

1911-1966

24 cm. of textual records

Under By-Law 203 in 1888, the Town of Port Arthur adopted the Public Parks Act and thereafter appointed a Board of Park Management. It appears that the Board was allowed to lapse and, in 1908, there was no Board acting as such. Under By-Law 192, in 1908, a new Board of Park Management was appointed.

The Board was responsible for the general management, regulation and control of the various parks within the City, including Current River Park, Boulevard Lake, Waverley Park, Hillcrest Park and was also responsible for the operation of the Strathcona Golf Course which opened on September 7, 1925 as "Strathcona Links, Port Arthur". Various properties in the City were also acquired by the Board for park purposes throughout the years of its operation and the Board also took over the control of Trowbridge Falls Park in 1963.

Under By-Law 5328, the City applied for special legislation to dissolve the Board of Park Management and to have its assets and liabilities become the assets and liabilities of the City of Port Arthur. Under the above-mentioned By-Law, the City also applied for legislation to allow Council 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 series consists of a variety of material, including By-Laws passed by the Board, for the period 1911 – 1966. These By-Laws cover various issues and concerns. The first By-Law passed by the Board in 1911 related to the regulation and government of parks. Other By-Laws passed by the Board included By-Laws authorizing the acquiring of lands for park purposes, authorizing construction of improvements to parks and approving agreements.

The By-Laws are in a post binder, arranged numerically by By-Law number. A numerical listing at the beginning of the binder indicates the By-Law number, the date of the By-Law, the title and additional remarks relating to repeals or amendments.

The other items in this series are Parks Board Ledger Books. The first ledger (TBA3924) covers the period 1926 to 1964. Arranged alphabetically by account, the information contained in this volume consists of a record of the debit and credit entries of the various accounts of the Parks Board. Accounts include equipment repairs, golf course maintenance, nursery and rents payable, just to name a few.

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The next ledger (TBA3925) covers the period 1927 to 1966. This ledger is also arranged alphabetically by account and contains the same type of information as in (TBA3924)

The final ledger (TBA3926) covers the period 1965 and 1966. This ledger is divided into four sections: Parks, Recreation, Arena and Stadium. Each section is then arranged numerically by account number where the payables for that particular account are recorded.

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Further accruals are not anticipated.

Other records relating to the Board of Park Management may be found in Series 44, Board of Park Management Minutes, Series 47, Parks and Recreation Committee Minutes, Series 28, Parks & Recreation Files and Series 29, City Clerk's Files.