



*I hope this project will challenge the rigid and academic practices of archiving. I hope that my presence as a facilitator within the community will facilitate the Grand Council to identify their archival needs and to acquire additional funding.*

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The purpose of this initiative is to create an archives centre for/by the Waban-Aki Nation, that will help the community gather, within their own terms, all of the information pertaining to their collective memories. In turn, this centre will bring the community's knowledge & history into a tangible form that can easily be shared and reused by present-day members and outside researchers.

During the summer of 2019, I worked for the Nation's Grand Council as an archivist and record manager. I created a retention schedule, and digitized historical documents uncovered in the basement of the museum, offices, and residential homes. During my four-month stay, I offered a workshop to First Nation students at the College, teaching the Kiuna fundamental principles of archiving. These young students' great interest in archiving and the history of the people inspired me to continue my work within this community.

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