When the City of Port Arthur was designated as a planning area, it was necessary to appoint a Planning Board. This was accomplished through the passage of By-Law 3156 on December 27, 1950. The first meeting of the Port Arthur Planning Board was held on January 16, 1951. At that meeting the members recommended that the General Plan of Land Uses be adopted by Council and submitted to the Minister of Planning and Development for approval as the Official Plan of the Port Arthur Planning Board.

Duties of the Planning Board included studying the physical, social and economic conditions in relation to the development of the Port Arthur planning area. The Board held meetings to discuss and determine the solution of any problems or matters, were responsible for preparing the Official Plan and recommending the implementation of any of the features of or changes to the official plan.

Minutes contain correspondence, reports, discussions and recommendations in relation to matters under the Board’s control, including recommending the approval of new Plans of Subdivision, opening of streets, providing solutions for traffic problems and considering applications for amendments to the zoning by-law and Official Plan.

The series consists of two volumes.

The first bound volume contains handwritten minutes commencing with the first meeting of the Board on January 16, 1951 and ending February 6, 1953.

The second volume is a post binder of typed minutes from January 16, 1951 to November 18, 1969. At the beginning of this binder is a copy of the above-mentioned By-Law establishing the Planning Board.

Further accruals are not anticipated.

Other records relating to the Planning Board may be found in Series 90, Official Plan Files, Series 94, Zoning By-Law Amendment Files, Series 95, Subdivision Reference Files and Series 50, Port Arthur Committee of Adjustment Records.