

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:

Series

No.:

AU023.006S

FORMS PART OF:

AU023 Martha Kostuch fonds

TITLE:

Clean Air Strategic Alliance series

CREATOR:

Kostuch, Martha

DATE RANGE:

1991-2008

EXTENT:

2 meters of textual records and 1 CD.

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

The Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA) was created in 1994 as a non-profit, multi-stakeholder partnership of government, industry and non-government organizations that recommended strategies to assess and improve air quality in Alberta. Martha Kostuch was appointed to the CASA board of directors in 1998 and became Vice-President in 2005, a position she held until her death in 2008.

Kostuch, and other members of CASA, evaluated scientific and technical reports, including those produced by their own Sub-Committees. CASA looked at discussion papers and recommendations from a variety of sources including, industry, government, environment, advisory and health groups. As well, they attended meetings, conferences, workshops, and presentations with the aim to make the best informed recommendations regarding air quality regulations for Alberta. They explored ways to create a strategic plan which would co-ordinate the implementation of environmental regulations and make them meaningful, as well as acceptable to all Albertans. As this was a diverse committee, each member had to report back to their original organization and often compromise was required.

CASA's reports were made available to Alberta Environment, Committee members original organizations and to the public. As well, the Committee members met with government representatives such as, Premier Ralph Klein, Doug Horner and other Alberta Environment Ministers. Martha Kostuch prepared and presented a brief on CASA to Rona Ambrose, who was the Federal Minister of the Environment in 2006.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY:

In April 2008, Martha Kostuch signed an agreement with Athabasca University to have her records digitized but she passed away before this work could be started. After her death on April 23, 2008, her records went into the custody of her son Edward and in July 2008, he donated the records to Athabasca University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of materials pertaining to the operational activities of the Clean Air Strategic Alliance. As Kostuch was on several different boards within CASA, there are records from Directors meetings, Executive meetings and annual meetings.

Textual records include; correspondence, agendas, meeting minutes and attachments, presentations, meeting notes, annual reports, budgets, newspaper clippings, news releases, and bulletins. Also included; CASAs newsletter, *Clean Air Views*, CASA reports general scientific articles and reports. As well, much of the material has been annotated by Martha Kostuch.

The CD is a report of a science symposium that Kostuch attended.

SOURCE OF TITLE:

Title taken from the contents of the fonds.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

2 meters of textual records and 1 CD.

CONSERVATION:

Conservation copies have been made of some of the newspaper clippings, thermal fax paper and mimeograph paper.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE:

Series have been based on the major topics identified from the creator's arrangement, though some records may pertain to a number of series.

LANGUAGE NOTE:

The material is in English.

ACCESS CONDITIONS:

None.

USE CONDITIONS:

Permission for use required. Subject to *The Copyright Act*.

FINDING AIDS:

Box list and file list are available. Some of the material is available in electronic form.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACCESSIONS:

2008.015

Further accruals are not expected.

GENERAL NOTE:

Information for the administrative history was obtained from the records and from *The Edmonton Journal*, *Calgary Herald* and *Red Deer Advocate* newspapers.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Air - - Pollution

Ecology

Environmental policy

Environmental law

Pollutants