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City of Kamloops Rube Band fonds

2012.002, 1975.018, 2020.016

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2012.002, etc.
Access: Open.

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Textual, Audio, Graphic

1949-1989
0.05 m

Title: City of Kamloops Rube Band fonds

Dates of creation: 1949 – 1989

Physical description: 5 cm of textual records, 2 audio recordings, and 1 photograph

Administrative history:

City of Kamloops Rube Band is a marching band based in Kamloops, British Columbia. The band began in 1949 and has continued for over 60 years through the participation of volunteer musicians. The original force behind the group was likely founding member, Ginger Crow. Band members wear odd and zany costumes during performances, which were initially held at community events and parades within Kamloops and throughout B.C. Their informal, fun, and unique take on the traditional marching band model was an immediate success with audiences. The band largely played marching band songs in its early years but has expanded its repertoire over the years to include jazz, dixieland, classical, and contemporary music, while also expanding its stage show and marching band routines. Performances have included shows across Canada, the U.S., Mexico, Europe, and Asia. They have represented Kamloops at several World Fairs, most notably at Expo '67 in Montreal, Expo '70 in Osaka, Japan, and Expo '86 in Vancouver. The Rube Band has been sponsored by the Junior Chamber of Commerce and the Lumberman's Association. In 1969 the band became a registered society and Kamloops City Council adopted the band as official city ambassadors. They have two recordings *Happy Days Are Here Again* (1970) and *An Evening with the Rubes* (2001). The band continues to exist today through the participation of volunteers with weekly practices held at the Kamloops Yacht Club and a busy performance schedule.

Scope and content:

Fonds consists of official records of the Kamloops Rube Band from 1969 to 1989. Records include annual reports, financial records, correspondence, membership and directors' lists, a certificate of incorporation, and the Rube Band's constitution. Most of the records detail the band's legal standing as a registered society with the B.C. Registrar of Companies in Victoria. Fonds also contains a photograph of the first members of the band, an information file on the band's creation, and LPs.

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Custodial History:

Fonds was originally comprised of accession 2012.002, which was donated to the Kamloops Museum and Archives on September 11, 2001 by the City of Kamloops Rube Band via Don Connors. Additional material was located in the collection in 2020 and was accrued to the fonds: accessions 1975.018.002 and 2020.016. Accession 1975.018.002 was donated on March 12, 1975 by the City of Kamloops per Mayor Al Thompson. Accession 2020.016 was found in the collection in 2020 with no donor information, and was accessioned during processing in March 2020.

Notes:

Source of supplied title: Title based on contents of fonds.

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist. Additional material accrued to fonds in 2020 was placed after existing materials.

Access restrictions: No restrictions on access. The archivist reserves the right to restrict access to any fragile material for preservation purposes.

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Finding aids: File list is available for this collection.

Accruals: Further accruals are expected.

Treatment note: During processing in 2012, documents contained in a record book (file 2012.002/001(01)) were removed by the archivist and housed in a file folder in their original order.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
2012.002/001(01)	Record Book 1969-1980 – File contains a book of records compiled by the Rube Band. Records include lists of directors, band members, and officers, a certificate of incorporation, a constitution, correspondence, clippings, annual reports, and financial reports. – 1 cm of textual records	1969-1980	1/1
2012.002/001(02)	Financial Statements 1972-1976 – File contains financial reports, lists of directors of the Kamloops Rube Band, and a copy of the Societies Act. – 0.5 cm of textual records	1972-1976	1/2
2012.002/001(03)	Re: Societies Act and Incorporation 1973-1989 – File contains records relating to the incorporation of the Rube Band under the Societies Act. Records include correspondence, reports, clippings, financial records, and a list of directors. – 2 cm of textual records	1973-1989	1/3
2020.016.001	First Band Members – Item is a photograph showing the first members of the Rube Band in costume at the Kamloops Round-up. Photograph printed by Le Blond's Studio in Vernon, B.C. – 20.3 x 23.3 cm – Title based on contents	[1949?]	1/4
2020.016.002	Information File – File contains a file folder describing the first Rube Band and photocopies of newspaper clippings about the band's formation. – 5 textual records	[1949?]	1/5
1975.016.003, 2020.016.003	Happy Days with the Kamloops Rube Band – File contains two vinyl LP's entitled <i>Happy Days with the Kamloops Rube Band</i> , comprised of a live recording of the band. – 2 audio vinyl LPs	[1971?]	Oversize