

## The Town of Canmore

The Town of Canmore fonds. – 1909 - 2005. – 22 cm of textual records. – 45 maps and plans. – 50 photographs.

Canmore is a town in Alberta, Canada, located approximately 81 kilometres (50 mi) west of the City of Calgary near the southeast boundary of Banff National Park. It is located in the Bow Valley within Alberta's Rockies. The town shares a border with Kananaskis Country to the west and south and the Municipal District of Bighorn No. 8 to the north and east. With a population of 12,288 in 2011, Canmore is the ninth-largest town in Alberta.

Canmore was officially named in 1884 by Canadian Pacific Railway director Donald A. Smith. At one time it was contained within the Banff National Park boundary. Between 1911 and 1930 the park boundaries changed a few times and eventually Canmore was outside the boundary line. In 1886, Queen Victoria granted a coal mining charter to the town, and the No. 1 mine was opened in 1887.

The coal mining industry was active until 1979 when the Canmore Mine's Ltd shut down. In 1965 Canmore was incorporated as a town. Due to safety procedures, all but a few mining structures were demolished in the following year.

Canmore's economy was somewhat uncertain until the announcement in the early 1980s that Calgary would be hosting the 1988 Winter Olympics, and that Canmore would play host to the Nordic events. This resulted in an increase in tourism, and Canmore began to develop into a recreational hub.

The fonds consists of legislative paperwork, area development proposals and plans, development and feasibility reports and assessments, town sponsored events, committee meeting minutes and annotated notes. The fonds is arranged in 4 series: I. Legislation Paperwork. II. Development. III. Correspondence. IV. Correspondence.

In addition, the fonds contains survey maps, development maps, development plans, and aerial maps.

Related photographs document: Canada Parade 1967,

Related artifacts in the heritage collection include: pins, cookbook, hat, Centennial coin, postcards, a framed poem.

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

## SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

### **Legislation Paperwork.** – 1909 - 1915. 1 file of textual records.

Series consists of: Transfer of Land between William McCardell and Frank Caswell (1915), land indenture between the Crown and Philip Diamond (1909).

Title based on the contents of the series.

### **Development.** – 1926 – 2005. 16 cm of textual records.

Series consists of: a Town Centre Enhancement Concept Plan (1988), Spring Creek Area Redevelopment Plan (2003), Rafter Six Ranch Resort Area Structure Plan (2005), Restwell Trailer Park Area Structure Plan (2002), maps and letters regarding development of land in Dead Man's Flats and wildlife impact (2002), South Canmore Area Structure Plan (1994), Area Redevelopment Plan – Teepee Town (2004), Canmore Utility Master Plan (1998), Stewart Creek Area Structure Plan (2004), Resort Centre Area Structure Plan (2004), Socio-Economic Assessment of Spring Creek Mountain Village (2003), Regional Organics Recycling Implementation Program – Feasibility Study (2004), Canmore Community Monitoring Program – Report and Appendices (2003), Report on Canmore's 2004 Shortage of Affordable Dwellings (2004), Reports on possible ski area development within Kananaskis Country, Spray Lakes (1980 – 1981), Wildlife Impact Assessment Rafter Six Ranch Resort (2005), Limestone Valley - Wildlife Corridor and Habitat Patch Assessment (2004), Wildlife Use of the South Canmore Region (2002), Land Examinations for proposal of cemetery and air strip (1926), Cemetery Restoration proposal (1975), Sport Tourism Investment Proposal (2001), documents pertaining to the development of Mt. Allan into Nakiska Ski Area (1982 - 1986), maps of Canmore (ca. 1960).

Title based on the contents of the series.

### **Committees.** – 1938 - 2003. 3 folders of textual records.

Series consists of: event invitations, reports, reference letters, meeting agendas and notes, handwritten meeting notes, documents pertaining to the Heritage, the Centennial, the Cemetery, and the Quarry Lake Foundation committees.

Title based on the contents of the series.

### **Correspondence.** –1977 - 2005. 1 folder of textual records.

Series consists of: letters to Town Council regarding various local events, development protests, and the local cemetery.

Title based on the contents of the series.

## FILE LIST

### Series: I. Legislation Paperwork

FILE TITLE	DATES	BOX/FILE
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### Series: II. Development

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Reports I	1980 - 2004	1 / 5
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The Proposed Development of Mt Allan	1982 - 1986	2 / 8
Maps	ca. 1960	2 / 9

### Series: III. Committees

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Quarry Lake Heritage Foundation	2001 - 2003	2 / 12

### Series: IV. Correspondence

FILE TITLE	DATES	BOX/FILE
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