

Indigitization: Community Digitization and the Aboriginal Audio Digitization and Preservation Program (AADPP)



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Pilot Project





Tool Kit (www.indigitization.com)

- **Wordpress site that is fed by wiki content**
- **Refreshed every 30 minutes**
- **Content includes:**
 - Project planning, best practices and guidelines
 - Media-speguides and how-to's
 - Digital preservation, copyright, IP, and access

The screenshot shows the website's navigation bar with links for Home, Introduction, Indigitization Toolkit (highlighted), and Contact Us. The main heading is 'Indigitization Toolkit'. The introductory text states: 'The purpose of the toolkit is to provide a reference document as well as a series of templates for BC First Nations communities interested in undertaking digitization projects. The Indigitization toolkit also fits into a broader goal to provide support to First Nations communities in the management of their information.' A second paragraph explains: 'The toolkit is based on the combined experiences of the three pilot projects in the three First Nations community partners in the Indigitization project. It is also informed by industry standards and sound practices in the area of digitization.' A third paragraph notes: 'By supporting digitization projects and building capacity in First Nation communities, the toolkit is a stepping stone in safe guarding future generations' access to valuable community information as well as ensuring the long term preservation of these resources.' At the bottom, there is a 'Leave a Reply' section with the text: 'You must be [logged in](#) to post a comment.'



Program pieces: visual summary

Indigitization

Online resource
and best
practices toolkit
(indigitization.ca)

Mobile
equipment kits
and in-person
training modules

Community pilot
projects
*(completed in
2013; thank you
to the partner
communities)*

Grant program:
Aboriginal Audio
Digitization and
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Museum of Anthropology and the AADPP



Indigenous
digitization

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B.C. Aboriginal
Audio
Digitization
& Preservation

Working with communities





Indigenous knowledge

“There is no task more important for a First Nation than to identify, protect and interpret its cultural heritage resources... Although we are very much a people of the present... we must always protect the places, artifacts, songs and stories that define our past!”

‘Namgis Nation



Access protocols & the AADPP

Moving to a new funding model for digitization supporting outcomes beyond immediate public access by:

- Supporting preservation efforts for significant recordings
- Recognizing that development of access protocols must be based on community concerns for
 - Treaty, land claims and responses to resource development
 - Culturally defined rights that respect community practice
 - Language revitalization
- Recognizing communities' rights to tell their own stories to the public at large in accordance with their timelines



Grant Adjudication

- **Consultation period**
 - In-person visit with prospective applicant
- **12 applicants**
- **Themes**
- **3 Projects to be funded:**
 - Upper St'át'imc Language, Culture, and Education Centre (Lillooet)
 - Fort Nelson First Nation
 - Tsawwassen First Nation
- **Our lessons learned during adjudication**
 - What worked
 - What needs to shift

Implementation





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Building an Indigitization Network



Questions?

Contact Us!

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