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Nova Scotia Women's Action Committee fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Nova Scotia Women's Action Committee fonds
Reference code:	MS-11-4
Date:	1974-1982 (date of creation)
Language:	English
Physical description:	28 cm of textual records (29 folders)
Note [generalNote]:	Preferred citation: [Identification of item], Nova Scotia Women's Action Committee fonds, MS-11-4, Box [box number], Folder [folder number], Dalhousie University Archives, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

In the fall of 1975, the Nova Scotia Women's Action Committee (NSWAC) was formed in Halifax by women wishing to work in a practical way toward the full and equal participation of women in all aspects of Nova Scotia society -- political, economic, educational, cultural, and social. Membership was open to all female residents of Nova Scotia.

Members' meetings were held roughly every two months to set policy and decide on major activities. Between public meetings, a Steering Committee of six to eight women (elected annually in September) acted for the whole committee, acting on issues as they arose and speaking for the whole committee. The committee was active in many areas, such as abortion, day care, education, equal pay, matrimonial property, and unemployment. In 1978, NSWAC received a grant from the Secretary of State and published the Report of the Resource Bank Project on Boards and Commissions Access Kit to Nova Scotia's Boards and Commissions.

Custodial history

The records were received in two accessions -- October 14, 1980 from Kathy Moggridge and March 17, 1982 from Christina Simmons.

Scope and content

This fonds mainly consists of the publications, correspondence, meeting minutes, news releases, newsletters, newspaper clippings and reports of the Nova Scotia Women's Action Committee.

Notes

Title notes

Arrangement

The fonds is arranged into five series:

Activities

Administrative records

Associated organizations

Related papers, publications, and reports

Resource Bank project

Restrictions on access

All records are open.

Conditions governing use

Materials do not circulate and must be used in the Archives and Special Collections Reading Room. Materials may be under copyright. Contact departmental staff for guidance on reproduction.

Accruals

Further accruals are possible, but not expected.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual record (documentary form)
- Correspondence (subject)
- Feminism--Nova Scotia (subject)
- Minutes and proceedings (subject)

- Nonprofit organizations--Canada (subject)
 - Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
 - Societies--Archives (subject)
 - Women's rights (subject)
 - Women--History--Canada (subject)
 - Women--Social conditions--Canada (subject)
 - Halifax (N.S.) (place)
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Collection holdings

Series: Activities

Title: Activities

Date: 1975-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series consists of records relating to different activities the committee had been involved in, including abortion debates, day care, education, pay equity, occupational health and safety, and unemployment.

Physical description: 10.5 cm of textual records (12 folders)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 1 - Abortion

Title: Abortion

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 1

Date: 1978-1979 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes correspondence and newspaper clippings.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 1 - BONDING (Better Obstetric and Neonatal Decisions in the New Grace)

Title: BONDING (Better Obstetric and Neonatal Decisions in the New Grace)

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 1

Date: 1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 2 - Daycare : Briefs, proposals and reports

Title: Daycare : Briefs, proposals and reports

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 2

Date: 1976-1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes copies of related legislations, correspondence, flyers, newspaper clippings, notes, etc.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 3 - Education

Title: Education

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 3

Date: 1976-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes meeting agenda, meeting notes, and newspaper clippings.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 3 - Election Issues Coalition

Title: Election Issues Coalition

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 3

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes questionnaire to candidates and newspaper clippings

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 4 - Equal Pay

Title: Equal Pay

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 4

Date: 1975-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes correspondence, legislations, notes, press releases, and reports.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 5 - Matrimonial property law

Title: Matrimonial property law

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 5

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes correspondence, press releases, and related government bills.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 4 - New Democratic Party

Title: New Democratic Party

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 4

Date: 1975, 1978, 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes correspondence, news releases, policy leaflets and other material.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 6 - Nova Scotia Task Force on the Status of Women : Reports

Title: Nova Scotia Task Force on the Status of Women : Reports

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 6

Date: 1976-1977 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes the 1976 report "Herself : Elle-Meme."

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 5 - Rug ranking

Title: Rug ranking

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 5

Date: 1975, 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes a job questionnaire issued by the Nova Scotia Civil Service Commission.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 7 - Occupational Safety Health Conference

Title: Occupational Safety Health Conference

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 7

Date: 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes preparation notes for the conference.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 8 - Unemployment

Title: Unemployment

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 8

Date: 1977, 1980-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes correspondence, press releases and other material.

