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**Inventory of the
Avenue-Bay-Cottingham Ratepayers' Association fonds**

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Title: Avenue-Bay-Cottingham Ratepayers' Association fonds

Dates: 1969-1975

Extent: 0.96 m of textual records

**Biographical Sketch/
Administrative History:** The Avenue-Bay-Cottingham Ratepayers' Association (Toronto) was established in the 1960s as an advocacy group. It operated under various designations until 1970 when it acquired its present name. In the summer of 1970, the Marlborough Avenue Ratepayers' Association, a part of the Avenue-Bay-Cottingham group, began a dispute with Marathon Realty Corporation over the building of the York Racquets Club on Marlborough Avenue. The boundaries of the dispute widened when it was learned that Marathon planned to build Summerhill Square, a combined retail and residential complex on land it owned in the area. Marathon later sold the property and the Square was not built. Jack Granatstein, a professor of history at York University, was a Director of the Avenue-Bay-Cottingham Ratepayers' Association in 1969, president in 1971, and a prime mover in the Marlborough Avenue Ratepayers' Association. His description of the dispute is contained in his book, 'Marlborough marathon: one street against a developer', (1971).

Scope and Content: The fonds consists of correspondence, reports, newspaper clippings, minutes and related material for the Avenue-Bay-Cottingham Ratepayers' Association and the Marlborough Avenue Ratepayers' Association. This includes correspondence between Jack Granatstein and Marathon Realty, correspondence with City of Toronto officials, reports of various City departments, minutes of meetings of the Ratepayers' Associations and of advocacy bodies in the city, and reports of Task Forces established by the City and Metropolitan Toronto.

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

Finding Aid: File lists available.

URL of Finding Aid: <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000258.htm>

Accruals: The fonds comprises the following accessions: 1974-004, 1976-006, 1976-007. Further accruals may be expected.

Related Records: See Ellen C. Adams fonds (F0251); and Jack Granatstein fonds (F0316), for related material.

**Immediate source of
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Marlborough Avenue Ratepayers' Association.
Granatstein, J. L., 1939-

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