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Regional District Review Committee fonds

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Summary information

Repository:	University of British Columbia Library Rare Books and Special Collections
Title:	Regional District Review Committee fonds
Title [parallel]:	The Farmer Committee fonds
ID:	RBSC-ARC-1795
Date:	1975 - 1978, predominant photocopied 1977-1978 (date of creation)
Physical description:	79.5 cm of textual records 7 maps
Dates of creation, revision and deletion:	Arranged and described by Stuart Graham Hill, June - July 2018. Finding aid developed with previous input by other archival students.
Note [generalNote]:	Records were accumulated by the Regional District Review Committee between 1977-1978 pursuant to their mandate and to facilitate the preparation of their report. The vast majority of the records are photocopied reproductions of originals, however, some original print publications, such as brochures, date back to 1975.

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

The Regional District Review Committee of the Legislature was initiated on September 8, 1977, to review the regional district concept as it was being implemented in British Columbia. It was the first comprehensive review of regional districts since their inception. The committee members – Phillip Farmer, Rendina Hamilton of Penticton, Alfred O. Hood of Victoria, Daphne Phillips of Dawson Creek, and Ronald Thompson of Galiano – all had experience in local government in British Columbia. Farmer was named chair by agreement of the committee, and Brigadier-General E.D. Danby served as the committee’s executive secretary. Because of his leadership role, the Regional District Review Committee was also known as “The Farmer Committee.”

Appointed by Hugh Curtis, Minister of Municipal Affairs, pursuant to order-in-council Number 2888, the committee was authorized to examine:

- 1) the jurisdictional role of regional districts, including an examination of present and future functions and responsibilities;
- 2) the structural and administrative organization of regional districts including internal and external boundaries; the relationships between regional districts and Provincial, municipal and the citizens; and Provincial financial support policy for the regional districts; and
- 3) such other issues germane to the review of the regional district concept as may be appropriate.

To these ends, the committee was empowered to seek briefs from interested parties and hold public hearings at various locations throughout the province.

The Review Committee held 41 public hearings at which it received 366 written and verbal submissions and an additional 150 pieces of correspondence, including one from the Greater Vancouver Regional District. The responses revealed a diversity of issues, making the differences amongst the 29 regional districts quite evident.

After becoming ill in June 1978 following the conclusion of the committee's public hearings, Farmer resigned the position of committee chair in September 1978, at which time Rendina Hamilton was appointed acting chair and later chair of the committee. The Committee's final report, released on October 31, 1978, recommended the regional district governance model be retained, and made a total of 52 suggestions for changes. After submission of the report to the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Hugh Curtis, the committee was dissolved.

Scope and content

The fonds consists primarily of records relating to Philip Farmer's work as chair of the 1977-1978 Regional District Review Committee of the British Columbia Legislature. Committee records include reports, maps, statues and by-laws, memoranda and correspondence, press clippings, annual requisitions and budgets, public hearing briefs or exhibits, and other textual records. There is also a copy of minutes from a meeting held by the Regional District Review Committee on December 15th, 1977.

Notes

Title notes

- **Parallel titles and other title info:** Parallel title based on colloquial name for the Regional District Review Committee when it was chaired by Philip Farmer.
- **Source of title proper:** Title based on juridical body that accumulated the records.

Arrangement

Arranged based on functional analysis of creating agency and records present.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** published

Access points

- Farmer, Philip (subject)

Series descriptions

Operation of Regional Districts

Date: 1973 - 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records collected by the region district review committee to examine the jurisdictional role of the regional districts, the structural and administrative organization of the regional districts, their internal and external boundaries, and financial information. Series is divided into four files: organizational structure of regional districts, physical boundaries of regional districts, finances, and by-laws.

Organizational Structure relates to each regional district and contains records such as organizational charts, staff listings, boards of directors, and financial information.

Physical boundaries of regional districts includes maps and correspondence detailing current and proposed borders and boundaries within and between various regional districts.

Financial statements contains records specific to each regional district including annual budgets and annual tax requisitions.

By-laws contains various by-laws passed by different regional districts. These relate to zoning and budget adoption.

Physical description: 16 cm of textual records
4 maps (RBSC-ARC-1795-OS-01)

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1795-01-01	File - Financial Statements	1973 - 1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-01-02	File - Organizational Structure of Regional Districts	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-01-03	File - By-Laws	1974-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-02-01	File - Physical Boundaries of Regional Districts	1976-1978		

Public Consultation

Date: 1977 - 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains records produced by the Regional District Review Committee's efforts to seek briefs from interested parties and to hold public hearings at various locations throughout the province of British Columbia. Series is divided into three files: briefs, public hearings, and correspondence.

Briefs consists of submissions by individuals, associations, and other public or private bodies, stating opinions, issues, and recommendations relating to the regional district governance model.

Public hearings contains the transcripts of public hearings held throughout the province as well as documents related to these hearings.

Correspondence consists of communications between the Committee and Districts, collections of correspondence and records regarding specific issues, and expressions of the opinions and recommendations of members of the public.

Physical description: 30.5 cm of textual records

Publication status:

published

File / item list

Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1795-04-02	File - Correspondence	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-05-01	File - Public Hearings	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-05-02	File - Briefs and Submissions	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-06-01	File - Briefs and Submissions	1977-1978		

Supporting Documentation

Date: 1962 - 1978 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

Series contains reference materials supporting the Regional District Review Committee's Mandate to examine the functions and roles of the Regional Districts. Files consist of maps, reports, press clippings, background materials to the Greater Vancouver Regional District's submission to the RDRC, and a selection of acts and bills.

Maps includes three maps of restricted development areas, two in Calgary and one in Edmonton.

Reports consist of studies or other written materials on diverse topic including summaries of regional districts, annual reports, assessments of the regional district governance model, and reports of services and industries. Also includes small booklets and pamphlets.

Press clippings is a collection of photocopied newspaper and magazine articles pertinent to the Regional District Review Committee's examination.

The Greater Vancouver Regional District's background materials includes information related to budget, services, staff and board members, and proposal to deal with future growth and to develop a light rail transit system.

The selection of acts and bills include acts of the Province of British Columbia pertinent to the regional district system of governance, proceedings in the legislative assembly of the Province of British Columbia, environmental regulations of Alberta, and the municipality of metropolitan Toronto act.

Physical description: 33 cm of textual records

3 maps (RBSC-ARC-1795-OS-01)				
<u>Publication status:</u>				
published				
File / item list				
Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
RBSC-ARC-1795-02-02	File - Maps	1977		
RBSC-ARC-1795-02-03	File - Greater Vancouver Regional District	1975-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-02-04	File - Acts and Bills	1962-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-02-05	File - Reports	1977-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-03-01	File - Reports	1976-1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-03-02	File - Press Clippings	Between 1962 and 1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-04-01	File - Press Clippings	Between 1962 and 1978		
RBSC-ARC-1795-06-02	Item - Minutes of the Meeting December 15, 1977	Dec. 15, 1977		