

MJ-51 City of Moose Jaw fonds. - [textual record]. - 1906-1991. - 106 cm of textual records. Boxes V-191, H-65 - H-71, OS-15 - OS-19

Administrative history

Moose Jaw was established with the arrival of the Canadian Pacific Railway in 1882. The first permanent resident of Moose Jaw was James Hamilton Ross. By May 1883, the population of Moose Jaw fluctuated between 2,000 and 3,000 people. Moose Jaw was given official status as a town on February 13, 1884. The first Mayor was John Edgar Ross. On November 20, 1903, with a population of 2,500 people, Moose Jaw was incorporated as a city. The Mayor was Charles Unwin. City councillors were C.B.C. Sharpe, Donald McLean, J.E. Hopkins, John R. Green, A.R. Garrod, J.U. Munns and secretary-treasurer was W.A. Munns.

In 2005, Moose Jaw has a population of approximately 35,000 people. The annual budget of the City is over 30 million dollars. Nearly half is funded by property taxation. The mayor and six councillors are elected for three year terms and operate with a commissioner form of government. The city manager, formerly called the city commissioner is responsible to city council and administers the operation with a staff of over 300 people. Major departments include police, fire, transit, engineering, finance, and parks and recreation.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of three series. There are financial records from 1960 to 1976 contained in a ledger, as well as a cash book, cheque register, distribution and general financial journals covering finances from 1989 to 1991. The second series consists of eleven scrapbooks and binders filled with newspaper (press) clippings of notices, advertisements and information regarding the City of Moose Jaw from 1917 to 1978, compiled by the city clerk. The third series consists of a promotional booklet from 1906 produced by the city of Moose Jaw.

Physical condition

The binders and scrapbooks are very old. The edges are tattered and the pages are brittle. The newspaper clippings are discoloured and brittle.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 5.24/00 donated to the archives by the City Clerk/Solicitor Office. This material (51.3-001) was donated to the archive by Ms. Kathryn J. Acker via the City of Moose Jaw in 1996.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2005 and 2012.

Accruals

Probable.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-51.1 - Financial Records. - [textual record]. - 1960-1991. - 23.5 cm of textual records.

Boxes OS-15 - OS-18

This series consists of financial records and journals

001 - Ledger 1960-1976

002 - Cash Book 1989-1991

003 - Distribution Journal 1989-1991

004 - Cheque Register 1990-1991

005 - General Financial Journal 1990-1991

MJ-51.2 - Scrapbooks - [textual record]. - 1917-1978. - 82.5 cm of textual records.

Boxes H-65 - H-71, OS-16, OS-18 - OS-19

This series consists of scrapbooks/binders of newspaper clippings of notices and advertisements regarding the City of Moose Jaw.

001 - Scrapbook 1917-1930

002 - Scrapbook 1917-1921

003 - Scrapbook 1921-1923

004 - Scrapbook 1923-1925

005 - Scrapbook 1935-1934

006 - Scrapbook 1934-1956

007 - Newspaper Advertisements 1931-1956

008 - Newspaper Advertisements 1957-1967

009 - Newspaper Clippings/Advertisements 1957-1978

010 - Press Clippings 1967-1972

011 - Press Clippings 1972

MJ-51.3 – Promotional Material. – [textual record]. – 1906. - 0.20 cm of textual records. – Box V-191

This series contains a promotional booklet entitled 'City of Moose Jaw and Saskatchewan Farm Scenes 1906'. It is comprised of photographs of farm scenes in Moose Jaw and the surrounding area as well as a description of Moose Jaw and its agricultural development. The photographs were taken by Messrs. Porter and Cunningham of Moose Jaw. The booklet was published by the Canadian Promotion Co., Winnipeg. There is an inscription located on the first page that states: 'To Sister from Bro. William'.

001 - City of Moose Jaw and Saskatchewan Farm Scenes. – 1906.