

## University of Alberta Libraries Web Archiving Policy

This policy adheres to the guiding principles of the University of Alberta Libraries' Collection Development Policy and should be read in conjunction with that general policy.

### **COLLECTION SCOPE**

We collect and archive web content that is of interest to both current and future researchers, academics, and scholars at the University of Alberta, as well as the general public. We endeavour to acquire quality materials that are appropriate in meeting the needs of the wide range of subject areas taught and researched at the University of Alberta.

### **ACCESS**

We endeavour to make publicly available as much content from our web archive collection as possible. Archiving the content without restrictions will ensure long term access by faculty, staff, students and researchers at the University of Alberta, as well as researchers and scholars outside the institution.

### **COPYRIGHT**

*Archiving Third-Party Content* – When a content owner posts a work on the internet, they are authorizing communication of their work to the public by telecommunication. We view this as their implicit consent to the indexing and caching of their site. In making this content available, we are furthering one of the goals of copyright, which is to ensure wider public dissemination of works.

*Ownership of Content* – We assert no claim of copyright or any other intellectual property right in the content included in the web archive collection.

*Authorized Use of Third-Party Content* – We provide access to this archived content only. We do not authorize any reproduction or use of the content. Users are responsible for dealing fairly with the content they access. We encourage users to review the archived site's terms of use, as well as inform themselves of the relevant laws applicable to their country.

*Permission to use Third-Party Content* – All requests for permission to reproduce and use the archived content must be sent to the copyright holder(s) directly. We will not act as intermediaries to any such transaction. Users are responsible for identifying the copyright status of the archived content, as well as identifying and contacting the appropriate authority for permission. All rights in the content are presumed to remain with the owner(s) identified on the website.

*Take-Down Requests for Third-Party Content* – We will consider requests for the removal of content from the web archive collection from the copyright holder.

### **LIMITATION OF LIABILITY**

The Libraries, along with our partners, endeavour to maintain the integrity of the web archive by capturing and presenting the information as it was originally made available to the public. We will not be held liable for the conduct or actions of web content producers, publishers, or those who access and use the web archive. We do not assume responsibility for verifying the accuracy of the archived content nor are we responsible for monitoring the archived sites for copyright compliance. A publisher is responsible for the content they communicate to the public by telecommunication and is solely responsible for

securing the necessary permissions and releases when required by law. Those who access and use the web archive do so at their own risk.

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