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**Inventory of the
Ellen C. Adams fonds**

Inventory #F0251

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Fonds/Collection Number: F0251**Title:** Ellen C. Adams fonds**Dates:** 1956-1975**Extent:** 3.75 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** Ellen C. Adams (1925-1982), was born in Germany and emigrated to Canada in 1948. Her original name was Cammnitzer, which she changed during an election campaign in 1963. Adams was a member of the administrative staff of the Canadian Co-operative Federation and later served for twenty years as assistant to Ontario New Democratic Party leaders Donald MacDonald and Stephen Lewis. She was twice unsuccessful in provincial elections (1963, 1973) running under the NDP banner. Adams was also influential in Toronto municipal politics as a leader in the Stop Spadina (Expressway) movement, executive of the Avenue-Bay Cottingham Ratepayers# Association, and as a founding executive member of the Confederation of Residents# and Ratepayers# Associations. In 1975 Adams took up a position in the Institutional Branch of the Ontario Ombudsman#s Office.

Scope and Content: The fonds documents Ellen C. Adams# political activities at municipal level in the Toronto area for the period 1956-1975.

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

Finding Aid: File list available.

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Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accession: 1976-004, 1979-001. Further accruals may be expected.

Related Records: See the following fonds for related material: Avenue-Bay-Cottingham Ratepayers# Association fonds (F0258); Jack Granatstein fonds (F0316); William Kilbourn fouds (F0338); Roy Merrens fonds (F0356); People or Planes fonds (F0380); Stop Spadina Save Our City Co-ordinating Committee fonds (F0417).

Provenance Access Points: Adams, Ellen C., 1925-1982

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