

Content and Historic Language Advisory

At the Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre's Archive and Collections, we acknowledge that our archival records and oral history materials may contain historical language or ideologies and viewpoints that are offensive or outdated. Language changes over time, however it is important to preserve language used in a given time period. The inclusion of such language in historical materials such as archival description or oral history transcripts does not constitute an endorsement by the JCCC. The JCCC will strive to use appropriate language in our descriptions and internally created documentation.

Our Sedai Oral History Collection captures a variety of Japanese Canadian experiences. They document joy, hardship, bitterness, forgiveness, levity, and more. Of course, many experiences discussed are traumatic, particularly around forced displacement, internment, and discrimination. Sedai is privileged to be the stewards of these stories, shared for the education of future generations. We acknowledge that these stories may be upsetting to access for some researchers or community members. In particular, certain language related to specific marginalized groups or euphemistic language around internment, is now outdated or offensive.

Working towards inclusive and reparative language is an ongoing process that is crucial to combatting systemic and cultural bias in our materials. We are actively working to follow guidelines that:

- Inform our researchers and community members of the existing offensive and outdated language or content in our collections
- Use alternative, modern language to provide context around our archival legacy description and metadata that includes offensive and outdated terminology
- Research and identify ongoing changes in offensive and outdated language during our revisions for description and transcription efforts
- Learn from and work with misrepresented and marginalized communities to improve the language that is being used to describe their identities within our records

If you have questions or concerns about the content or find records that you think require our attention, please reach out to us at heritage@jccc.on.ca with the archival reference number or permalink to the material.