

Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform fonds

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FONDS LEVEL DESCRIPTION

Title: Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform fonds

Dates of creation: Nov. 2002 – Dec. 2004

Physical description: 70.5 cm of textual records and other material
(Includes 17 videocassettes, 44 optical discs, 5 CD-ROMs)

Administrative history: The Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform was an independent, non-partisan group of 160 randomly selected British Columbians, assembled to examine the British Columbia provincial electoral system. The members of the Assembly were selected from all 79 electoral districts in the province, as was chaired by Dr. Jack Blaney. Premier Gordon Campbell pledged in 2001 to put together an assembly to assess models for electing the Legislative Assembly, to adopt a model different from the one in place, and to present a report of their findings to the Attorney General. In September 2002, work began to put the Citizens' Assembly together; the Assembly officially convened in January 2004, and disbanded in December 2004. The Assembly recommended a model known as the British Columbia Single Transferable Vote (BC-STV), and a public referendum concerning its adoption took place in May 2005.

Scope and content: Fonds consists of printed copies of public submissions made to the Citizens' Assembly on the topic of electoral reform, press clippings, a log tracking media coverage, recordings of meetings, archives of the website and electronic documents, various presentations and reports.

Source of supplied title: Title based on content of fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition: The fonds of the Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform were brought into the Rare Books and Special Collections division of the University of British Columbia by UBC reference librarian Ellen George. She received the material from a Citizens' Assembly staff member, Campbell Sherman.

Finding aids: File list available.

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

SERIES LEVEL DESCRIPTIONS

SERIES 1

Title: Public submissions

Dates of creation: Sep. 2003 – Oct. 2004

Physical description: 36 cm of textual records

Scope and content: The series consists of print copies of submissions made by the public to the Citizens' Assembly on various topics related to electoral reform. Some submissions include attachments or scanned originals of submissions sent in hard copy.

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

SERIES 2

Title: Media clippings

Dates of creation: Nov. 2002 – Dec. 2004

Physical description: 34.5 cm of textual records

Scope and content: The series consists of clippings of electronic and print articles from a variety of publications, mentioning the work of the Citizens' Assembly.

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

SERIES 3

Title: Electronic Media

Date: ca. Jan. 2004 – Dec. 2004

Physical description: 44 optical discs, 5 CD-ROMs, 1 videocassette: betacam

Scope and content: The series consists of DVD recordings of Citizens' Assembly meetings; DVD copies of photographs in JPG format, promotional materials, copies of the public and private Citizens' Assembly websites (without discussion forum); CD-ROMs of the Assembly's final report, various presentations, resources, submission attachments and presentation summaries in PDF and Word formats, audio of Citizens' Assembly public meetings, and one Betacam recording of footage used in media coverage of the Citizens' Assembly.

Source of supplied title: Title based on format of series.

System requirements: Microsoft Windows operating system, Microsoft Word, Microsoft PowerPoint, Adobe Acrobat Reader, CD/DVD drive.

SERIES 4

Title: Video recordings

Dates of creation: ca. Jan. 2004 – Apr. 2004

Physical description: 16 videocassettes: VHS

Scope and content: The series consists of VHS video of plenary sessions, and assorted promotional material.

Source of supplied title: Title based on format of series.

Videocassette number: VT 21: 1 – VT 21: 16

FILE LIST**Public submissions****Sep. 2003 – Oct. 2004****Box 1****File No.**

- 1-1 August 30 – October 1, 2004
- 1-2 September 1 – September 7, 2004
- 1-3 August 31 – September 1, 2004
- 1-4 August 26 – August 31, 2004
- 1-5 August 24 – August 26, 2004
- 1-6 August 13 – August 24, 2004
- 1-7 August 12 – August 13, 2004

Box 2

- 2-1 August 11 – August 12, 2004
- 2-2 August 1 – August 12, 2004
- 2-3 July 13 – August 1, 2004
- 2-4 June 23 – July 13, 2004
- 2-5 June 15 – June 23, 2004
- 2-6 May 27 – June 15, 2004
- 2-7 May 15 – May 27, 2004

Box 3

- 3-1 May 6 – May 15, 2004
- 3-2 April 19 – May 6, 2004
- 3-3 March 29 – April 18, 2004
- 3-4 March 28 – January 14, 2004
- 3-5 December 3, 2003 – January 12, 2004
- 3-6 July 29 – December 2, 2003

Media clippings**Nov. 2002 – Dec. 2004**

- 3-7 Log of media coverage of the Citizens' Assembly, from 5 September 2003 – 29 December 2004

Box 4

- 4-1 December 2004
- 4-2 November 2004
- 4-3 November 2004
- 4-4 October 2004
- 4-5 October 2004

File No.

