

MJ-28

Moose Jaw Council of Women fonds. - [textual record, graphic material]. - 1888, 1916-1984; predominate 1935-1970. - 70.0 cm of textual records. - 8 photographs. Boxes V-19 - V-21, V-183 - V-186, H-32, OS-4

Variations in title

Local Council of Women, Moose Jaw

Administrative history

The Moose Jaw Council of Women was formed November 15, 1916 with the first regular meeting being held December 12, 1916. The first president of the Moose Jaw group was Mrs. Angus A. Graham.

It was affiliated with the Saskatchewan Council of Women which was in turn affiliated with the National Council of Women. The national body was formed September 1913. It served primarily as an umbrella group for other women's organizations and, as a result, the records contain numerous reports and references to the activities of women in Moose Jaw. The National Council of Women of Canada was established on October 27, 1893 in Toronto, Ontario. Lady Aberdeen, the wife of the Governor General of Canada, led their first public meeting with fifteen-hundred women in attendance. Their mission is to 'empower all women to work together towards improving the quality of life for women, families, and society through a forum of member organizations and individuals'. On April 30, 2001, the organization was awarded the status of national historic significance by the Government of Canada for their work improving the lives of women and children throughout Canada. Currently, the organization has Provincial Councils in 5 provinces and Local Councils or study groups in 20 cities. The Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan was founded in 1919 and the Moose Jaw Council of Women was founded in 1916. The Council was active in a variety of social issues relating to women in the community including labor, housing, safety, violence against women. They supported the Victorian Order of Nurses in Moose Jaw and pressed for a female police officer as early as 1917.

The Council disbanded in August 1986. The last president was Eileen Zamulinski.

Scope and content

The first accession consists of constitutions of the various levels of the Council's of Women minutes, financial records, annual reports, lists of local women's organizations and scrapbooks containing photographs and press clippings. Annual Meeting Reports contain numerous yearly updates of the activities of the individual constituent organizations. It includes the pamphlets and programs produced and collected by the National Council and the Moose Jaw Council of Women. It also includes annual and abridged reports and yearbooks created by the National Council and collected by the Moose Jaw Council.

The second accession contains three series: Pamphlets and Programs, Reports, and Yearbooks. It includes the pamphlets and programs produced and collected by the National Council and the Moose Jaw Council of Women. It also includes annual and abridged reports and yearbooks created by the National Council and collected by the Moose Jaw Council.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004 and in 2012.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 28.BA donated to the archives by the Moose Jaw Council of Women.

The donor of the second accession is unknown.

Terms governing use or reproduction

Copyright legislation may apply to various newspaper clippings.

Associated materials

Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan fonds and the Regina Council of Women fonds located at the Saskatchewan Archives Board; National Council of Women of Canada fonds and the International Council of Women fonds located at the Library and Archives of Canada.

A history of the Moose Jaw Council of Women was prepared for their Golden Anniversary and the Canadian Centennial. Copies are available at the MJPL. See also the MJPL Archives vertical files.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-28 – First Accession

Moose Jaw Council of Women fonds. – [textual record]. – 1916-1983. – 36.0 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-19 - V-21, H-32, OS-4

MJ-28/1 - Council Business. - [textual record]. - 1916-1973. - 20.7 cm. of textual records.
Boxes V-19 - V-20

This series consists of Minutes, reports, membership lists and some correspondence.

001 - Constitutions of Local, Provincial and National Councils of Women [ND]

002 - Minute Book 1916-1923 [note in book that first minute book was lost and this is a copy]

003 - Minute Book 1923-1926

004 - Minute Book 1926-1931

005 - Minute Book 1953-1957 [minutes not in chronological order - includes one from 1959]

006 - Minute Book 1957-1961

007 - Meeting Minutes 1962-1967

008 - Meeting Minutes 1970-1971

009 - List of Local Women's Organizations [1964]

010 - Register of membership [1950-1962] and postal accounts [1950-1953]

011 - Treasurer's Report. 1953-1954 [ledger]

012 - Affiliated societies lists and Treasurer's Accounts [ledger]

013 - Annual Meeting Reports. [1966]

014 - Annual Meeting Reports. [1967]

015 - Annual Reports 1968

016 - Annual Reports 1969

017 - Annual Reports 1970

018 - Annual Reports 1971-1973

019 - Annual Reports 1974

020 - Folio of material provided to delegates to International Council of Women Conference
- Montreal 1957

021 - Misc. Correspondence. [19- and 1967]

MJ-28/2 - History Files. - [textual record, graphic material]. - [192? – 1967]. - 5.30 cm of
textual records. - 8 photographs.

