

Series 47 - Port Arthur Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes Port Arthur Fonds

1966-1967, 1969

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Under By-Law 2935, dated March 14, 1949, the Port Arthur Civic Recreation Committee was established. Among other duties, this Committee was to be responsible for conducting a recreational programme making the best use of physical properties of the City. This By-Law was repealed in 1950 and By-Law 3037 dated March 13, 1950 reestablished the Committee. Changes were made to the regulations under The Department of Education Act, which this Committee was governed by and in 1952 By-Law 3348 was passed to cover these changes.

There are no minutes available for the Civic Recreation Committee prior to 1958 (See Series 28, TBA 4747 for copies) but there are numerous references to the Committee in the Port Arthur City Council Minutes prior to that time.

Various sub-committees were formed to concentrate on specific areas under the control of the Civic Recreation Committee, including the Programme Committee, Building Committee, Centennial Committee and Civilian Band Committee.

The Civic Recreation Committee continued its operations until the mid 1960's. At that time it was felt that there was over-lapping and duplication of the roles of the Civic Recreation Committee and the Board of Park Management. Because of this, the City applied for special legislation under By-Law 5328, to dissolve the Board of Park Management and to appoint a board or committee to be known as The Parks Recreation and Community Centres Board, which Board was to be both a recreation committee within the meaning of The Department of Education Act and a Community Centres Board within the meaning of The Community Centres Act. This legislation, Bill PR9 – 1966 took effect on April 6, 1966. In 1966, the City also passed By-Law 5415, which established the Department of Parks and Recreation and By-Law 5416 which appointed the Board. The Board appeared to be commonly known as the Parks and Recreation Committee.

The series consists of meeting minutes relating to the management of recreational programmes and activities at various City facilities, including supervised playgrounds, arenas and rinks and community centres.

The Parks and Recreation Committee was previously known as the Civic Recreation Committee.

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Further accruals are not anticipated.

The minutes appear to be copies of originals, compiled by members of the Committee.

There are 2 sets of minutes for the year 1966 which are not exactly identical.

Copies of Minutes for the years 1958, 1959, 1960 – 1962, 1965, 1966, 1968 and 1969 are available in Series 28, City of Port Arthur Parks & Recreation Files, TBA 4747, 4748 and 4749.

Other records and information relating to the Parks and Recreation Committee may be found in Series 44, Board of Park Management Minutes, Series 28, Parks & Recreation Files, Series 29, City Clerk's Files and Series 17, Council Minutes.