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**Peter McNelly fonds**

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## Summary information

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**Repository:** University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections

**Title:** Peter McNelly fonds

**ID:** RBSC-ARC-1772

**Date:** February 1974 - June 1975 (date of creation)

**Physical description:** 15 cm of textual records

**Dates of creation,  
revision and deletion:**

**Note  
[sourcesDescription]:**

Smith, Charlie. "The Art of the Impossible reveals why ex-NDP premier Dave Barrett governed in a hurry." *The Georgia Straight*, <https://www.straight.com/article-831611/vancouver/art-impossible-reveals-why-former-ndp-premier-dave-barrett-governed-hurry>. Accessed 28 September 2017.  
Meggs, Geoff and Rod Mickleburgh. *The Art of the Impossible: Dave Barrett and the NDP in Power, 1972 1975*. Harbour Publishing, 2015.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Peter McNelly was a legislative reporter for *The Province* newspaper, as well as a bureau chief for the *Victoria Times*. He later became a senior aide in the Ministry of Finance under Dave Barrett's NDP provincial government in the 1970s.

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## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of mostly typewritten journal entries by Peter McNelly during his time with the Barrett government, with a few handwritten notes and newspaper clippings. Personal journal accounts give an insider perspective on the Barrett government in the 1970s, on a week-by-week basis. Provided source material for the book *The Art of the Impossible* by Geoff Meggs and Rod Mickleburgh, 2013.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

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## Access points

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- Barrett, Dave (subject)
- Meggs, Geoff, 1951- (subject)
- Textual record (documentary form)
- British Columbia (place)

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## Series descriptions

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC- ARC-1772-01-01	File - Peter McNelly Journals, February 24, 1974 - September 8, 1974	1974		
RBSC- ARC-1772-01-02	File - Peter McNelly Journals, September 29, 1974 - June 18, 1975	1974 - 1975		
RBSC- ARC-1772-01-03	File - Peter McNelly Journals, June 26, 1975	1975		