

## Historical Society of Alberta Letter of Support

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Dear Colleagues and Friends,

On behalf of the Canada History Collective, its steering Committee wants to express our sincere and full support for the Alberta historical community. At the latest meeting of the Collective, held on March 4th, an update was provided by your representative and president, Lorien Johansen. She explained the provincial government budget cuts in programs affecting history in your province, particularly the possible suppression of funding to your organization, a historical pillar of the province, older than the province itself.

We recognize that while government-run institutions may retain stable funding, the current funding environment is placing a heavy and disproportionate burden on independent associations, and the four chapters of the HSA.

We understand that for smaller, grassroots organizations, these challenges go beyond simple budget lines—they threaten the essential, daily work of preserving local archives and community stories. Our shared vocation is a quiet labour of love, and to see this vital work undervalued is a loss felt by the entire Canadian historical community.

Please know that you do not stand alone. As your colleagues and partners, we are ready to provide whatever resources, information, or strategic support you may find helpful as you navigate these difficult times.

History has shown that communities are at their strongest when they honour their past. We have immense respect for the resilience of the Historical Society of Alberta, and we stand with you in solidarity.

With deepest respect and collegial support,

**For the Canada History Collective | Collectif Histoire Canada,  
the Steering Committee**

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