

**P229- Canadian Association in Support to Native Peoples (CASNP) Collection
ca. 1957-1997 (predominant 1960-1979)
7.06 Im of textual records**

Administrative history: “The Canadian Association of the Native Peoples (CASNP), is a national non-profit organization working to promote awareness and understanding between Native and non-Native Canadians. Founded in 1960 as the Indian-Eskimo Association, CASNP was the only organization in Canada composed of Native and non-Native members incorporated for the sole objective of providing support to national Native concerns and goals.

The Indian-Eskimo Association was a national citizen's organization with membership open to all people interested in promoting the well-being of Native Americans. Native people formed 25% of the membership and at all times had members on the Board of Directors. Headquarters for the Association were in Toronto and in 1973 moved to Ottawa. When the Association moved to Ottawa its name changed to the Canadian Association in Support of Native Peoples.

The Association's primary aim is the education of non-Native Canadians toward a better understanding of the history and culture of Canada's original people. CASNP, through its local chapters, has arranged conferences, workshops and panel discussions dealing with various aspects of Native Canadian life. They provide international support, wherever feasible, for the indigenous peoples of the world. CASNP publications have been widely used by Native groups, professionals and students. It publishes a newsletter, The Phoenix, a guide to action. Some other publications include: Native Rights in Canada, third edition: [Twenty Questions about Native People, Richard Capener](#); Indian Giver, Warren Lowes, the 'myriad' contributions from Native peoples to our present society. Its successor organization is the Canadian Alliance in Solidarity with Native Peoples (C.A.S.N.P.) which is more oriented towards educating people about Indigenous culture and creating awareness of the sociological/social situation(s) of Indigenous Peoples. It still does advocacy work in solidarity with Indigenous peoples”

Sources: <https://www.connexions.org/CxLibrary/CX2833.htm>
: <https://www.connexions.org/Groups/Subscribers/CxG5350.htm>
(retrieved November 20, 2019)

Custodial history: The University of Sudbury Archives does not have information on the acquisition of the CASNP documentation files (when they were acquired and by which department or administrative unit)

Scope and content: The collection consists of the documentation accumulated by the CASNP. There are no administrative files or other records that address the administration or activities of the Association.

The resources/reading list consists of photocopies of newspaper clippings, reports, studies, and statistics. The documentation accumulated by CASNP provides an overview of the life conditions and status of Indigenous Peoples (First Nation, Inuit and Metis) in Canada for over 20 years. Most of the files concern Indigenous communities in Canada but some files address situations of Indigenous Peoples in the U.S.A., Mexico, New-Zealand, Australia and Africa. The different documents are filed under topics and cover many issues such as: education, rights, economy, life conditions, culture, racism, health, Government policies (federal, provincial and municipal), as well as Indigenous Associations at different political levels.

Note: Immediate source of acquisition: The University of Sudbury Archives donated the files in October 2019.

Language(s) of material: English.

Restrictions on access: No restriction.

Terms governing use and reproduction/publication: Copyright regulations apply

Accruals: The accrual was received in October 2019. No further accruals expected.

Finding aids: A [thematic list of files](#) is available, as well [as a list at the item level](#) for documents contained in the files.

Related material (this repository): The Laurentian University Fonds may contain related materials.

The Anglican Diocese of Moosonee Fonds may contain related materials.

Associated material (other repositories): [Trent University Archives](#)

General note: Archivist note: Due to the use of inappropriate language in the original thematic series, the wording was changed. The term *Indians* was replaced with First Nations and *Eskimo* with Inuit.

The original names for associations, groups, and reports were not changed.