Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Fonds

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Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform [CAER] fonds
July 2003-Dec. 2004
55.3 cm of textual records and other material

Administrative History:

The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, (CAER) membership was of 161 British Columbia residents, randomly chosen from the province's 79 electoral districts. The mandate of The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform was to examine a variety of models for the election of members of the Legislative Assembly and to propose recommendations on whether British Columbia should keep its current system for provincial elections or whether it should adopt a new model.

In September 2002, Gordon Gibson was appointed by the government to advise on the mandate and make up of a citizens' assembly. Gibson's, *Report on the Constitution of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform* was completed on December 23, 2002. On April 30, 2003, The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform was created. On May 16, 2003, Jack Blaney, former president of Simon Fraser University, was appointed to the chair of the CAER by the B.C. Legislature. The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform held fifty public hearings in May and June of 2004. In addition, over 1430 individuals made 1603 written submissions to the Assembly. The deliberation sessions were held from September to November 2004. The adoption of a new voting system, called "BC-STV" or "single transferable vote" system was recommended. On May 17, 2005 a provincial referendum was held to allow citizens to vote on whether the BC-STV system should be adopted for use in provincial elections.

Scope and Content:

The fonds consists of print submissions made by individuals to The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform, electronic records made by the CAER, video recordings of plenary sessions, interviews with CAER members, details of the BC-STV system, and animations of the procedure for the BC-STV, and a printed technical report.

Notes:
Source of supplied title: Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Physical description: 44 optical discs, 4 CD-ROMs, 17 videocassettes, 1 book

Immediate source of acquisition: The materials were acquired by SFU Special Collections from The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform in one accession in 2004.

Finding Aids: Series and file descriptions are available.

Associated material: Related material held at the British Columbia Archives.

Series 1: Submissions from the Public
July 2003-Sept. 2004
55.3 cm of textual records

The series consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER, mostly via the Assembly's website, discussing the local issues and concerns of citizens regarding changes to the way voting in elections is conducted, and the results counted.

Source of supplied title: Title taken from previously assigned series name.

Series 2: Electronic Resources
Jan. 2004-Dec. 2004
44 optical discs
4 CD-ROMs
1 videocassette : beta cam

The series consists of DVDs of the CAER Learning Phase weekends, Deliberation Phase weekend meetings, plenary meetings, photographs, final report, technical report, preliminary statement, video descibing the CAER, interviews with CAER members, animation of description of BC-STV and public website; CD-ROMs with presentations and animations, MSWord and .pdf file versions of fact sheets, news features, .jpg file photographs, animations; and a beta cam SP-NTSC cassette with background shots of the CAER's work.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Series 3: Video Recordings
Jan. 2004-Dec. 2004
16 videocassettes

The series consists of video recordings of CAER's plenary sessions, video of a Knowledge Network program concerning the CAER, electoral review, a description of the CAER, interviews with CAER members, details of the BC-STV and animations.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

Series 4: Technical Report
December 2004
1 book

The series consists of a CAER technical report.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the content of the series.

File Descriptions

Series 1: Submissions from the Public

87.1.1 Submissions
July 18, 2003-January 13, 2004
4 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.2 Submissions
January 12, 2004-March 27, 2004
4 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.3 Submissions
March 29, 2004-April 23, 2004
3 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.4 Submissions
April 23, 2004-May 9, 2004
3 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.5 Submissions
May 9, 2004-June 6, 2004
6.3 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.6 Submissions
June 7, 2004-June 23, 2004
5 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.7 Submissions
June 23, 2004-August 9, 2004
6 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.8 Submissions
August 1, 2004-August 12, 2004
5 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.9 Submissions
August 12, 2004-August 13, 2004
6 cm of textual records

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87.1.10 Submissions
August 13, 2004-September 1, 2004
7 cm of textual records

File consists of print submissions made by individuals to the CAER.

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87.1.11 Submissions
August 15, 2004-September 27, 2004
6 cm of textual records

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Series 2: Electronic Resources

87.2.1 Learning Phase Weekends
January 11, 2004-March 26, 2004
13 DVDs

File consists of DVDs with Learning Phase Weekends (2 discs per weekend, 3 for weekend 6).

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87.2.2 Deliberation Phase: Citizens' Assembly Weekend Meetings
September 11, 2004-November 28, 2004
23 DVDs

File consists of DVDs with records concerning Deliberation Phase Citizens' Assembly Weekend Meetings.

Source of supplied title: Title taken from previously assigned file name.

