Series 137 - Fort William City Engineer's Files

1889-1968, Primarily 1906-1944

64 cm. of textual records

Over the period covered by this series, records were in the custody of the following City Engineers. The list is by no means complete and supplied dates are approximations for their tenure in the position. J. L. Davidson (1905); H. S. Hancock (1907-1910); John Wilson (1911-1912); C.B. Symes (1920-1940+); F. E. Ayres (1947-1950); John A. Marshall (1960+).

According to a report conducted by Stevenson and Kellogg in 1949, The City Engineer reported to the manager of the Board of Works and was responsible for all engineering design for the Board of Works and Waterworks. Responsibilities included the provision of construction estimates, monitoring the performance of contractors, conducting inspections of contract work and standard engineering duties such as surveying and drafting.

Later, By-Law 58 of 1961, being a by-law regarding the appointment of several city officials, identified the duties and responsibilities for the Senior Engineer (John A. Marshall). These duties included administration and operation of the Board of Works and Waterworks departments, and all engineering studies required from time to time by the Corporation. Under the same By-law, two additional appointments were made for City Engineers. Mr. Morley L. Daiter was appointed Engineer in charge of construction, maintenance, local improvements, traffic engineering as well as chief building inspector and Mr. W. E. Maclellan was appointed Engineer in charge of designing, installing and coordinating the operation of both Water works and Sewer works.

Records in this series primarily consist of waterworks files and material on the Loch Lomond water source. A detailed file list is available.
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