

LEVEL OF DESCRIPTION:

Series

No.:

AU023.001S

FORMS PART OF:

AU023 Martha Kostuch fonds

TITLE:

Abraham Glacier Resort series

CREATOR:

Kostuch, Martha

DATE RANGE:

1998-2005

EXTENT:

0.64 m textual records. – 3 photographs

ADMINISTRATIVE HISTORY/BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

In 2002, 1006335 Alberta Inc., (Don McCargar) submitted a proposal to build Abraham Glacier Wellness Resort in the Whitegoat Wilderness area west of Nordegg, Alberta in the Municipal District (MD) of Clearwater. As a member of the Alberta League for Environmentally Responsible Tourism (ALERT), Kostuch questioned the wisdom of the MD granting a land lease for development in such a pristine wilderness area. After receiving material from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development under the *Access to Information Act*, Kostuch discovered that no Environmental Assessment had been completed for the area.

As a result of this discovery, ALERT launched a major public campaign to stop the project, and as first step, forced a Municipal Planning Commission hearing and a Sub Division Appeal Board hearing. After the proceedings, the MD cancelled the lease and the developer took the MD to court to overturn their ruling. The developer's appeal was turned down and the project was cancelled.

CUSTODIAL HISTORY:

In April 2008, Martha Kostuch signed an agreement with Athabasca University to have her records digitized, but she passed away before this work could be started. After her death on April 23, 2008, her records went into the custody of her son Edward and in July 2008, he donated the records to Athabasca University.

SCOPE AND CONTENT:

The series consists of material pertaining to Martha Kostuch's activities as a member of the Alberta League for Environmentally Responsible Tourism (ALERT) and their efforts to stop the construction of the Abraham Glacier Wellness Resort.

A sizeable portion of the records are copies of material received under the *Access to Information Act*. The textual records include, correspondence, development applications, copies of Alberta Subdivision regulations, draft reports of the David Thompson Corridor Development Node, reports, agenda, meeting minutes from ALERT, copies of legal documents from court cases, news releases and campaign posters from ALERT, newspaper clippings, handwritten notes from the hearings and maps, plans and architectural drawings. As well, much of the material has been annotated by Martha Kostuch.

Photographs depict the Abraham Lake and Abraham Glacier area where the proposed resort was to be built.

SOURCE OF TITLE:

Title taken from the contents of the fonds.

CONSERVATION:

Conservation copies have been made of some of the newspaper clippings, thermal fax paper and mimeograph paper.

ARRANGEMENT NOTE:

Series have been based on the major topics identified from the creator's arrangement, though some records may pertain to a number of series.

LANGUAGE NOTE:

The material is in English.

ACCESS CONDITIONS:

None.

USE CONDITIONS:

Permission for use required. Subject to *The Copyright Act*.

FINDING AIDS:

Box list and file list are available. Some of the material is available in electronic form.

INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING ACCESSIONS:

2008.015

Further accruals are not expected.

GENERAL NOTE:

Information for the administrative history was obtained from the records and from *The Edmonton Journal*, *Calgary Herald* and *Red Deer Advocate* newspapers.

SUBJECT HEADINGS:

Environmental impact analysis

Ecology

Environmental law

Actions and defenses