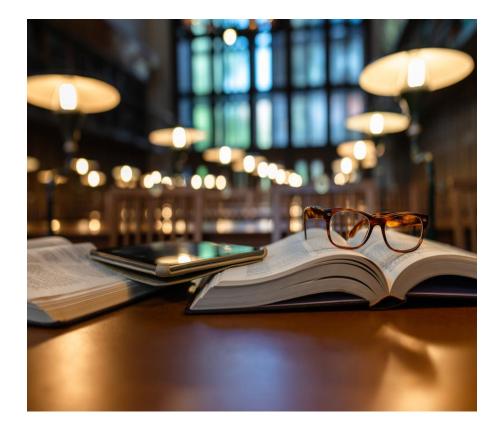 - *Discussion period*
- Next Steps

From Market Assessment to Innovation

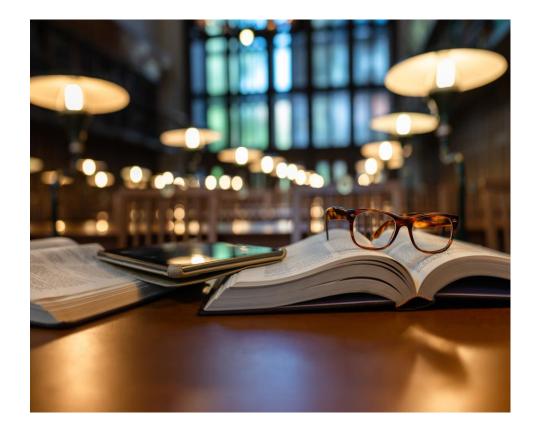CRKN's investigations in the heritage landscape have demonstrated:

- A community need for broad digital heritage support
- The potential to offer digitization and preservation as a public good
- An opportunity to move from technical debt to trusted community leader
- Gaps in the representation of diverse Canadian historical experiences
- An opportunity to amplify marginalized voices

CRKN's Proposed Vision

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- **World-class infrastructure** enabling transformational research and discovery of cultural and heritage content

- **A platform that brings together** content from the Canadiana collections, content hosted on heritage repositories and content housed in local organizations without resources to maintain advanced platforms

- **Support the continuum of access to cultural heritage content** by including content beyond text and images including born-digital content
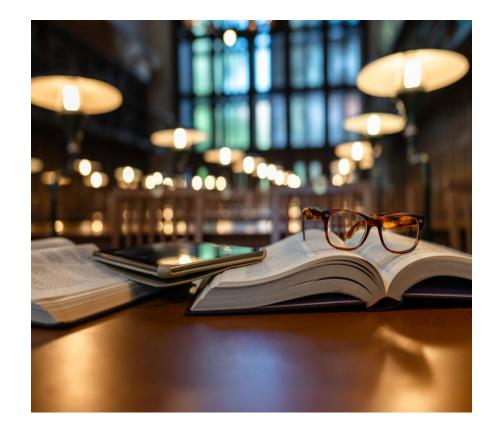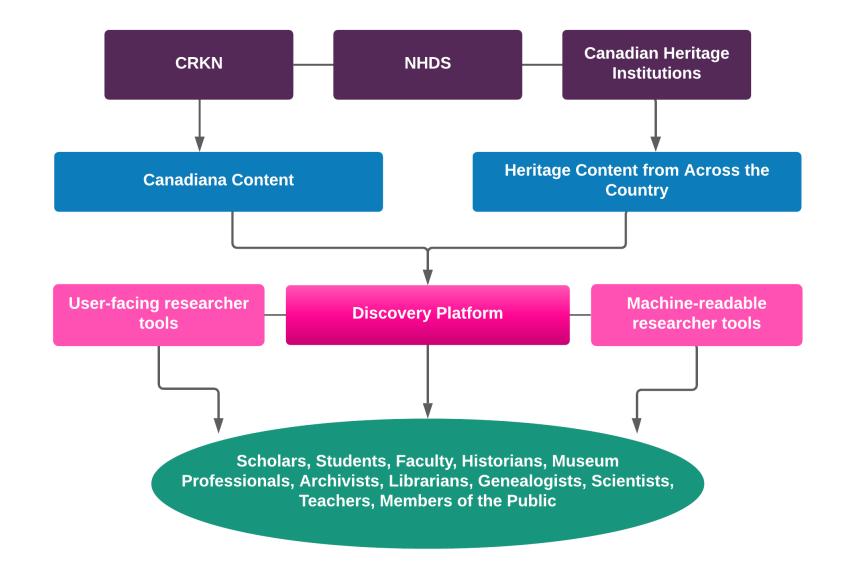
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Key goals:

- Enable discovery and analysis of:
  - digital objects, video, audio, maps, and other born-digital scientific artefacts
- Foster new research capacity with innovative research tools
- Support principles of Truth and Reconciliation
- Increase content by and about marginalized communities

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Outcomes:

- Enable the digital transformation and discovery of digital cultural heritage collections

- Enhance research potential for Canada's HSS output

- Improve Interoperability and enrich data

- Leverage past investment to enhance the TDR with academy driven innovations

- Increase profile of Canadian research internationally

- Equitable access to heritage content regardless of institutional or regional disparities

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Facilitated Discussion

Attendees will be randomly moved into breakout rooms with each room facilitated by a member of the CRKN Board.

