



A Guide to the

Memorial University Master Plans *fonds*

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Title: Memorial University Master Plans fonds

Dates: 1968 - 1986

Extent: 12 cm of textual material [5 oversized booklets -- 3 maps – 8 blueprints – 1 photo]

Administrative History:

The master plan was commissioned by the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador seven years after Memorial moved from its old home in the centre of St. John's to the new campus on the north-east border of the city. The academic and social background on which it was based was provided by the Academic Planning Committee of the University. The purpose of the report was to show how Memorial University could expand from 1,500 to some 12,500 students and to establish a definite character for future development.

A second impetus for this plan was to set the pattern for the full development of Memorial University as a multi-faculty university. Growth of faculty was determined to be an academic essential to provide for rapidly increasing numbers of potential students. Once this first Master Plan was realised and set into motion, the idea was for Newfoundland to consider a second full university, assuming that the population trends of the time continued.

At each stage of the development of this plan, interim proposals were submitted to the Board of Regents, the Senate, representatives of the Government of Newfoundland and Labrador, the Academic Planning Committee, and, when appropriate, to the Council of the Students' Union. Each step was taken with the general concurrence of those who would be using the buildings in the future.

During the preparation of the design, a number of reports were prepared including a draft Master Plan, which were submitted to the University and the Provincial Government and explained to the Board of Regents at the University. The University and Consulting Engineers prepared a series of reports, which were used in the preparation of the design - they are listed in the Appendix. All details of the Master Plan was discussed at all stages with the President and many meetings were held with faculty members, students, and outside bodies who, in one way or another, were involved with the University. It was a joint effort of many parties, determined to prepare and shape Memorial for future years of growth, increasing enrollment and physical and academic expansion.

Custodial history:

The plans were retained by Dr. Rusted in his office at the Health Sciences Centre. They were kept outside of his main collection of materials (COLL-001) but were donated at the same time.

Scope and content:

The plans provide a detailed look at the estimated and speculative development of Memorial University's new St. John's campus. They show proposed sites of buildings, parking lots, student residences, faculty living quarters, etc., all in relation to St. John's landmarks and locations. The

Master Plan is at the back of the report: the text and drawings explain why the plan takes the form it does and shows how it may be transformed from a two-dimensional paper pattern to an actual place that once can inhabit and walk about. The sections examined in detail throughout the plans include:

1. The University and the City
2. The Academic Brief
3. The Topographical Study
4. The South Campus and the Junior Division
5. The Building Pattern
6. The Circulation System
7. The Landscape Design
8. The Schematic Master Plan
9. The Main Block
10. The Library
11. Convocation Hall
12. Physical Education
13. University Theatre
14. South Campus Link Block
15. The Senior College
16. Architectural Character

Source of title:

Title based on contents of the fonds.

Acquisition:

Plans were acquired from Dr. Ian Rusted in February 2000.

Arrangement:

When the Memorial University Master Plans arrived at the Founders' Archive, there was some degree of order present. Materials were clearly labelled with original titles. This formed the framework for further arrangement and description of the collection. Maps and blueprints were removed from the larger publications but have been retained in the same box.

Restrictions:

There are no restrictions on access to or use of the material in this fonds. However, all materials are protected by copyright. It is the responsibility of the researcher to obtain copyright clearance from the copyright holder(s).

Accruals:

No further accruals are expected.

Finding Aid:

File list is available. (item level)

File List
(Box 1)

Book One: *Memorial University Master Plan*, by Frederick Gibbered and Partners.
August, 1968 (with map enclosure)

Book Two: *Revised Mater Plan for Memorial University*, by Frederick Gibbered and Partners.
October, 1975 (with map enclosure)

Book Three: *Memorial University Master Plan*, by Frederick Gibbered and Partners.
August, 1968 (with map enclosure)

Book Four: *Revised Mater Plan for Memorial University*, by Frederick Gibbered and Partners.
October, 1975 (with 8 blueprints, 1 photograph enclosures)

Book Five: *Master Plan Revisions, 1986*, BFL Consultants Limited

Blueprints:

1. Health Sciences Complex Master Plan
2. Sketch of University campus showing adjacent properties, September 1960
3. Conceptual Linkage – Memorial University
4. Memorial University North Campus Watermains and Tunnels (2 copies)
5. Health Sciences Complex Plan, Level 1, 26 January, 1973
6. Health Sciences Complex Plan, Level 2, 26 January, 1973
7. Nuclear Medicine

Photograph:

[18x22cm, b&w] Architectural Model of Health Sciences Complex