

# St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce records

1943-1992 (non-inclusive), n.d.

*Ontario Editorial Bureau fonds*

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<b>Creator:</b>	Ontario Editorial Bureau
<b>Extent:</b>	1 metre of textual records (3 boxes) 49 photographs 1 negative 1 button 1 coin
<b>Abstract:</b>	This archive is part of the larger Ontario Editorial Bureau Fonds (OEB) housed at Brock University. The records contain information about the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce. The bulk of the material consists of correspondence, meeting minutes and promotional material.
<b>Materials:</b>	Correspondence, meeting minutes, newsletters, booklets, brochures, news clippings, magazines and photographs.
<b>Repository:</b>	Brock University Archives
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**Administrative history:**

The St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce merged with the Thorold Chamber of Commerce in 2006. In 2012, they joined a region wide Chamber, becoming part of the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is a "is a non-partisan, non-sectarian association of businesses, groups and individuals who support business growth and effective government fostering a sustainable and vibrant Niagara."

Source: Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce website,  
<http://www.greaterniagarachamber.com/ABOUT/Mission-Statement/>  
retrieved 2015/07/03

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**Scope and content:**

The records contain information about the activities of the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce. Most of the material is correspondence and meeting minutes. Some promotional materials such as newsletters, booklets, brochures, magazines and photographs are also included. The original order of the material was retained with the exception of the newsletters. These were removed from the other promotional material and filed separately. Duplicates were removed and discarded. Within folders, material is arranged chronologically.

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**Organization:**

The records were arranged into two series:

Series I: Administrative, 1943-1989 (non-inclusive)

Sub-series A: Correspondence, 1947-1989

Sub-series B: Minutes, 1943-1989

Series II: Promotional material, 1947-1992 (non-inclusive), n.d.

Sub-series A: Newsletters, 1947-1992, n.d.

Sub-series B: Booklets and News clippings, 1948-1989, n.d.

**Inventory:****Series I: Administrative, 1943-1989 (non-inclusive)****Sub-series A: Correspondence, 1947-1989 (non-inclusive)**

- 1.1-1.9 St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce general correspondence, 1947-1957 (non-inclusive).
- 1.10 Niagara Falls Chamber of Commerce correspondence, 1957. Contains correspondence and some media releases about the Greater Niagara Chamber of Commerce in Niagara Falls, Ontario.
- 1.11-1.31 St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce general correspondence, 1958-1980 (non-inclusive).
- 1.32 Tribute to Ralph Rawsthorne, 1980. Contains correspondence about this event.
- 1.33-1.41 St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce general correspondence, 1981-1989 (non-inclusive).

**Sub-series B: Minutes, 1943-1989 (non-inclusive)**

- 2.1-2.33 Minutes, 1943-1989 (non-inclusive). Includes meeting minutes of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Public Relations Committee, Programme Committee, Executive Committee and the Annual General Meeting. Some other committee minutes are included from the

Membership Committee, Ways & Means Committee, Business Education Committee, Tourist Committee, Civic Affairs Committee and more. Some financial statements and membership lists are also included. Annual reports are included for the years 1971-1975.

**Series II: Promotional material, 1947-1992, n.d.**

**Sub-series A: Newsletters, 1947-1992 (non-inclusive), n.d.**

- 3.1-3.36 St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce newsletters, 1947-1992 (non-inclusive), n.d. Contains various newsletters published by the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce including *Chamber News* (1972-1987) and *The Reporter* (1988-1992).

**Sub-series B: Booklets and News clippings, 1948-1989 (non-inclusive), n.d.**

- 3.37 News clippings, 1948. Also includes a membership roster of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce and the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
- 3.38 Booklet, 1950. Contains a booklet entitled *Sinclair's Tourist Guide of the Niagara Peninsula*.
- 3.39 Report, 1976-77. Contains a report entitled *The Canadian Chamber of Commerce Policy Proposals for discussion at the 1976 Annual Meeting*, and a 1977 issue of *Exchange* magazine (published by the Ontario Chamber of Commerce).
- 3.40 Booklets, 1978. Contains promotional booklets and brochures for the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce. Also includes a membership roster of the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce and an issue of *Panorama*, the official publication of the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce.
- 3.41 News clippings & magazines, 1979. Contains news clippings, several issues of *Exchange*, and a membership roster of the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce.
- 3.42 Booklets, 1980. Contains promotional booklets and brochures published by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce; a membership roster and buyer's guide of the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce; and a Resource Speakers' Roster of the Business-Education Committee of the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce. Also contains a button that reads "Buy the cars your neighbours help to build!"

- 3.43 Magazines, 1980. Contains several issues of *Ontario Business*, published by Exchange magazine (a subsidiary of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce), and an issue of *Panorama*, the official publication of the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce.
- 3.44 News clippings, 1980.
- 3.45 Photographs, 1980. Contains 45 unlabeled, black and white photographs. Most of the photographs are of press conferences and special events. Also contains a negative of Ralph Rawsthorne.
- 3.46-3.47 Booklets and news clippings, 1981. Contains promotional booklets and brochures published by the Canadian Chamber of Commerce and the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce. Includes a special coin depicting an early scene along the first Welland Canal in 1829, produced in part by the St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce. Also contains an information package for the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce, as well as newsletters published by Junior Achievement of the Niagara Peninsula.
- 3.48 Photographs, 1981. Includes four unlabeled, black and white photographs. The photographs feature people at meetings and special events.
- 3.49 News clippings and reports, 1982. Contains news clippings, Junior Achievement newsletters, and a report entitled *A Market Study and Marketing Plan* prepared for the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce by F.W. vom Scheldt, Tourism Coordinator.
- 3.50 Magazines, 1983. Contains two issues of *Ontario Business*, as well as an information package about the Welland Canal Viewing Centre at Lock III, and promotional brochures for St. Catharines.
- 3.51 News clippings and brochures, 1984. Contains news clippings and brochures published by the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce.
- 3.52 Booklets, 1988. Contains booklets published by the St. Catharines and District Chamber of Commerce about upcoming events and seminars.
- 3.53 Brochures, 1989. Contains brochures and registration forms for upcoming events and seminars.
- 3.54 Brochures, n.d. Contains promotional brochures for St. Catharines.
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**Related material:**

St. Catharines Chamber of Commerce membership roster and business directory. St. Catharines [Ont.]: The District Chamber of Commerce, **SPCL FC 3155.22 S356** (1967-1968, 1980-1990, 1994)