

**LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:**

Series

**No.:**

AU023.012S

**FORMS PART OF:**

AU023 Martha Kostuch fonds

**TITLE:**

Environmental Council of Alberta series

**CREATOR:**

Kostuch, Martha

**DATE RANGE:**

1972-1991

**EXTENT:**

0.92 meters of textual records and other material

**ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:**

The Environmental Council of Alberta (ECA) was established in 1977 as a continuation of the Alberta Environment Conservation Authority. This was a Crown Corporation whose primary role was to carry out on-going reviews of environmental policies and programs. The ECA was supported in part by the Public Advisory Committee, a multi-stakeholder advisory committee.

Martha Kostuch was appointed a member of the ECA by the Alberta Government from 1979 to 1989. While on the ECA, she was a member of two subcommittees, the Public Advisory Board (PAB) and the Pollution Study Group (PSG), serving as Chair of the PAB in 1981 and Chair of the PSG in 1980.

As part of the Public Advisory Board subcommittee, Kostuch was also a member of the Canadian Environmental Advisory Council. She attended annual joint meetings that were sponsored by the Environmental Council of Alberta which included the PAC, the Environmental Education Advisory Committee and the Science Advisory Committee, both of which were subcommittees of the ECA.

The ECA and subcommittees created resolutions that concerned the environment in Alberta. These were forwarded to Alberta Government departments for review and consideration by the respective Members of the Legislative Assembly, with the prospect of having the resolutions become part of current 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, Athabasca, Alberta.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

The series consist of material pertaining to Kostuch's work on the Environment Council of Alberta and it's subcommittees to update, revise and bring forward new policies and procedures that affect the environment.

Textual records consist of, agendas, meeting minutes, booklets of resolutions, reports, correspondence, notes, newsletters and newspaper clippings. As well, much of the material has been annotated by Martha Kostuch.

The DVD is a list of an environmental directory called the Green List. The poster is a campaign poster for Peter Lougheed.

**SOURCE OF TITLE:**

Title taken from the contents of the fonds.

**PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:**

Series also includes 1 DVD.- 1 poster.

**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.

**ASSOCIATED MATERIAL:**

Associated material pertaining to the Environment Council of Alberta may be found in the Arnold Platt fonds at the Glenbow Archives in Calgary, Alberta and the John Ralph Nursall fonds at the University of Alberta Archives in Edmonton, Alberta.

**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 law  
Environmental policy  
Climate  
Energy Policy  
Electricity  
Water  
Refuse and refuse disposal  
Waste products