Stakeholder Selection Committee, Multi-stakeholder Forum
join@opengovdialogue.ca

October 6, 2017

Committee members,

Please accept this cover letter and appended materials as my self-nomination to the Multi-stakeholder Forum of the Canadian Government Civil Society Network.

I have worked with government information in libraries since 1998, when I was hired by the Edmonton Public Library to process and provide reference services for their government collections. My subsequent career as a Government Information Librarian in academic libraries included research with and stewardship of Canadian government information. Over the course of almost twenty years, I have taught university students to work with Census data and parliamentary publications, assisted professors with ATIP requests and research projects, and provided countless conference presentations and training sessions in a range of venues. I bring frontline experience and evidence-based observations to the open government conversation.

Working with national and international professional associations was instrumental to my success establishing the Canadian Government Information Digital Preservation Network, an open access project that received the Canadian Library Association OCLC Award for Innovative Technology in 2015. Librarians who work with government information (be it data, documents, or publications) understand that these resources have enduring value and maximum impact when accessible in an open environment. Contributing to the civic engagement requirement of open government is one way I can continue my work in this area.

Access to government information is one of the pillars of a liberal democracy and its stewardship is affected by changes in government policy and publishing practices. The precarious nature of these politically sensitive programs has led me into the unanticipated role of advocate for open and perpetual access to these resources. In addition to presenting and occasionally writing on this topic, I initiated e-petition 1116, which calls on the Government of Canada to place government works in the public domain. As the number of signatories was almost triple the required threshold for certification, this petition is now scheduled for tabling in the House of Commons sometime during the week of October 16-20.

Openness is a value, like diversity, and in this context can serve the public good by inspiring the creation of new works and by minimizing democratic deficits. As I have become more active with the open access, open education, and Creative Commons communities I have come to appreciate the synergy between these groups and open government initiatives. Working together will serve to strengthen the evolving information ecosystem and the democratic values this system can support and inspire.

As you will see from my CV, I have been making my presentation materials openly available for many years and continue to be committed to working in a transparent and accountable way.

Sincerely,

Amanda Wakaruk, MLIS, MES
https://sites.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/wakaruk/

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE (select inclusions)

AMANDA WAKARUK

Copyright Librarian, Copyright Office, Learning Services, University of Alberta
amanda.wakaruk@ualberta.ca

ACADEMIC DEGREES

MASTER OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES (MES) Faculty of Environmental Studies, York University, 2009. Focused on environment-behaviour research including a major research project on the use and understanding of public space.

MASTER OF LIBRARY AND INFORMATION STUDIES (MLIS) School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta, 1999. Focused on government information and legal resources including a practicum in a major law firm and a directed course in legal research.

COMMERCE DEGREE (BCOMM, four year) Athabasca University, 1996. Electives intentionally broad-based in anticipation of LIS graduate work.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

COPYRIGHT LIBRARIAN (with tenure), University of Alberta, 2015 – present.

- Responsible for developing, implementing, and coordinating campus-wide copyright literacy programs and services.

- Active in OER program development at the institutional and provincial level.

- Research interests include the role of Crown copyright as it related to the stewardship of government information.

GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LIBRARIAN (appointed with tenure) University of Alberta, 2009 – 2015.

- Responsible for instruction, reference, and research services as well as overall management of government collections (domestic, foreign, and international) in all formats throughout the University of Alberta Libraries system.

- Established the harvesting of born digital government publications at the University of Alberta with a focus on Government of Alberta materials (using Archive-IT).

ACTING DIGITAL REPOSITORY SERVICES LIBRARIAN (full secondment, April – August 2015, partial secondment October 2012 – November 2013).

Open Access Publishing

- Responsible for managing the institutional repository and journal publishing service.

- Responsible for services that support the harmonized Tri-Agency Open Access Policy on Publications. Included communications and training across campus.

REFERENCE AND GOVERNMENT INFORMATION LIBRARIAN (with tenure) York University, 2001 – 2009.

- Responsible for the management and public service support related to domestic, foreign, and international government collections.

- Responsible for data services from March 2002 – April 2003; secondment included acting as York University's liaison for the Data Liberation Initiative, Statistics Canada.

ACTING REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, Staff College Library/Corporate Reference Center, Alberta Justice, Alberta Government, Edmonton, Alberta. March - December 1999.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Canadian Library Association / CFLA, 2003 – present

- Government Information Network, Founding Member, 2011 – present (previously Access to Government Information Interest Group (AGIIG), Member, 2003 – 2011)

- Convener (Chairperson), AGIIG, 2004 – 2006

American Library Association (ALA), 2001 – present

- Government Documents Round Table, 2003 – present

- Coordinator/Coordinator-Elect, International Documents Task Force, 2013 – 2014 Secretary, International Documents Task Force, 2011 – 2013

  ○ Coordinator duties included advocating for and presenting the ALA Resolution on Access to Canadian Federal Government Information to MidWinter 2013 Council Forum. ALA is the oldest and largest library association in the world, established in 1876 with 57,000 current members.

PRESENTATIONS (materials available at https://sites.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/wakaruk/presentations)

"The commons and Crown copyright: it's time for reform in Canada." Creative Commons community call. August 22, 2017.

"Heavy is the head that wears the crown (copyright)." Kingston, Ontario. ABC Copyright Conference. June 29, 2017.

"Copyright: fence or facilitator for open education?" Edmonton, Alberta. Open Education Week 2017 Panel: Be it Resolved that All Knowledge be Open. March 30, 2017.

"Could it be a case of the emperor's new clothes? Crown copyright and Canada's commitment to open government." Toronto, Ontario. Government Information Day. December 9, 2016.

