



COPPUL SPAN Update for PAN Forum

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Phase 6: Topographic Maps

11 participating libraries have undertaken a sheet-level inventory of two historical series of topographic maps depicting Western and Northern Canada: the National Topographic System 1:25,000 scale and 1:63,360 scale maps. These series represent some of the earliest federally issued series of Canadian topographic maps. Once the inventories have been completed, COPPUL will assign Archive Holders, with the goal of archiving two or three copies of each map. We will provide sets of OCLC record numbers to all participants so that they can add sheet-level bibliographic records to their local catalogues. If necessary, a small sub-group will create additional OCLC records so that the entire set of holdings and retention commitments can be captured in the WorldCat database.

This phase will substantially increase the participant-level and network-level findability of the roughly 900 sheets included in this phase. The Working Group will evaluate the workflows and may recommend additional map series to undertake in the future. You can track the Working Group's progress on the [SPAN website](#).

Indigenous Historical Publications Working Group

The Indigenous Historical Publications Working Group is responsible for guiding efforts to improve discovery of, access to, and preservation of publications by and about Indigenous communities on whose lands COPPUL members live and work. These publications may include newspapers, newsletters and various forms of grey literature. Many of these publications are scarce within library collections and are often scarce within their original communities - and they contain a wealth of highly relevant, highly local information.

The Working Group has been meeting since late July 2021 and have identified six strategic priorities for their first year of work:

- Identify appropriate grants and/or funding methods for collection owners to apply for

- Establish digitization strategies for Indigenous newspaper digitization
- Create a survey to identify barriers to Indigenous newspaper digitization targeted to collection owners
- Establish principles for outreach and community collaboration to facilitate relationship building
- Identify content scope of Indigenous Canadian newspapers
- Collaborate with allied organizations working on similar goals

The group is running a survey to support a better understanding of the barriers to digitizing Indigenous newspapers and the results will be available later this spring.

You can track the progress of the Working Group on [its website](#).

SPAN Program Evaluation

Members of the SPAN Standing Committee have completed a 10 year program evaluation and are in the process of preparing a report for COPPUL Directors. Two immediate outcomes of the evaluation were the decision to extend our Phase One and Two retention commitments for an additional 10 years, until December 31, 2032 and December 31, 2033, respectively; and to ask Archive Holders who hold print volumes published after 2012 to expand their commitments to include all volumes through the end of 2021. This includes roughly 120 titles held at 10 Archive Holders.

The complete results of the program evaluation will factor into the SPAN Standing Committee's priorities for its work in the coming year.

Change in SPAN Staffing

Doug Brigham, who has been the SPAN Coordinator since mid-2017, has taken an interim Headship at his home institution, the University of British Columbia and has resigned from SPAN effective 01 February 2022. Doug will lead Koerner Library, which houses the Humanities and Social Sciences division and its Research Commons. Matt Kaufhold, the SPAN Assistant, has agreed to assume the role of SPAN Coordinator on an interim basis. Congratulations and thank you, Matt!

Respectfully submitted,

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