4-6 October 2004

Box 5

5-1 September 2004

5-2 September 2004

5-3 July and August 2004

5-4 June 2004

5-5 May 2004

Box 6

6-1 April 2004

6-2 March 2004

6-3 February 2004

6-4 January 2004

6-5 November and December 2003

6-6 September and October 2003

6-7 November 2002 – August 2003

Electronic media**ca. Jan. 2004 – Dec. 2004****Box 7**

Learning Phase Weekends	January – March 2004	13 DVDs
Deliberation Phase Assembly Weekend Meetings	September – November 2004	23 DVDs
Plenary Meetings and Certificate Presentations	October – November 2004	3 DVDs
Photographs by Kent Kallberg JPG files	November 12 and 27 2004	1 DVD
Making Every Vote Count Video [11:06] Description of the Citizens' Assembly Interviews with members Details of BC-STV Animation [4:22] Description of BC-STV Vote counting process		1 DVD

Making Every Vote Count Public Website Archive of website from launch to final update	November 23, 2003 – December 21, 2004	1 DVD
Making Every Vote Count Members Website Archive of members' website without discussion forum	December 23, 2004	1 DVD
Making Every Vote Count Final Report Technical Report Preliminary Statement Files in MS Word and PDF Files in English, French, Chinese, and Punjabi	March 21 – December 21, 2004	1 CD-ROM
Making Every Vote Count Presentations and Animation MS PowerPoint and PDF versions of Citizens' Assembly presentation, notes, and handouts MS PowerPoint and PDF versions of BC-STV presentation, notes, and handouts Shockwave flash animations describing BC-STV and First Past the Post election models; playable with QuickTime		1 CD-ROM
Making Every Vote Count Citizens' Assembly Resources MS Word and PDF fact sheets MS Word news features JPG photos of the Assembly MS Word captions for the JPGs Shockwave flash animations describing BC-STV and First Past the Post election models; playable with QuickTime MS Word contact names		1 CD-ROM
Citizens' Assembly Submission Attachments and Presentation Summaries Files in MS Word and PDF		1 CD-ROM
Citizens' Assembly Public Hearings 44 of the 50 public hearings Voice editor software included; must be loaded from the CD in order to listen to the hearings.		1 CD-ROM

Media B-Roll

1 Beta cam
SP-NTSC
cassette

Background shots of the Citizens' Assembly's work released for television stories covering the Assembly

Video recordings**ca. Jan. 2004 – Apr. 2004**

VT 21: 1 – 2	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform January 10, 2004	2 VHS
VT 21: 3 - 4	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform January 11, 2004	2 VHS
VT 21: 5 - 6	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform January 24, 2004	2 VHS
VT 21: 7 - 8	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform January 25, 2004	2 VHS
VT 21: 9	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Plenary Session 1, January 10-11, 2004 From Hansard TV	1 VHS
VT 21: 10	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Plenary Session 2, January 24-25, 2004 From Hansard TV	1 VHS
VT 21: 11	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Plenary Session 3, February 7-8, 2004 From Hansard TV	1 VHS
VT 21: 12	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Plenary Session 4, February 21-22, 2004 From Hansard TV	1 VHS
VT 21: 13	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Plenary Session 5, March 6-7, 2004 From Hansard TV	1 VHS
VT 21: 14	Citizens' Assembly on Electoral Reform Plenary Session 6, March 20-21, 2004 From Hansard TV	1 VHS

VT 21: 15	Citizen's Assembly Videos Knowledge Network Vignette #1 [3:20] Electoral Review April 2004 [13:35]	1 VHS
VT 21: 16	Making Every Vote Count: The Case for Electoral Reform in British Columbia Video [11:06] BC-STV Animation [4:22]	1 VHS