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Museum Committee of the City of Moose Jaw fonds. - [textual record]. - 1950-1967. - 10.0 cm of textual records.

Box V-67

Administrative history

“On August 8th, 1949, Alderman W.G. Davies gave notice of motion that he, at the next regular meeting of the City Council on August 15th, 1949, would move that a committee of three members of council be appointed to investigate, with the assistance of interested organizations, the possibility, desirability and feasibility of establishing a museum for Indian relics and historical mementoes in the City of Moose Jaw and also to report on the possibility of marking historical landmarks in the Moose Jaw district.”

The first committee of Council consisted of Aldermen W.G. Davies, L.H. Lewry and J.R. English. By February 1950 the committee was expanded to ten interested individuals. The first officers of the expanded committee were Thomas Warner - Chair, Mrs. Thomas M. Sutherland - Vice Chair and Dr. Fred B. Cooper - Secretary.

A grant of \$1000 was promised by the provincial government. The museum was located in space allotted by the school board in the north-west corner of the basement of the annex of Alexandra School. There was also a promise of showcases and artifacts from the Provincial Museum in Regina which continued to provide advisory support for many years. The official opening was arranged for August 23, 1950.

Through the late 1950's and early 1960's the museum was under constant threat because the school board wanted to use the space. The Museum Committee finally relinquished the space ca. 1965 and explored various spaces including the 4th floor of City Hall. Later that year, discussions began on a Museum/Art Building.

Scope and content

The fonds consists primarily of minutes and correspondence of the Museum Committee. There is some overlap in the inclusive dates of existing correspondence files so it is not clear if these files are those of certain officers, subcommittees or the committee as a whole. One correspondence file also contains interspersed copies of donor forms for artifacts donated to the museum.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 29.BA donated to the archives by the Moose Jaw Art Museum.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

Accruals

No further accruals are expected

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

001 - Minute book [ledger] February 8, 1950 to June 23, 1965

002 - Printed minutes and reports 1954-1955

003 - Correspondence 1950-1955

004 - Correspondence 1954-1955

005 - Correspondence 1955-1967

006 - Correspondence and donor forms 1955-1964