



## **CLARA THOMAS ARCHIVES**

**Inventory of the  
Stop Spadina Save Our City Co-ordinating Committee fonds**

**Inventory #F0417**

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## F0417 - Stop Spadina Save Our City Co-ordinating Committee fonds

**Fonds/Collection Number:** F0417

**Title:** Stop Spadina Save Our City Co-ordinating Committee fonds

**Dates:** 1969-1975

**Extent:** 2.2 m of textual records  
 11 audio cassettes (ca. 16.3 hrs)  
 7 audio reels (ca. 1 hr): 19 cm/sec and 9.5 cm/sec  
 1 film reel (14 min.) : 16 mm

**Biographical Sketch/  
 Administrative History:** Stop Spadina Save Our City Co-ordinating Committee was established in the autumn of 1969 as an advocacy group attempting to halt the extension of the William R. Allen Road (popularly termed the Spadina Expressway) into the core of the City of Toronto. The group organized rallies and marches, petitioned politicians at the local and provincial level, and distributed information materials encouraging citizens to protest the extension of the road. In 1975, the provincial government effectively halted the extension of the Allen by ceding a strip of land in the city's north end to the City of Toronto. Allan Powell was the chair of Stop Spadina.

**Scope and Content:** The fonds consists of agendas of meetings of SSSOCCC, correspondence and reports of organizations that pre-dated Stop Spadina, records relating to Metropolitan Toronto Council, the City of Toronto Council and city departments, and the Province of Ontario, including correspondence with politicians, speeches, minutes of meetings, transportation studies of Toronto and other jurisdictions, and related material. There are financial records and receipts from Stop Spadina, briefs presented by it and others to the Metropolitan Toronto Council Transportation Committee and Executive Committee, reports on planning from city and metropolitan departments (Roads, Public Works, etc.), membership applications and membership lists of Stop Spadina, press releases and newspaper clippings, newsletters of Stop Spadina and community groups, brochures, leaflets and related paraphernalia from Stop Spadina. There are audio recordings of Stop Spadina meetings, interviews with news media, speeches and lectures, and of meetings of city and metropolitan councils. There is also a filmed statement by Jane Jacobs and Marshall McLuhan on Spadina titled, 'The burning would,'(1970).

**Availability of other formats:** The 16 mm film reel entitled "The Burning Would" (1975-013/010) was transferred to 3/4" video in 1992 (see 1975-013/009(19)) and to DVD in 2005 (see 1975-013/009(20)) for reference purposes.

**Restrictions on  
 Access and Use:** Access is partially restricted; audio cassette 1975-013/009(03) is closed unless written permission is obtained from Allan Powell. Requests must be directed to the Archivist, York University.

**Finding Aid:** File list available.

**URL of Finding Aid:** <http://archivesfa.library.yorku.ca/fonds/ON00370-f0000417.htm>

**Accruals:** The fonds comprises the following accession: 1975-013. No further accruals are expected.

**Related Records:** See Ellen C. Adams fonds (F0251) for related material and Allan T.R. Powell fonds (F0111), specifically materials in S00019, and in accession 2002-045.

**Immediate source of  
 acquisition:** Purchased from Dr. Allan T.R. Powell in 1975.

**Provenance Access Points:** Stop Spadina Save Our City Co-ordinating Committee