87.2.3 Citizens' Assembly Plenary Meetings and Certificate Presentations
October 23, 2004-November 27, 2004
3 DVDs

File consists of DVDs with records concerning Deliberation Weekend 4, at which decision was made to recommend the single transferable vote, (STV) as the best alternative electoral system. Also included are certificate presentations of November 27, 2004.

Source of supplied title: Title taken from previously assigned file name.

87.2.4 Photographs Taken by Kent Kallberg
November 2004
1 DVD

File consists of one DVD with photographs in .jpg files of Premier Gordon Campbell awarding certificates to each Citizens' Assembly member, as well as of the final session of the CAER, and of the CAER in action.

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87.2.5 Making Every Vote Count
March 21, 2004-December 21, 2004
1 DVD

File consists of one DVD with Final Report, Technical Report and Preliminary Statement.

Source of supplied title: Title taken from previously assigned file name.

87.2.6 Making Every Vote Count
December 15, 2004
1 DVD
File consists of one DVD with video [11:06] describing the Citizens' Assembly, interviews with members, details of the British Columbia - Single transferable vote, (BC-STV), and a [4:22] description, using animation of the BC-STV and the vote counting process.

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87.2.7 Making Every Vote Count
2004
1 CD-ROM

File consists of 1 CD-ROM with presentations and animations. Presentations include MS PowerPoint presentation on Citizens' Assembly and its recommendations, and a .pdf version of the same presentation with notes and handouts, and a MS PowerPoint and .pdf version of BC-STV presentation with notes and handouts. Animations include shockwave flash files (.swf) playable with QuickTime software, of the two vote counting systems considered: BC-STV and First Past the Post (FPTP).

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87.2.8 Making Every Vote Count
2004
1 CD-ROM

File consists of one CD-ROM with MSWord and .pdf versions of fact sheets, MSWord version of news features, .jpg photographs of the CAER, with details of each photograph in a MSWord file, shockwave flash files playable with QuickTime animations of BC-STV and FPTP and MSWord version of contact names for news media after December 2004.

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87.2.9 Making Every Vote Count: Public Website
November 23, 2003-December 21, 2004
1 DVD

File consists of one DVD with a complete archive of the CAER website, from its launch to its last update.

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87.2.10 Making Every Vote Count
December 23, 2004
1 DVD

File consists of one DVD with an archive of the members' website without discussion forum.

Source of supplied title: Title taken from previously assigned file name.

87.2.11 Citizens' Assembly Submission Attachments and Presentation Summaries
January 2004
1 CD-ROM

File consists of one CD-ROM with files in MSWord and .pdf formats.

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87.2.12 Citizens' Assembly Public Hearings
2004
1 CD-ROM

File consists of one CD-ROM with 44 of the 50 hearings. Digital voice editor software is included. Software must be loaded from the CD to listen to the recordings.

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87.2.13 Media B-Roll
2004
1 Beta cam SP-NTSC cassette

File consists of one Beta cam SP-NTSC cassette with background shots of the Citizens' Assembly's work released for TV stories.

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Series 3: Video Recordings

87.3.1 Citizens' Assembly Plenary Sessions
January 24, 2004-January 25, 2005
4 videocassettes (ca. 30 min. each)

File consists of video recordings of CAER plenary sessions.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the contents of the file.

87.3.2 CAER Plenary Sessions
January 10, 2004-March 21, 2004
6 videocassettes (ca. 30 min. each)

File consists of video recordings of plenary sessions. Each weekend session has been condensed to one cassette.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the contents of the file.

87.3.3 CAER
March 2004-April 2004
1 videocassette (16 min., 55 sec.)

File consists of video recordings of programming broadcast by the Knowledge Network: vignette, and electoral review.

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87.3.4 Making Every Vote Count
December 15, 2004
1 videocassette (15 min., 28 sec.)

File consists of one videocassette with video of description of CAER, interviews with members, and details of the BC-STV, and with animation of description of BC-STV and the counting process.

Source of supplied title: Title taken from previously assigned file name.

87.3.5 Citizens' Assembly
January 10, 2004-January 11, 2004
4 videocassettes (4 hr., 45 min.)

File consists of video recordings of the CAER Learning Phase.

Source of supplied title: Title based on the contents of the file.

Series 4: Technical Report

87.4.1 Making Every Vote Count
December 2004
1 book

File consists of the following technical report:
Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform. *Making Every Vote Count: The Case for Electoral Reform in British Columbia*. Library and Archives Canada Cataloguing in Publication Data, 2004.

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