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Canadian Women Voters Congress fonds

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Summary information

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| Repository: | Simon Fraser University Archives and Records Management Department |
| Title: | Canadian Women Voters Congress fonds |
| ID: | F-235 |
| Date: | 1998-2009 (date of creation) |
| Physical description: | 63 cm of textual records and other material |
| Dates of creation, revision and deletion: | |
| Note [generalNote]: | Includes 9 cm of photographs, 4 sound recordings, 4 moving images |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Canadian Women's Voters Congress (CWVC) was registered as a non-profit society in BC in 1998. The purposes of the Society, according to their Constitution, were to involve women in the process of societal change; convince women that they are responsible for, and have a major role in shaping the world in which they live; persuade women that they have a perspective and vision that may be different from the status quo; encourage women to act; and inspire women to use political and organizational systems with individual efforts to shape a better world. The Congress is run by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

The Congress' main focus has been to operate the Women's Campaign School, after Yale University's Women's Campaign School invited a representative of the CWVC to attend their school. The Women's Campaign School in Canada has operated annually since 1999 with participation from prominent women politicians such as Penny Priddy, Darlene Marzari, Sen. Pat Carney, Alexa McDonough, Belinda Stronach, and Sheila Copps.

The CWVC is funded through membership and private fundraising ventures.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records relating to the administration of the Canadian Womens Voters Congress as well as to the operation of the Women's Campaign School. Records include

correspondence, presentations, newsletters, reports, media releases, videocassettes, audiocassettes, photographs, and electronic files. The fonds is arranged in 3 series: Board Meeting Minutes, Administration, and the Women's Campaign School.

Notes

Title notes

- Source of title proper: Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The records were originally donated to the Simon Fraser University Archives by Bernice Davidson 2006 and by Jennifer Sweeney in 2011.

Restrictions on access

Some files may contain personal or confidential information. Access to these files may be restricted as stipulated by Archives policy or the donor. Files marked "pending review" must be reviewed by an archivist prior to release and, as a result of the review, access restrictions may apply. Please see the file lists and consult the reference archivist for more details.

Copyright subsists in all or some of the records and the donor has assigned copyright ownership to the Archives. Generally, the donor can only assign copyright ownership to works s/he authored and not necessarily to all the records that comprise this fonds. Please consult the reference archivist for details about the use of copyrighted materials.

Other notes

- Publication status: published
- Level of detail: Minimal

Access points

- Women (subject)
- Politics (subject)

Series descriptions

Series F-235-1: Board Meeting Minutes

Date: 1998-2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of minutes and agenda of the Board of Directors meetings. Series documents discussion and decisions that mark the evolution of the CWVC over 20 years.

Physical description: 6 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|---------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| F-235-1-0-0-1 | File - Board Meeting Minutes | 2001 - 2004 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-1-0-0-2 | File - Boat Meeting Minutes | 1998 - 2001 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-1-0-0-3 | File - Board Meeting Minutes including brochures, constitution | 2001 - 2006 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-1-0-0-4 | File - Board Meeting Minutes | 2003 - 2008 | Pending review | 235-1 |

Series F-235-2: Administration

Date: 1999-2009 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of files relating to the operation of the CWVC, including planning, governance, correspondence, fundraising, media, presentations, newsletters, and ephemeral material.

Physical description: 18 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| F-235-2-0-0-1 | File - Planning - Strategic and Other | 2003 - 2008 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-2-0-0-2 | File - Annual General Meeting - Minutes and Agenda | 2003 - 2007 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-2-0-0-3 | File - Governance - Constitution and Code of Conduct | 2002 - 2005 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-2-0-0-4 | File - Correspondence | 2004 | Pending review | 235-1 |
| F-235-2-0-0-5 | File - Media including releases, clippings, advertisements | 2002 - 2009 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-6 | File - Fundraising | 2002 - 2004 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-7 | File - Presentations | 2002 - 2006 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-8 | File - Newsletters | 2001 - 2006 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-9 | File - Archive material | 2001 - 2006 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-10 | File - Essay - "The Electoral Frontier: Women's Representation in BC's Legislature, 1986-2001" | 2002 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-11 | File - "Historic Documents" | 1999 | Pending review | 235-2 |

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|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| F-235-2-0-0-12 | File - Ephemeral material on history of women in Canada | ca 2005 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-2-0-0-13 | File - 4 booklets on women's political awareness in Serbia | 2000 | Pending review | 235-5 |
| F-235-2-0-0-14 | File - 7 booklets on women's political activism in Ukraine | 1999 - 2001 | Pending review | 235-5 |

Series F-235-3: Women's Campaign School

Date: 1999-2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records relating to the operation of the Women's Campaign School, including a manual that detailed how the school ran, minutes, correspondence, financial information, publicity, registration, and photographs.

