

Richard Charles Lee Chinese Canadian Archives

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter fonds

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Fonds Level Description

Administrative history

Name(s):

Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter

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加拿大华人全国委员会多伦多分会

The Toronto Chapter of the Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNCTO) was incorporated in Ontario in 1985. The grassroots, non-profit organization is made up of Chinese Canadians in the Greater Toronto Area organizing to advance the equity, social justice, and inclusive civic participation of Chinese Canadians, under an overarching respect for diversity and human rights. Major activities include public education, systemic advocacy, community development, coalition building, and providing direct assistance to individuals facing discrimination.

The CCNCTO is a local member chapter of the umbrella Chinese Canadian National Council (CCNC) that was formed in Ontario in 1980 as an outcome of the Anti-W5 campaign protesting the irresponsible journalism of CTV. Chinese Canadians across the country had mobilized against the national television network's W5 program segment "Campus Giveaway" that depicted Chinese Canadian students as "foreigners" taking up "Canadian" spots on university campuses. In Toronto, an Ad Hoc Committee Against W5 under the Chinese Canadian Council of Ontario first gathered in support of University of Toronto students whose images were included in the segment without

	<p>their consent and who took legal action against CTV. The fourteen-month campaign concluded with a public apology from CTV and the formation of the Chinese Canadian National Council and some of its first member chapters. The Toronto Chapter is a direct offspring of the Toronto Ad Hoc Committee Against W5.</p> <p>A major, decades-long issue within the Chinese Canadian community taken up by the CCNC and supported by the CCNCTO was the campaign for redress among those who had paid the discriminatory Chinese head tax to enter Canada under the country's Chinese Immigration Act (1885-1947).</p>
<p>Dates(s) of creation</p>	
	<p>1982-2012 (predominant 1985-2001)</p>
<p>Physical description</p>	
	<p>ca. 3.2 m textual records and other material Includes photographs, negatives and slides</p>
<p>Custodial history</p>	
	<p>Records were donated to University of Toronto Libraries in 2014, with facilitation provided by Professor Roland Coloma of the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education with then CCNCTO executive director, May Lui.</p>
<p>Scope and content</p>	
	<p>Records in the fonds relate to the founding, development and activities of the Chinese Canadian National Council Toronto Chapter. Record types include meeting minutes, business correspondence, funding applications, position papers, newspaper clippings, and photographs and negatives.</p> <p>The fonds consists of seven series: Minutes, etc.; Funding applications; Organizational memberships and correspondence; Projects and issues; Legal cases; Publications and photographs; and News clippings.</p> <p>Many of the organization's records are functionally and thematically interrelated across the series and between files.</p>
<p>Accruals</p>	
	<p>Further accruals expected.</p>

Language(s)	
	English, Chinese, French
Restrictions	
	A number of files in Series 5 relate to legal cases of individuals and are restricted.
Archivist's Note	
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Control area	
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Series 1	
Series Title	
	Minutes, etc.
Dates(s) of creation	
	1982-2011 (predominant 1985-2001)
Physical description	
	31 cm of textual records
Scope and content	
	<p>Records in the series relate to minutes of directors meetings, records of non-profit incorporation, constitution and bylaws, annual general meetings, and annual reports.</p> <p>A file relates to papers presented at the CCNC national meeting in Vancouver in 1982. A file relates to the CCNC York Region planning committee meetings in 1996. Records include notebooks of former executive director, Karen Sun.</p>

Series 2	
Series Title	
	Funding applications
Dates(s) of creation	
	1995-2001
Physical description	
	18 cm of textual records
Scope and content	
	<p>Records in the series relate to applications for municipal and provincial funding under multiculturalism, anti-racism, and access and equity grant programs and projects. Records relate to government grants policy review. A small number of files relates to fundraising initiatives.</p>

Series 3	
Series title	
	Organizational memberships and correspondence
Dates(s) of creation	
	1992-2011
Physical description	
	37 cm of textual records
Scope and content	
	Records in the series relate to the organization's activities in coalition building. Records relate to an active membership in the Chinese Interagency Network of Metro Toronto, membership in the Metro Network for Social Justice, and correspondence with other equity-seeking and social justice organizations.

Series 4	
Series title	
	Projects and issues
Dates(s) of creation	
	1985-2011
Physical description	
	1 m of textual records
Scope and content	
	Records in the series relate to major issues and advocacy undertaken by the organization including in the areas of community policing, integrated settlement services planning, social planning, poverty reduction with a focus on the racialization of poverty, and employment equity.

	Records relate to the organization's participation in various working groups, task forces and advisory councils at the municipal and provincial levels towards public policy development and reform. Records include position papers, workshop training materials, and resource guides. Projects supporting youth engagement and leadership training include heritage festivals, exhibitions and other cultural events.
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Series 5	
Series title	
	Legal cases
Dates(s) of creation	
	1991-2001
Physical description	
	16 cm of textual records
Scope and content	
	Records in the series include the formal complaints or litigation of individuals who sought the organization's representation against discrimination, predominantly related to police conduct and in the workplace. Records relate to traditional Chinese medicine and animal protection laws. A small number of records relates to organizing for head tax redress.
Restrictions	
	Contains restricted materials.

Series 6	
Series title	
	Publications and photographs
Dates(s) of creation	
	1982-2012

Physical description	
	17 cm of textual records Photographs, negatives and slides
Scope and content	
	Records in the series relate to annual reports, anniversary reports, and publications resulting from storytelling projects. Records include guest books of various events, including the 1982 CCNC national meeting in Vancouver. Photographs in the series relate to events in 2003 and 2004.

Series 7	
Series title	
	News clippings
Dates(s) of creation	
	1984-2006
Physical description	
	ca. 1 m of textual records
Scope and content	
	Records in the series relate to media monitoring in the areas of civil rights and race relations.