



## **Canadiana.org welcomes Ron Walker as Interim Executive Director**

On February 18, 2009 Canadiana.org welcomed Mr. Ron Walker as Interim Executive Director. As a consultant, Mr. Walker recently worked with the Canadiana.org Executive Directors to develop the organization's vision and business plan. This plan was accepted by the Board of Directors in December 2008. The vision of Canadiana.org is:

*It is vital to have a Canadian vision to present our cultural and scientific heritage in its bilingual and multicultural variety to our citizens and to the world, and to develop a comprehensive plan to provide Canadian Society with enduring digital access to that heritage. This is the mission of Canadiana.org.*



*Ron Walker and Magdalene Albert,  
Canadiana.org*

Interim Executive Director Mr. Walker will now forge ahead using the approved business plan to advance a goals-based delivery strategy that will delineate the Canadiana.org digitization advocacy role known as Digitization Preservation and Access (DPA).

President John Teskey stated that, as Interim Executive Director, Mr. Walker will have the benefits and ease of working alongside the directors and the Canadiana.org staff so as to achieve the best results.

Longtime Canadiana.org Executive Director Magdalene Albert will now be Director of Operations. The Director of Operations is responsible for the day-to-day operations of Canadiana.org. Operationally, Canadiana.org sustains and grows the digitization project

*Early Canadiana Online*, a website and digital library; and a distributed archiving and preservation program with partner libraries, archives, and museums. Ms. Albert expressed her satisfaction with the reorganization and welcomed Mr. Walker's business acumen.

Mr. Walker brings to Canadiana.org 37 years of experience in the information technology industry with senior management experience in both government and private organizations. As an entrepreneur he has founded and operated successful product and services technology companies. Mr. Walker gained experience in the documentary heritage sector working as a business consultant for both Libraries and Archives Canada and Canadiana.org. He developed the funding documentation for the AMICAN Trusted Digital Preservation Infrastructure initiative. for the Canada Project he developed a Technical Infrastructure Whitepaper, a High-level Project Plan, a Digitization Scoping/Costing Model, Delivery Strategies and initial Business Case analysis. He delivered a Business Plan in 2008 that merged the former AlouetteCanada goals with Canadiana.org to deliver its new vision and mandate.

Canadiana.org is an alliance of partners that works together to strengthen its collective ability to create, present and manage Canadian on-line content. Canadiana.org acts as an over-all coordinator, facilitator and advocate for digitization initiatives, together with their preservation infrastructures and enduring access services.

We are pan-Canadian in outlook and governance, representing the interests of many key partnering constituencies that include content creators, content holders (memory, education, science, government, private sector), and content end-users of cultural heritage and scientific resources.