Physical description: 38 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Photographic material (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
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Sub-series F-235-3-2: Manual

Date: 2000-2008 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of manuals, which were a comprehensive organizational tool to guide the operation of the school from start to finish.

Physical description: 19 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|
| F-235-3-2-0-1 | File - Manual, 2000, vol. 1 | 2000 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-3-2-0-2 | File - Manual 2000, vol. 2 | 2000 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-3-2-0-3 | File - Manual "Original Binder" 2005 | 2005 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-3-2-0-4 | File - Manual 2004 | 2004 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-3-2-0-5 | File - Manual - reference copy | 2004 | Pending review | 235-3 |
| F-235-3-2-0-6 | File - Manual 2003 | 2003 | Pending review | 235-3 |
| F-235-3-2-0-7 | File - Manual 2006 | 2006 | Pending review | 235-3 |
| F-235-3-2-0-8 | File - Manual 2007 | 2007 | Pending review | 235-4 |

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|----------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-------|
| F-235-3-2-0-9 | File - Manual - working binder (planning), vol. 1 | 2003 - 2008 | Pending review | 235-3 |
| F-235-3-2-0-10 | File - Manual - working binder (planning), vol. 2 | 2003 - 2008 | Pending review | 235-3 |

Sub-series F-235-3-3: Administration

Date: 2002-2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of records relating to the administration of the Women's Campaign School, including minutes, correspondence, publicity, alumni, finances, and programming.

Physical description: 11 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual record (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|---------------|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| F-235-3-3-0-1 | File - Minutes and Correspondence | 2002 - 2003 | Pending review | 235-4 |
| F-235-3-3-0-2 | File - Publicity and registration | 2002 | Pending review | 235-4 |
| F-235-3-3-0-3 | File - Revenue | 2002 | Pending review | 235-4 |
| F-235-3-3-0-4 | File - Expenses | 2002 | Pending review | 235-4 |
| F-235-3-3-0-5 | File - "Best Wishes" | 2002 | Pending review | 235-4 |

Sub-series F-235-3-4: Photographs

Scope and content:

Sub-series consists of photographs taken during various Campaign Schools, including opening night, students in action, instructors, keynote speakers, and organizational staff.

Physical description: 9 cm of photographs

Access points:

- Photographic material (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|---------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|-----------|
| F-235-3-4-0-1 | File - Women's Campaign School graduation | [ca 2000] | Pending review | 235-5 |
| F-235-3-4-0-2 | File - Women's Campaign School | 2004 | Pending review | 235-5 |
| F-235-3-4-0-3 | File - Women's Campaign School | [ca 2000] | Pending review | 235-5 |
| F-235-3-4-0-4 | File - Women's Campaign School Album | 1999 - 2001 | Pending review | 235-5 |
| F-235-3-4-0-5 | File - Women's Campaign School Album | 1999 - 2001 | Pending review | 235-5 |

Series F-235-4: Recordings of interviews and events

Date: 1999-2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of audiocassettes of a presentation on women's political activism in Belgrade, Serbia, called "Voice of Difference" as well as a recording of CBC's The House, an interview with Studio 4, and the Women's Campaign School reception.

Physical description: 4 sound recordings.
4 moving images.

Note:

Includes 4 sound recordings over 10 cassettes and 4 moving images over 4 VHS tapes.

Access points:

- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)

File / item list

| Ref code | Title | Dates | Access status | Container |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|----------------|-----------|
| F-235-4-0-0-0-1 | Item - Voice of Difference | 2001 | Pending review | 235-2 |
| F-235-4-0-0-0-2 | Item - Recording of CBC's The House | 2002 | Pending review | OBJ-4030 |
| F-235-4-0-0-0-3 | Item - Recording of CBC's Almanac | 2002 | Pending review | OBJ-4030 |
| F-235-4-0-0-0-4 | Item - Women's campaign school reception | 1999 | Pending review | OBJ-4035 |
| F-235-4-0-0-0-5 | Item - Studio 4 Friday April 26 2002 Guests: Dr Carolyn Bennett / Brandt Morgan | 2002 | Pending review | |
| F-235-4-0-0-0-6 | Item - Studio 4 - Friday, Apr 26, 2001 Guests: Dr. Carolyn Bennett / Brandt Morgan | 2002 | Pending review | |
| F-235-4-0-0-0-7 | Item - Women's Campaign School Welcome Alumnae Reception April 24, 2003 Keynote Speaker Hon. Alexa McDonough | 2003 | Pending review | |