

<b>Title:</b>	Welland Canals Society fonds, 1979-1991		
<b>Creator:</b>	Welland Canals Society		
<b>Dates of Material:</b>	1979-1991	<b>Record Group Number:</b>	RG 58
<b>Summary of Contents:</b>	<p>Inventory:</p> <p><b>Box 1</b></p> <p>An Evaluation of the Welland Canals Society Innovations Program, November 24, 1988, prepared by The Coopers &amp; Lybrand Consulting Group.</p> <p>An Evaluation of the Welland Canals Society Innovations Program Activities for the period August 1988-July 1989, June 15, 1989, prepared by The Coopers &amp; Lybrand Consulting Group.</p> <p>Lessons Learned: Final evaluation of the Welland Canal Society Innovations Program, March 30, 1990 prepared by The Coopers &amp; Lybrand Consulting Group.</p> <p>Original manuscript, <u>A study of historic structures</u> [2 folders]</p> <p>Welland Canals Preservation Association, [1978] – 1986; includes newsletters, correspondence, promotional material, annual report</p> <p>Photograph album labeled Enlarged Pictures</p> <p>Slide case 1 – includes Merritt Trail, Development Guide, WCPA Presentation</p> <p>Slide case 2 – includes Welland Canal, Canadian Canals, Dunnville, Port Colborne, Welland, Thorold, Merritton, Archaeology, St. Catharines, Port Dalhousie. Note: Some slides were removed in 1995 by Robert Shipley, and are located in a separate envelope.</p> <p>Board Minutes, January 1988-June 1989 [3 folders]</p> <p><b>Box 2</b></p> <p>Board Minutes, July 1989 – June 1991 [2 folders]</p> <p>Executive Committee Minutes, February 1989-May 1991 [ 2 folders]</p> <p>Minutes of various committees, various dates</p> <p>Group of Five Presentation [original]</p> <p>Welland Canals Trust</p> <p>Ad Hoc Welland Canal / re Welland Canal Plans</p> <p>Handbook for Board Members</p> <p>Administrative Records I</p> <p>Annual General Meeting, 1989</p> <p>Bank of Montreal Accounts</p> <p>Board Development, 1988</p> <p>Board Development seminars</p> <p>Board of Directors correspondence</p>		

Board information binder – originals  
Board restructuring, 1989  
Budget, 1989-90  
Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce  
Charitable registration  
Contracts  
Coopers & Lybrand  
Equipment rental  
Fell Trust Fund  
Form 1 Ontario Corp. Re: Board changes  
General administration  
Government relations committee  
Insurance  
Legal opinions  
Letters patent and by-law no. 1  
Logo  
Memorandum of understanding, includes financial statements  
Ministry of Transportation move to St. Catharines  
N.R.D.C. [Niagara Region Development Corporation]  
Nominations committee  
Office rental, 39 Queen  
Pannell Kerr MacGillivray, auditors  
Payroll information  
Permits  
President's correspondence

**Box 3**

Administrative Records I cont'd.

Regional development guide committee  
Regional grant application, 1990  
Regional grant application, 1991  
Regional Niagara Tourist Council  
Regional planning – Liaison meetings

Administrative Records II

Account receivable  
Archaeology business job development, 1989  
Archaeology business, 1989-1990 [13 folders]  
Audit papers, 1987-1989 [2 folders]  
Consulting contracts  
Invoices - advertising, etc.  
Relay race  
Section 38 reports, 1988 [8 folders]  
Student employment / experience program, 1990  
Summer employment, 1988

W.C.S. invoices 1989-1990 [2 folders]  
Financial statements, 1987-1990  
Welland Canals Preservation Association financial statements, 1984-1988  
W.C.S. Director's Register  
General Journal [financials], 1989-1990

**Box 4**

Administrative Records III

Bedford reports [financials?], 1988-1990 [23 folders]  
Bedford worksheets, 1988  
Board development, 1990-1991  
Chart of accounts changes  
Financial statements  
General Journal, 1990  
Regional grant application 1989  
St. Catharines Parks & Recreation dept.; includes correspondence  
St. Catharines (city of); includes correspondence [2 folders]  
St. Lawrence Seaway Authority; includes correspondence  
Thorold (City of); includes correspondence  
W.C.P.A. [Welland Canals Preservation Association]  
W.C.P.A. By-law #1 and Letters patent  
W.C.P.A. Annual general meeting  
Year end reports, 1988-1989  
Welland downtown revitalization project, 1989  
Workers' Compensation Board  
1989 funding  
1990 funding – municipal government sources  
1991 funding – municipal government sources  
1990 funding – package development  
1990 funding – provincial government sources

**Box 5**

Innovations and Job Training

Innovations 1 year correspondence  
Innovations year 2 project reports  
Innovations year 2 correspondence  
Innovations program monitor  
Innovations accounts payable, 1987-1988 [26 folders]  
Innovations program, 1989 [2 folders]  
Innovations project  
Program year two, 1988-1989  
Program year three, 1989  
Innovations reports year two  
Innovations contract and reports

	<p>Job development reports, 1988  Job training program, 1988-1989 [12 folders]</p> <p><b>Box 6</b></p> <p>Clippings, scrapbooks, audio-visual materials</p> <p>Scrapbook Book 4A – August 1985-June 1986  Scrapbook Book 5 – July 1986- March 1987  Scrapbook Book 6 – March 1987-August 1987  Scrapbook Book 7 – August 1987-February 1988  Scrapbook Book 8 – February 1988-September 1988  Scrapbook Book 9 – September 1988  Welland Canals and related material, various dates  Various clippings  Transparencies [25]  Framed prints [2]  1 box of floppy disks [5 ¼]  Oversize financial statements (on top of box)</p>
<p><b>Physical Description / Condition:</b></p>	<p>1.91 m of textual records  605 slides  59 photographs : b&amp;w and col.  25 transparencies  8 computer disks ; 5.25"  2 prints</p>
<p><b>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch</b></p>	<p>Fonds consists of records and other material accumulated by the Welland Canals Society. Fonds includes reports, guides, surveys and studies, Board minutes and Executive Committee Minutes, newspaper clippings, financial papers, and administrative files. Fonds also includes slides, photographs, transparencies and computer disks.</p> <p>The Welland Canals Society was a coalition of business, tourism, heritage, and recreational groups that joined with the Regional Government in 1986 to promote the redevelopment of the Welland Canals Corridor. The mandate of the Society was to provide leadership and assistance to the public and private sectors in achieving heritage-sensitive and tourism/recreation-related economic development in the Welland Canals Corridor. The Society folded in 1991 due to government funding cuts.</p>

<b>Abbreviations:</b>	WCPA – Welland Canals Preservations Association W.C.S. – Welland Canals Society		
<b>Location:</b>	Brock University Archives		
<b>Source Information:</b>	Fonds remained in the possession of the Welland Canals Society until about 1994, when the material was transferred to Special Collections and Archives, James A. Gibson Library, Brock University. Fonds was received around 1994 from Lou Marcantonio, a board member of the society, on behalf of the Welland Canals Society.		
<b>Subject Headings:</b>	610	Welland Canals Society.	
	651	Welland Canal (Ont.) xHistory xSources.	
<b>Added Entries:</b>	700	Shipley, Robert, d1948-	
<b>Related material held at other repositories:</b>	Welland Canal material can be found at the St. Catharines Museum and the Welland Historical Museum.		
<b>Described by:</b>	Chantal Cameron / Edie Williams	<b>Date:</b>	September 2010