

**Series 46 - Port Arthur Board of Police Commissioners Port Arthur Fonds**  
**Records**

1907-1969

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Prior to 1907, there does not appear to have been an established Police Commission. It appears that the administration of the Police fell under a Committee of Council, namely, the License and Police Committee, which, in 1892, was known as the License, Police and Relief Committee.

Under the Municipal Institutions Act, cities were required to establish a Police Commission. When Port Arthur became a city in 1907, the Board of Police Commissioners was established. The first meeting of the Board was held on October 7, 1907. Present at this meeting were His Honour Judge O'Leary, Mayor Clavet and Police Magistrate W. C. Dobie. His Honour Judge O'Leary was appointed Chairman of the Board and James McTeigue was appointed Clerk. The Board was responsible for the general management and control of the Police Department.

These responsibilities included the preparation and passing of by-laws with regards to the licensing and regulating of auctioneers, junk and second hand stores, hawkers and pedlars, cab drivers and regulating parades and traffic. The Police Commission oversaw the appointing of members to the Police Force and approving their respective salaries and promotions as well as authorizing the purchase of police vehicles, equipment and uniforms.

Monthly reports were presented to the Police Commission by the Chief Constable of the Police Department, with regards to cases and fines, as well as annual reports of the Department.

This series consists of meeting minutes and by-laws relating to the Board's management of the Police Department. One bound handwritten volume exists for minutes dated October 7, 1907 – December 28, 1921. A post binder exists for minutes dated January 11, 1922 - December 23, 1969. An Index consisting of a bound handwritten volume for minutes from 1907 – 1933 is included, an Index consisting of a post binder for minutes from 1934 – 1969 as well as a post binder containing the By-Laws of the Commission from 1907 to 1969.

Minutes and By-Laws for the Board of Police Commissioners for the City of Port Arthur conclude with the formal amalgamation with the City of Fort William in 1970.

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Further accruals are not anticipated.