You will have 2 separate breakout opportunities to address separate questions which discuss elements of the proposed vision and afford you the opportunity for input and feedback.

Jamboards will be used in each breakout room to collect discussion.

Questions for Breakout 1:

1. Does Canada need academy-owned, world-class research infrastructure to enable both discovery of, and transformational research on Canadian cultural heritage?

2. Is this the right vision for CRKN to undertake that leverages the valuable investment that members have already made in CRKN's heritage services?

Questions for Breakout 2:

3. The vision calls for expanding access to content by and about marginalized communities. As CRKN continues to collaborate with other members of the National Heritage Digitization Strategy (NHDS) stakeholder community, does this vision outline an appropriate role for CRKN with respect to equity, diversity and inclusion?

4. Are there other any elements which CRKN should be including in this vision?

CRKN History with CFI

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- In 1999, the Canadian National Site Licensing Project (CNSLP) was founded with the support of 64 Canadian universities and **a $20 million CFI award**
- By 2004, CNSLP had demonstrated its impact and met sustainability requirements from CFI
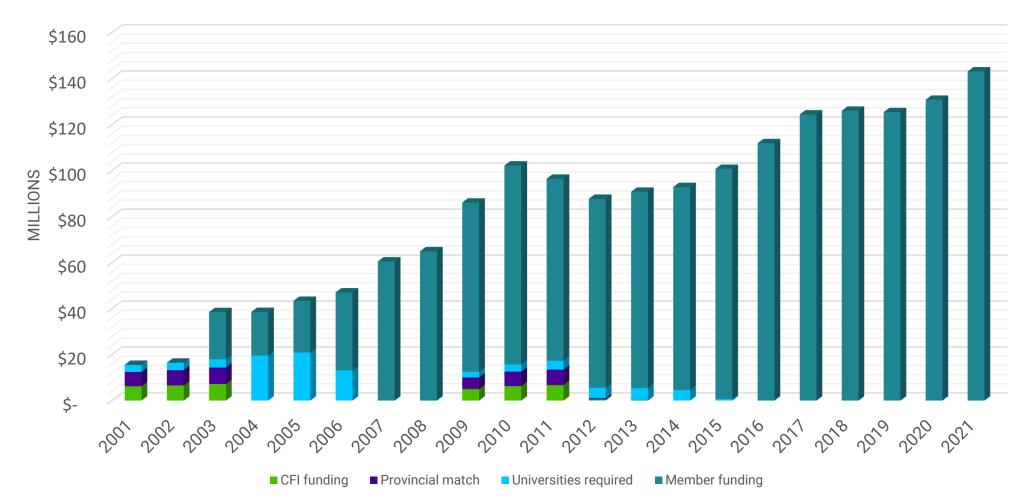
→ **CFI provided critical seed funding for the creation and development of CRKN**

CRKN History with CFI

- Responding to the need for digital content in the social sciences and humanities, CRKN planned **another approach to CFI for grant funding.**
- In 2007, CRKN received an award under CFI's National Platforms Fund for the Digital Content Infrastructure for the Human and Social Sciences (DCI) project.

CRKN History with CFI

CFI seed money leverages sustained investment

CFI Innovation Fund

CFI Innovation Fund 2023: Timeline

CFI launches draft call for proposals	October 2021
CFI launches call for proposals	November 2021
Deadline to submit notices of intent	February 2022
Deadline to submit proposals	June 2022
Review process	June 2022 through February 2023
Decisions by CFI Board of Directors	March 2023

Taken from *2023 Innovation Fund: a guide to getting started*

CFI Innovation Fund 2023: Review Process

Stage 1: An Expert Committee responsible for evaluating proposals against the assessment criteria

Stage 2: A Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee responsible for evaluating proposals against the competition objectives

Stage 3: A Special Multidisciplinary Assessment Committee responsible for recommending to the CFI Board of Directors the projects that best support the CFI mandate and meet the competition objectives

Taken from *2023 Innovation Fund: a guide to getting started*

Competition Objectives

- Not yet finalized for 2023 competition

- Similar to 2020 competition objectives:
    - *Enable global leadership by supporting world-class research or technology development*
    - *Enhance and optimize the capacity of institutions and research communities to conduct the proposed research or technology development program(s)*
    - *Lead to social, health, environmental, and/or economic benefits for Canadians*

- With equity, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) factors

Taken from *2023 Innovation Fund: a guide to getting started*

CRKN Internal Timeline

- Develop a researcher council
- Develop the research question
- Members request a portion of their CFI envelope
- Member request for provincial match
- Develop cost projections
- Hire a grant consultant
- Write the intent to submit
- Develop the grant proposal

Member Collaboration

How CRKN members can contribute

- Ask your Research Office about the internal deadlines at your institution for submitting an intent to submit a request for a portion of the institutional CFI allocation

- Send CRKN suggestions of researchers from your institution who might be a good fit for CRKN's researcher council

- Let CRKN staff know if you have follow-up questions

Next Steps

- CRKN to offer informational webinars on other how platforms in other countries are addressing this need

- CRKN to form researcher council

- Provide regular listserv updates

- Future conference sessions

Thank you!

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