Boxes V-20, H-32, OS-4

This series consists of scrapbooks, newspaper clippings and other items relating the
activities of the Moose Jaw Council of Women.

001 - Scrapbook - Newspaper clippings re: activities of Moose Jaw Council of Women
[192-? to 1967]

002 - Scrapbook - Moose Jaw Council of Women - photographs, cards, programs and
newspaper clippings 1957

003 - Scrapbook - Newspaper clippings, reports, resolutions, etc. re: National Council of
Women meeting in New Brunswick. 1954

004 - "London Free Press" [Ontario] May 29, 1950 special edition for National Council of
Women of Canada convention

005 - Photos

MJ-28/3 - President's Files. - [textual record]. - 1983. - 8.00 cm. of textual records.

Box V-21

This series consists of notes, correspondence, membership lists and other records of Eileen
Zamulinski, the last president of the Moose Jaw Council of Women.

001 - President's reports and notes 1983

002 - Membership lists and contacts (local, provincial and national) 1983

003 - Newspaper clippings 1982-1983

004 - Pension reform - notes and background material 1982-1983

005 - Briefs, newsletters and other informational material 1982-1983

006 - Minutes, newsletters and other materials - National and provincial councils
1982-1983

MJ-28 – Second Accession

Moose Jaw Council of Women fonds. – [textual record]. – 1888, 1935-1984 ; predominate 1935-1970. – 36 cm of textual records.

Boxes V-183 - V-186

Pamphlets and Programs

Dates: 1888, 1935-1967.

Extent: 3.40 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: This series contains pamphlets and programs produced and collected by the National Council and the Moose Jaw Council. It contains celebratory publications, such as the history of the council, the Golden Jubilee pamphlet and Moose Jaw's 50th anniversary banquet program. It also contains a pamphlet regarding the Lady Aberdeen Library on the History of Women at the University of Waterloo.

Reports

Dates: 1943-1967.

Extent: 11.0 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: This series contains the 1967 annual report of the Provincial Council of Women in Saskatchewan and the abridged reports of the National Council of Women of Canada from 1943-1952. Some of the reports are annotated by council members.

Yearbooks

Dates: 1938-1970.

Extent: 21.6 cm of textual records.

Scope and Content: This series contains the National Council of Women of Canada yearbooks and the supplements to the yearbooks. Some of the yearbooks are annotated by council members.

Box V-183

001 – Our History: The National Council of Women of Canada. – 1935.

002 – High Lights of Sixty Years: Diamond Jubilee pamphlet by Mrs. R. J. Marshall. – 1953.

003 – 50th Anniversary Banquet Program, Moose Jaw. – [ca. 1943].

004 – First International Women's Conference Program. – 1888.

Box V-184

005 – Study Guide based on the final Report of The Royal Commission on the Status of Women in Canada. – n.d.

006 – Annual Report: The Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan. – 1967.

007 – Moose Jaw Council of Women’s Golden Anniversary Booklet. – 1966, 1984.

008 – National Council of Women Supplement to Yearbook. – 1952-1956.

009 – National Council of Women Yearbook. – 1938-1941.

Box V-185

010 – National Council of Women Yearbook. – 1953-1963.

Box V-186

011 – National Council of Women Yearbook. – 1964-1970.

012 – History of the Provincial Council of Women of Saskatchewan 1919-1954. – 1955.

013 – The Lady Aberdeen Library on the History of Women. – 1967.

014 – Abridged Report of the National Council of Women of Canada. – 1943-1946.

015 – Abridged Report of the National Council of Women of Canada. – 1947-1952.