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Summary information

Repository:	Dalhousie University Archives
Title:	Ecology Action Centre fonds
ID:	MS-11-13
Physical description:	870 cm of textual records 115 video cassettes 53 audio cassettes 43 photographs 1 negative 1 slide 1 audio reel
Language:	English
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	20122020
Note [sourcesDescription]:	Description comes from the [Dalhousie University Archives Catalog](http://findingaids.library.dal.ca/). The complete, original description is available there.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Ecology Action Centre (EAC) is a not-for-profit Halifax-based environmental activist organization founded in 1971. The organization has worked with communities on issues including recycling, transportation, urban development, energy, agriculture, forestry, uranium mining, marine, coastal, and energy issues, the built environment, wilderness, food, and transportation. The EAC works closely with scientific communities and incorporates scientific data into its messages and policy recommendations. The EAC's operations staff is directed by a board of elected individuals from across the province. The first board had five directors; later there were as many as 23. Directors are closely involved in fundraising, participate in setting general policy, and act in advisory capacities. Prominent past members include Halifax-Chebucto NDP MLA Howard Epstein (1991-1994). Committees are an integral part of the EAC's administrative structure; they serve specific areas and act somewhat independently within the organization, holding meetings and organizing public events for educational purposes. The committee structure has evolved over time, with new committees or sub-committees being formed in response to needs.

Custodial history

Records were acquired from the Ecology Action Centre in 2011. Materials previously held at the Nova Scotia Archives were transferred to the Dalhousie University Archives under the Provincial Cooperative Acquisition Strategy. Newsletters, magazines, and other miscellaneous records produced by the Ecology Action Centre were added to the fonds in accession (2018-026) in 2018.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of records documenting the history of the Ecology Action Centre, both internal and outreach activities, and include correspondence, annual reports, administrative records, committee files, subject files, and an extensive library of audiovisual materials on a variety of environmental and ecological topics.

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Arrangement

Fonds has been arranged to reflect the organizational structure of the Ecology Action Centre. The 2011 accession was integrated into this arrangement, with the exception of committee records, which were broken into series. The Publications series is divided into three subseries based on titles of newsletters and magazines produced by the Ecology Action Centre, with a fourth subseries created for posters and pamphlets. Other materials from the 2018-026 accession were integrated into the Subject files and Financial statements series. The arrangement of the records previously held by the Nova Scotia Archives was maintained.

Restrictions on access

Sensitive correspondence are closed for twenty years from date of creation. Membership and donor records are closed for fifty years from date of creation. All materials are open for research.

Conditions governing use

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Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
- **Level of detail:** Full

- **Status description:** Final
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Access points

- Graphic material (documentary form)
- Moving images (documentary form)
- Multiple media (documentary form)
- Sound recording (documentary form)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- Photographs (documentary form)
- Pamphlets (documentary form)
- Periodicals (documentary form)
- Correspondence (documentary form)
- Environmental action groups (subject)
- Environmental monitoring--Canada (subject)
- Nonprofit organizations--Canada (subject)
- Reports, publications, studies, and documentation (subject)
- Halifax (N.S.) (place)