"Copyright, Open Licensing, and Academic Authors: What Librarians Need to Know." Edmonton, Alberta. AAAL Meeting, November 17, 2016.

Co-Presenter with Catherine McGoveran, University of Ottawa, and Michelle Lake, Concordia University. "Here today, where tomorrow? Monitoring and making sense of Government of Canada web content changes in a post-depository environment." Ottawa, Ontario. Canadian Library Association Annual Conference. June 4, 2015.

"Keeping government information on the record: stewardship in a digital age." Toronto, Ontario. Canadian Association of Research Libraries. Leviathan North: Long-Term Access to Government Information in a Digital Era. May 15, 2015.

"What do you mean you don't have a copy? An attempt to document Government of Canada web content removed from open access." Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, British Columbia. Government Information Day. April 24, 2015.

"Canadian Government Information Private LOCKSS Network." Stanford University, Palo Alto, California. LOCKSS Partner Meeting. September 3, 2014.

"Government Information in Canada: Update 2014." Jasper, Alberta. Alberta Library Conference, April 26, 2014.

"FOI in Canada: The Changing Role of the Government Information Librarian." Toronto, Ontario. Government Information Day, November 1, 2013.

Co-Presenter with Tom Smyth, Library and Archives Canada and Sam-Chin Li, University of Toronto, "Web Harvesting the GoC: A Collaborative Effort." Toronto, Ontario. Government Information Day, November 1, 2013.

Co-Presenter with Mark Jordan, Simon Fraser University, "Why is this link dead? Aren't government publications all online? Preserving digital federal content with the Canadian Government Information Private LOCKSS Network." St. John's, Newfoundland. Access Conference, September 26, 2013.

"Government Information in Canada: Update." Chicago, Illinois. ACRL Science and Technology Section Federal Science Update, ALA Annual Conference, June 29, 2013.

Co-Presenter with Scott Reed, Internet Archive and Kelly Lau, "Community Tools and Best Practices for Harvesting and Preserving At-Risk Web Content" Winnipeg, Manitoba. Association of Canadian Archivists Conference, June 15, 2013.

"Federal Government Information Preservation Initiatives: CGI- PLN." Vancouver, British Columbia. Government Information Day, April 26, 2013.

Roundtable Discussant, "Challenges to Continued Access to Federal Government Information." Vancouver, British Columbia. Government Information Day, April 26, 2013.

"Lots of Copies keep Docs Safe: Using LOCKSS to create distributed digital government information depositories." Seattle, Washington. ALCTS PARS Digital Preservation Interest Group Meeting, ALA Midwinter, January 27, 2013.

PUBLICATIONS (full-text available at https://sites.google.com/a/ualberta.ca/wakaruk/publications)

Government Information in Canada: Access and Stewardship. Amanda Wakaruk & Sam-chin Li, Editors. *In-press with the University of Alberta Press.*

> Public access to government information forms the foundation of a healthy liberal democracy, but because this information can be precarious, it needs stewardship. Government Information in Canada provides a critical analysis of the state of published Canadian government information. Practitioners from across the country draw on decades of experience and hands-on practice to offer a broad, well-founded survey of history, procedures, and emerging issues—particularly the challenges posed by the transition of government information from print to digital access.

"Canadian Crown Copyright Conundrum." Fair Dealing Week 2016 blog post. February 2016.

"Government Information Speaking Notes." Documents to the People (DTTP), 43.1 (Spring 2015), p. 11-12.

"What the Heck is Happening Up North? Canadian Government Information Circa 2014." Documents to the People (DTTP), 42.1 (Spring 2014), p. 15- 20.

Book Review: "Government Information Management in the 21st Century: International Perspectives." Peggy Garvin (Ed.). Farnham, Surrey, England; Burlington, VT: Ashgate Pub., 2011. 232 pp. $99.95, ISBN: 9781409402060. Government Information Quarterly, 30 (2013), p. 211-212.

"Free at Last - International Statistics Join the Open Access Party." Access, 16.4 (Fall 2010), p. 32-33.

GRANTS AND HONOURS

Research Funding Committee, University of Alberta Libraries

● Received $3,000 in 2014 to support work on a Government of Canada Web Content project with co-investigator Assistant Professor Michael McNally, School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta.

Government Documents Roundtable, American Library Association

● Received the 1999 David Rozkuszka Scholarship, a $5,000 award for individuals working with government documents and completing an LIS master's degree.

SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

School of Library and Information Studies, University of Alberta, Instructor, "Introduction to Government Information." One-credit course, March 2016.

World Bank eLibrary, Member, Library Advisory Group, 2013 – 2015.

Canadian Government Information Digital Preservation Network (CGI DPN), Founding Chair, Steering Committee, 2012 – 2015. https://plnwiki.lockss.org/index.php?title=CGI_network

> The CGI DPN was developed by a group of library staff at eleven member institutions across Canada. Its mission is to preserve digital collections of government information, accomplished through LOCKSS and Archive-it technology. This geographically distributed preservation network makes content available in an open access environment. As Founding Chair of this network, I accepted the 2015 CLA/OCLC Award for Innovative Technology on behalf of the Steering Committee.

Depository Services Program (DSP), Public Works Government Services Canada, Representative at Large, DSP Library Advisory Committee, 2012 – 2015.

Canadian Association of Research Libraries (CARL), Representative, DSP Library Advisory Committee, 2006 – 2007.

References for Amanda Wakaruk
Multi-stakeholder Forum Nomination
October 2017

Kelsey Merkley, Creative Commons Canada Public Lead
Kelsey@uncommonwomen.org

Michael McNally, Assistant Professor, University of Alberta
mmcnally@ualberta.ca

Graeme Campbell, Open Government Librarian, Queen's University
graeme.campbell@queensu.ca