

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:

Series

No.:

AU023.011.S

FORMS PART OF:

AU023 Martha Kostuch fonds

TITLE:

Environmental assessment series

CREATOR:

Kostuch, Martha

DATE RANGE:

1979-2007

EXTENT:

1.98 meters of textual records and other material

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

During the 1980s, the Federal Environmental Review Office, under Environment Canada, conducted open consultations regarding public opinion on the environmental hearing and assessment process. After compiling their findings and realizing the regulations were no longer adequate, Environment Canada created a board called the Environmental Impact Review Task Force (EIRTF). The role of this multi-stakeholder board was to revise, update and reassess the policies and regulations of the federal *Environmental Assessment Act*.

From 1992 until her death in 2008, Martha Kostuch was a member of the Canadian Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC), later known as the Steering Committee Environmental Assessment Caucus (EAC), which was a subcommittee of the Canadian Environmental Network (CEN). Kostuch was a representative for CEN on the Environmental Impact Review Task Force. She also reviewed the *Environmental Assessment Act* as a representative of the Alberta Environmental Council (AEC).

Periodically the Canadian Government would hold a review of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, and as a member of the Steering Committee Environmental Assessment Caucus and the Alberta Environmental Council, Kostuch would participate in reviewing and updating the policies and regulations associated with the legislation.

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 consist of material pertaining to the work Martha Kostuch carried out while on the Environmental Impact Review Task Force and the Environmental Council of Alberta to update and revise the *Environmental Assessment Act*.

Textual records consist of agendas, meeting minutes and attachments, reports, correspondence, notes, newsletters, newspaper clippings, copies of the *Environmental Assessment Act*, a brief to the House of Commons by Kostuch on Bill C-78 and various other briefs by Kostuch. Also included, are reports and discussions regarding the *North American Free Trade Act*. As well, much of the material has been annotated by Martha Kostuch.

The CDs are of reports and the artifact is a collection of small plastic items such as truck, animals, shovel and thermometer used for a demonstration.

SOURCE OF TITLE:

Title taken from the contents of the fonds.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Series also includes 2 CDs. – 1 artifact.

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:

Environmental policy

Environmental law

Environmental impact analysis