

Kamloops Museum & Archives



Lawrence Cusack collection

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1988.52

1956-1973, predominant 1969-1973

[textual record, cartographic
material and technical drawing]

0.24 metres

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24 cm of textual records, 4 maps, and 9 technical drawings.

Biographical Sketch

Lawrence Cusack was a trustee and chairman of the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District, an administrative body created by the Water Rights Branch after it took over the operations of the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation & Power Company in 1946. The British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District was operated by a Board of Trustees that was established to legislate by-laws, govern utility tolls, taxes and all tolls as well as to create and regulate subdivisions. Subdivisions, budgets and other actions requiring review were submitted to the Comptroller of Water Rights of the Water Rights Branch for approval.

In the late 1960s, after the North Kamloops amalgamated with City of Kamloops, there was discussion surrounding the amalgamation the sewage systems of the irrigation district and the City of Kamloops. Organized by the Brocklehurst Community Association and Brocklehurst Community Hall Association, two referendums were held on the question of whether or not Brocklehurst should establish a separate sewer system or amalgamate the system with the City of Kamloops. Lawrence Cusack was a member of the Brocklehurst Community Association and a fact finding committee, which was tasked with investigating options for an independent sewer system for Brocklehurst. Both referendums failed to meet the 60 percent necessary to establish a separate sewer system, which resulted in sewer system operations being amalgamated with the City of Kamloops.

In 1973 when the City of Kamloops amalgamated with Dufferin, Brocklehurst, Westsyde, Valleyview and the surrounding areas, the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District was phased out and its operations were absorbed by the City of Kamloops.

Custodial History

1988.52 was in the possession of Lawrence Cusack until it was donated to the Kamloops Museum & Archives in 1988.

Scope and Content

Series documents Lawrence Cusack's role as a trustee and chairman of the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District and as a member of the Brocklehurst Community Association and the association's fact finding committee. Collection consists of records relating to the establishment of a sewer system in Brocklehurst and the administration of the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District. It includes meeting minutes, consultant reports, correspondence, financial summaries and other material. The material is arranged into two series: one consisting of the material from the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District and one consisting of material from the Brocklehurst Community Association.

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Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents.

Arrangement: The majority of material from the Brocklehurst Community Association and the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District were separated, with the exclusion of two files. One file (1988.52.2.3) consists predominately of the 1971 minutes and financials of the irrigation district was moved to the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District series. A second file (1988.52.1.7) consisting of material related to the activities of the Brocklehurst Community Hall Association was moved to the Brocklehurst Community Association series. Museum correspondence related to the donation and other accessions has been removed.

Accruals: No further accruals are expected.

Access restrictions: Some files are restricted on the basis that they include personal information.

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Finding aids: Series descriptions and file lists are available for this fonds.

Related records: The British Columbia Fruitlands collection (1976.53) contains the records of the British Columbia Irrigation & Power Company.

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Brocklehurst Community Association meeting minutes and other material

1956-1973, predominant 1969-1973. — 11 cm of textual records. — 4 maps.

Scope and content: Series documents the activities of a fact finding committee of the Brocklehurst Community Association and the Brocklehurst Community Hall Association, consisting of the committee's research on sewage systems for Brocklehurst and referenda on establishing a sewer system for Brocklehurst. Series consists of consultant reports; ballots; meeting minutes; correspondence with the British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District and the departments in the Provincial Government of British Columbia; and brochures and articles on sewage management systems.

| Accession | Description | Dates | Box/Folder |
|-------------|--|--------------|------------|
| 1988.52.1.1 | Correspondence and other material on the Brocklehurst sewage system and sewage amalgamation referenda <i>(restricted until 2070)</i> | 1969-1970 | 1/1-2 |
| 1988.52.1.2 | Financial documents and referendum announcement | 1969-1970 | 1/3 |
| 1988.52.1.3 | Newspaper clippings | 1970 | 1/4 |
| 1988.52.1.4 | Water analyses, correspondence on animal control and bylaws | [196-?]-1970 | 1/5 |
| 1988.52.1.5 | Final report and scrapbook | [1970?]-1971 | 1/6 |
| 1988.52.1.6 | Brochures and articles on sewage treatment systems | 1956-[1970?] | 1/7-8 |
| 1988.52.1.7 | Notes, memoranda, Brocklehurst Community Hall Association constitution and other material <i>(restricted until 2070)</i> | 1970 | 1/9 |

Notes:

Physical condition: Clippings and other material in scrapbook are no longer adhered to scrapbook pages.

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British Columbia Irrigation District meeting minutes and other material

1959-1973, predominant 1969-1973. — 13 cm of textual record. — 9 technical drawings.

Scope and content: Series documents the administration of British Columbia Fruitlands Irrigation District, which includes maintenance and changes to the Irrigation District and the water system in Brocklehurst and changes to utilities rates and bylaws. Series consists of meeting minutes, engineering consultant reports, correspondence, meeting minutes, budgets and financial statements, organizational charts and by-laws.

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| 1988.52.2.1 | Organizational charts, audit and other material | 1970-1973 | 1/10 |
| 1988.52.2.2 | Minutes of meetings and other material (<i>restricted until 2073</i>) | 1959-1973 | 2/1 |
| 1988.52.2.3 | Minutes of meetings, bylaws, regulations and other material | 1971 | 2/2 |
| 1988.52.2.4 | Minutes of meetings, financial summaries, consultant reports and other material | 1971-1973, predominant 1972 | 2/3-4 |
| 1988.52.2.5 | Consultant reports and financial summary | 1971-1972 | 2/5-6 |
| 1988.52.2.6 | Minutes of Meetings, correspondence, Brocklehurst Municipality Feasibility study and other material (<i>restricted until 2071</i>) | 1959-1972 | 2/7 |
| 1988.52.2.7 | Minutes of meetings, financial summaries and other material | 1970-1971 | 2/8 |
| 1988.52.2.8 | Sewage system consultant reports, financial summaries and other material | 1970-1973 | 2/9 |
| 1988.52.2.9 | Water Extensions to Serve Areas West of Crestline Street technical drawings | 1973 | Storage Map Cabinet Drawer 1 |