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**Inventory of the
University Women's Club of North York fonds**

Inventory #F0160

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0160**Title:** University Women's Club of North York fonds**Dates:** 1951-2011**Extent:** 2.27 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** The University Women's Club of North York received its charter as the first suburban club and 70th member of the Canadian Federation of University Women in October 1951. The impetus for the establishment of this club came from Grace Morgan in conversation with some of her apartment building neighbours. These initial discussions led to an organizational meeting attended by Morgan and nine others at her home on October 18. The inaugural meeting, attended by 20 graduates, was held on October 31 and officers were elected including Margaret Wright as the first President and Morgan as Honourary President. In a short time, membership was up to 53 and this increased to 400 by 1976. The UWCNY offers a variety of opportunities for the intellectual enrichment of its members through general meetings, lectures, study and interest groups in areas such as money management, current events, art appreciation and book studies. Since 1954, through its scholarship fund, the club provides bursaries and awards to local area female students attending post-secondary institutions.

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of minutes, annual reports, newsletters, financial records, membership lists, reports, press clippings, briefs and submissions to governments, president's diaries, membership directories, committee reports, scholarship fund reports and correspondence regarding the club's activities, its involvement with York University, and its work to influence provincial and federal government policies on women's issues, education, social reform and the environment. Briefs and submissions deal with a wide range of topics that include fluorination of water, discrimination against women, teaching of French, family law reform, women and the Canadian constitution, early learning and child care, abortion and the Criminal Code, pornography, reproductive technologies, human rights, gun control, affordable housing, and health care.

Custodial History: Fonds was originally donated to the Archives of Ontario in two accessions, the first in 1978, the second in 1983. It was transferred to York University Archives in February 1998 at the request of the donating body.

**Restrictions on
Access and Use:** No restrictions on access.

Finding Aid: File lists are available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000160.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1998-009, 1998-011, 2006-019, 2013-010. Further accruals are expected.

**Immediate source of
acquisition:** Accession 1998-009 acquired from the Archives of Ontario in 1998; see custodial history note. Accession 1998-011 donated by the UWCNY in 1998. Accession 2006-019 donated in 2006. Accession 2013-010 donated in 2013.

Provenance Access Points: University Women's Club of North York

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