Physical description: (1 folder)

Series: Administrative records

Title: Administrative records

Date: [1975?] - 1982 ; predominant 1976-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of correspondence, flyers, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and press releases.

Physical description: 5.5 cm of textual records (7 folders)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 1 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 1

Date: 1976-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes letters from Gerald Regan, Premier of Nova Scotia.

Physical description: (1 folder)

Arrangement:

The original filing scheme of records in this file was reconstructed during archival arrangement. Correspondence to or from government officials were originally arranged by names. Other letters were arranged chronologically.

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 6 - Flyers

Title: Flyers

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 6

Date: 1977-1978, 1980-1982 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 2 - Meetings of the Steering Committee

Title: Meetings of the Steering Committee

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 2

Date: [1975]-1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 3 - Member meetings

Title: Member meetings

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 3

Date: 1976-1978 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 4 - Public meetings

Title: Public meetings

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 4

Date: 1977, 1979-1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 5 - Newspaper clippings

Title: Newspaper clippings

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 5

Date: 1978, 1980 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 7 - Press releases

Title: Press releases

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 7

Date: 1977-1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

Series: Associated organizations

Title: Associated organizations

Date: 1976-1978, 1980-1981 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records from organizations associated with NSWAC, including A Women's Place and National Action Committee on the Status of Women.

Physical description: 4 cm of textual records (4 folders)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 9 - A Women's Place : Newsletters

Title: A Women's Place : Newsletters

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 9

Date: 1978, 1980-1981 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 10 - Advisory Council on the Status of Women : Report summaries

Title: Advisory Council on the Status of Women : Report summaries

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 10

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes: "Indian Women and Law in Canada" by Kathleen Jamieson Women and "Aging: A Report on the Rest of Our Lives" by Louise Rosen.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 8 - National Action Committee on the Status of Women

Title: National Action Committee on the Status of Women

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 8

Date: 1976-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes meetings and workshops materials, memorandums, press releases, and stickers of the 50th Anniversary of the Persons Case, a case of five women from Alberta (Emily Murphy, Louise McKinney, Nellie McClung, Irene Parlby and Henrietta Muir Edwards) who fought and won the right for women in Canada to be officially deemed "persons" under the law.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 11 - Other women's organizations

Title: Other women's organizations

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 1, Folder 11

Date: 1976-1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes materials from the Coalition of Support to Women, YWCA, and Southern African Information Group.

Physical description: (1 folder)

Series: Related papers, publications and reports

Title: Related papers, publications and reports

Date: 1974-1975, 1980 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of publications and papers relating to the topic of women's status in Nova Scotia.

Physical description: 4.5 cm of textual records (3 folders)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 9 - Miscellaneous documents

Title: Miscellaneous documents

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 9

Date: 1975, 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes Maritime Women's Access Handbook, Reel Life Report, etc.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 6 - Reports and notes

Title: Reports and notes

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 6

Date: 1974, 1976, 1980 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 7 - Women's Concerns about the Quality of Life in the Halifax Metropolitan Area / Linda Christiansen-Ruffman et al, St. Mary's University

Title: Women's Concerns about the Quality of Life in the Halifax Metropolitan Area / Linda Christiansen-Ruffman et al, St. Mary's University

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 7

Date: 1975 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File contains a report on the quality of life for women in the Halifax area. The report was written by Linda Christiansen-Ruffman and colleagues from St. Mary's University.

Physical description: (1 folder)

Series: Resource Bank project

Title: Resource Bank project

Date: 1978-1980, 1982 ; predominant 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series consists of records related to the Resource Bank Project.

Physical description: 3.5 cm of textual records (3 folders)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 8 - Correspondence

Title: Correspondence

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 8

Date: 1978-1980, 1982, predominant 1978 (date of creation)

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 10 - Miscellaneous documents

Title: Miscellaneous documents

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 3, Folder 10

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes press releases, information sheet, etc.

Physical description: (1 folder)

File: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 9 - Publications

Title: Publications

Reference code: MS-11-4, Box 2, Folder 9

Date: 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

File includes “Report of the Resource Bank Project on Boards and Commissions” and “Access Kit to Nova Scotia’s Boards and Commissions.”

Physical description: (1 folder)
