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Kamloops Community Hotel Association collection

0.2898, 0.2907, 0.2908

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1927-1952

Access: Open.

Textual

0.005 meters

Title: Kamloops Community Hotel Association fonds

Dates of Creation: 1927-1952

Physical Description: 0.5 cm of textual records

Administrative History:

The Kamloops Community Hotel Association was formed in April 1927 with the purpose of building a community financed and owned hotel in downtown Kamloops to bolster the tourism and trade of the community. The group was led by president Archibald Galloway, a local druggist, and was comprised by local businessmen and investors. Stocks were sold locally to raise funds, and construction of a hotel (later named the Plaza) was completed on land located on the southeast corner of Victoria Street and 4th Avenue in 1928. After two years of operations, the Leland Hotel Company Limited (another locally owned hotel) offered to purchase the stocks of the Kamloops Community Hotel, an offer which was accepted in 1930 with stock transfer being completed in 1933.

The Plaza Hotel, located at 405 Victoria Street in downtown Kamloops, was constructed under the auspices of the Kamloops Community Hotel Association (led by Archibald Galloway) between 1927-1928. The hotel was designed in the Spanish American style by local architect E.T. Brown, with construction being carried out by local firm Johnston and Co. Alongside its hotel rooms, lobby space, and restaurant, the building also contained space for complementary businesses on the first floor. Early tenants included D.W. Rowlands (insurance), J.A. Dowding (real estate), Capital Cleaners, and a barbershop. The Plaza opened with a gala event on May 1, 1928 under the management of Charles Campbell, and soon became a destination for local travellers. Over the years the hotel continued to be popular with travellers, and was expanded in 1948 and 1959 to include additional rooms. In 2000 the Plaza Hotel was honoured with heritage building status by the Kamloops Heritage Society (later Kamloops Heritage Commission), and it continues to operate today as a hotel, restaurant, and entertainment venue.

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Scope and Content:

Fonds consists of records created by the Kamloops Community Hotel Association and related to the Plaza Hotel. Records include reports, promotional materials, notices to shareholders, and letterhead.

Custodial History:

Accessions 0.2898, 0.2907, and 0.2908 have no available donor information. Records were initially placed in the Vertical Files collection and were brought together as a distinct collection during reprocessing in 2020.

Notes:

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

Arrangement: Order that fonds arrived in was maintained by the archivist.

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: No further accruals are expected.

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Accession	Description	Dates	Box/Folder
0.2898.001	Balance Sheet – File contains a notice of meeting with a balance sheet detailing finances for the Kamloops Community Hotel Limited. – 1 textual record	1928	1
0.2898.002	Statutory Report – File contains a notice of meeting with a statutory report naming persons involved in the Kamloops Community Hotel Limited and reporting on finances. – 1 textual record	1927	2
0.2898.003	Notice of an Extraordinary General Meeting – File contains a notice issued to shareholders in the Kamloops Community Hotel for an Extraordinary General Meeting. – 1 textual record	1930	3
0.2898.004	Notice – File contains a notice issued to shareholders in the Kamloops Community Hotel re: the acceptance of the offer made by the Leland Hotel Company Limited to purchase their shares. – 1 textual record	1930	4
0.2907.001	Proposal – File contains a proposal issued to shareholders in the Kamloops Community Hotel re: an offer made by the Leland Hotel Company Limited to purchase their shares. – 1 textual record	1930	5
0.2907.002	Notice – File contains a notice issued to shareholders in the Kamloops Community Hotel re: an additional fundraising campaign. – 1 textual record	1927	6
0.2907.003	Prospectus, Kamloops Community Hotel Limited – File contains two copies of a prospectus which outlines the plans for a Kamloops Community Hotel. – 0.25 cm of textual records	1927	7
0.2907.004	A Modern Tourist and Commercial Hotel for Kamloops booklet – File contains a promotional booklet which outlines the features of the proposed Kamloops Community Hotel, including diagrams, photographs, and floorplans. – 0.25 cm of textual records	[1927]	8

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0.2908	Plaza Hotel letterhead – File contains blank letterhead for the Plaza Hotel. – 1 textual record	[ca. 1952]	9
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