

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:

Series

No.:

AU023.018S

FORMS PART OF:

AU023 Martha Kostuch fonds

TITLE:

Land use series

CREATOR:

Kostuch, Martha

DATE RANGE:

1964-2006

EXTENT:

3.86 meters of textual records and other material

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/ BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

As member of Alberta League of Environmentally Responsible Tourism (ALERT), the Alberta Wilderness Association (AWA) and the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA), Martha Kostuch thought that the Municipal District of Clearwater, the Eastern Slopes and the Red Deer River Basin Integrated Management Plans should include environmental protections when the plans were revised. In 1984 and 1985, ALERT, AWA and AFGA came together to devise land use planning and regional strategies for the current revision of the Eastern Slopes Management Plan. As part of their strategy, they wanted to see several unique areas west of Rocky Mountain house designated as Alberta Protected Areas, Endangered Spaces or parks. These included, the West Castle Valley, Kootenay Plains, Whitegoat Mountain and Bighorn Wildland areas. Representatives from these groups submitted briefs outlining their vision for the areas when the public hearings for the Easter Slopes Management Plan were held. As well, Kostuch submitted briefs to public hearings for several other integrated management land use plans include the Red Deer Regional Planning Commission, Rocky-North Saskatchewan River, Town of Rocky Mountain House, Municipal District of Clearwater, Nordegg, the David Thompson Corridor and the Whitegoat Lakes area.

Kostuch was also involved in various other projects regarding land use. These included, a campaign to have the Alberta government create Special Places 2000 which would restrict industrial development and allow only limited tourism activities in certain areas; legal proceedings against the Alberta Cement Corporation (ACC) and Alberta Environment when the government issued a building permit to ACC which contravened

the Big Lake Area Structure Plan putting a critical wildlife area in danger; and investigating agricultural land use and setting policy for the Confined Feeding Operations Project Team, a subcommittee of the Clean Air Strategic Alliance (CASA).

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:

Series consists of material pertaining to investigating land use plans, setting land use policy and regulations that would ensure environmental protection, and legal proceedings against the Alberta government for being in breach of the Big Lake Area Structure Plan.

Textual records in this series consist of management plans and accompanying maps, reports, briefs, legal documents, correspondence, notes and newspaper clippings. As well, much of the material has been annotated by Martha Kostuch.

The graphic material includes images of the area planned for construction of the Alberta Cement Corporation plant and of areas in the Kootenay Plains and Abraham Lake where a movie was filmed. A poster shows the resource features of the Kootenay Plains.

SOURCE OF TITLE:

Title taken from the contents of the fonds.

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:

Series also contains 97 maps. – 30 photographs. – 24 negatives. – 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:

Other records pertaining to the Alberta Wilderness Association may be found in the Alberta Wilderness Association fonds, the Herbert Kariel fonds, the Roughsedge, Tymchuk family fonds, and the Ed Wolf fonds at the Glenbow Archives in Calgary, Alberta, the Jon Whyte fonds at the Whyte Museum of the CanadianRockers, Archives and Library in Banff, Alberta and the Tom Maccagno fonds at the Provincial Archives of Alberta in Edmonton, Alberta.

Other records pertaining to the Alberta Fish and Game Association may be found in the Alberta Fish and Game Association fonds at the Provincial Archives of Alberta 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:

Provincial parks and reserves

Environmental policy

Tourist trade

Local government

Industrial policy