

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS IN THE NIPAKANATIK PROJECT

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

Archives* are essential sources of information for discovering and transmitting the histories of Anicinabek families and communities. However, they are scattered across the territory: in private homes, community buildings, and non-Indigenous museums.

The objective of the NIPAKANATIK project is to make archives accessible through a website designed by and for communities.

Archive: *a source of information (e.g., object, photograph, cassette) that sheds light on the past or the culture of Anicinabek families or communities.*

PARTICIPATION IN THE PROJECT

If you hold archives and wish to make them accessible to the next seven generations, you may have them digitized by Minwashin. Their digital copies will be published on the **NIPAKANATIK** website, as well as in a Facebook group reserved for Anicinabek and Minwashin collaborators.

You retain ownership of your archives. They will be returned to you after digitization, along with digital copies on a USB drive.

If you agree, we will ask you for some information about the archives so that it can be shared on **nipakanatik.org**.

ACCESS TO ARCHIVE COPIES

If you wish to restrict access to copies of your archives to Anicinabek only, they will be stored in a section of the website accessible exclusively to users with an access key. Members of the general public will not be able to view them. Their titles, however, will remain public.

You may contact us at any time to change the access level of your archives. We will act on your request as quickly as possible.

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BENEFITS AND CONSIDERATIONS

By sharing a copy of your archives on the **NIPAKANATIK** website, you help ensure that they will remain accessible in the event that the original documents are lost. You will also support schools in improving the teaching of history.

We recognize that you will take time to sort through your archives prior to digitization. As a gesture of reciprocity, we will share with you any new archive or information we acquire that relates to your family.

ACCESS REQUESTS

A research team may contact us to request access to copies of your archives. Their request will be evaluated by the **Mitonenticikan Circle***. If approved, the team will be required to sign an agreement with the Circle and comply with a consultation protocol.

You will be informed of any request for access to copies of your archives.

Mitonenticikan Circle: *a committee that ensures that copies of your archives are used with respect for your rights and your person. Its members include Buddy Jawbone, Ejinagosi Kistabish, Maurice J. Kistabish, Audrey McLaren, John Mowatt, Naomi Robinson, and Nancy Wiscutie-Crépeau.*

RIGHT OF WITHDRAWAL

You may contact us at any time to request the removal of the digital copies of your archives from nipakanatik.org. We will act on your request as quickly as possible.