

Police Village of Thornhill Fonds

TITLE: Police Village of Thornhill fonds
DATES: 1939-1970, predominant 1950-1968
EXTENT: 1.2 m of textual records and other material
BIO & ADMIN HIST: With the advent of townships as corporate entities in York County in 1850, Thornhill came under the joint jurisdiction of Vaughan and Markham Townships. Though having witnessed the arrival of its first settlers in the 1970's, Thornhill would never possess the population base and size required for it to attain municipal autonomy (i.e. the station of village, township, town, etc.). However, it was able to achieve Police Village status in 1931. Three trustees were to be elected annually by the residents of Thornhill and bore responsibility for fire protection, sidewalks, roads, culverts and bridges garbage collection, snow removal, the public library, Oakbank Conservation Pond and recreation within the village limits. The trustees contracted out most of these services, with costs being met by grants from Markham and Vaughan Townships. By contrast, the office of the village trustee was without remuneration. In 1949, the significance and breadth of recreation in Thornhill necessitated the creation of the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee. It was composed of 5 members, 4 of whom were elected by the Thornhill citizenry, and one an appointee or member of the trustee board. The committee's mandate encompassed the promotion of recreation and crafts in Thornhill, administration and maintenance of the Thornhill Swimming Pool (its only operational responsibility), and generally the co-ordination of its activities with those of the Markham and Vaughan Recreation Committees, as well as the Community Memorial and Recreation Center Committee. Dissolution of the Police Village paralleled the advent of regional government in York in 1971; too many strata of local government were deemed inefficient and redundant. Markham and Vaughan Townships

assumed the functions of the Police Village of Thornhill civic administration in their respective areas of jurisdiction.

CUSTODIAL HIST:

The records for the Police Village of Thornhill were generated by the Trustees of the village and the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee between 1939 and 1970. The records were subsequently transferred to and maintained by the Town of Vaughan Clerk's Department until 1986 when, by authority of the Town Clerk, the fonds was transferred to the Vaughan Archives.

SCOPE & CONTENT:

Fonds consists of records of the Police Village of Thornhill which reflect the functions and activities of the two constituent components for the village administration: the Board of Trustees and the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee.

Aggregates of correspondence and minute books located respectively in the two sous fonds constituting this fonds provide the highest level of insight into the functions, activities, goals, accomplishments, principals, etc. of the Police Village of Thornhill Board of Trustees and the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee. Other record types present include financial and legal documents, reports, site plans, 3 photo prints of the Thornhill Swimming Pool, printed material such as programs, brochures, pamphlets and circulars, etc.

**TITLE SOURCE:
ARRANGEMENT:**

Title based on contents of fonds.

Each record-creating entity is represented as a sub-group. Both record-generating bodies are unique in that each produced but a single series of records: general files composed of a mixture of administrative records and topical subject and case files arranged alphabetically.

RESTRICTIONS:

Access to a small portion of this records group is restricted under the personal information confidentiality provisions of the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, 1989 (FOI Act). If applicable, restriction on specific records are duly noted at the end of each description of the series to which the records belong.

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ACCESSION NUMBER:

RG6-986.1

REPOSITORY:

City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE:

Sous-fonds I: Police Village of Thornhill Board of Trustees

DATES:

1939-1970, predominant 1950-1968

EXTENT:

49 cm of textual records

CUSTODIAL HIST:

Between 1931 and 1971, the Police Village of Thornhill Board of Trustees was one of two administrative entities responsible for managing Thornhill's affairs.

ARRANGEMENT:

Due to their relative lack of volume and complexity, the Board's records are treated as a sous-fonds of a fonds composed of the records of the Police Village of Thornhill as a whole as opposed to merely one unit in it.

TITLE SOURCE:

Title based on contents of sous-fonds.

ACCESSION NUMBER:

RG6-986.1

LOCATION:

Boxes 1-4, Box 9 (O.S.)

REPOSITORY:

City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE:

Series I: General Files

DATES:

1939-1970, predominant 1950-1968

EXTENT:

59 cm of textual records

SCOPE & CONTENT:

Series consists of records which delineate in totality the functions and activities of the Police Village of Thornhill board of Trustees in administering the public affairs of Thornhill and the Board's relationship with the higher

municipal entities of which Thornhill was a part and from which it drew its revenue, Vaughan and Markham Township as well as the provincial government. It is composed of a combination of subject and case files and administrative records filed together. Specific record types include correspondence, minutes, legal and financial documents, technical and periodical reports, circulars, programs, pamphlets, by-laws, election records and so forth. Among the subjects addressed are hydro-electric power, annexation, municipal taxation, culture and recreation, education, fire and police protection, relations with local private organizations (clubs, associations, etc.), economic development and population growth, etc.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of series.
ARRANGEMENT: Files are arranged alphabetically by type and topical subject.
RESTRICTIONS: The following files are restricted under the FOI Act: 3:22-23.
ACCESSION NUMBER: RG6-986.1
LOCATION: Boxes 1-4
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE: **Sous-fonds II: Thornhill Area Recreation Committee**
DATES: 1950-1970
EXTENT: 61 cm of textual records
BIO & ADMIN HIST: The Thornhill Area Recreation Committee, formed in 1949 and dissolved in 1971 was one of the two organizational units (the other being the Police Village of Thornhill Board of Trustees) that constituted the civic administration of Thornhill.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.
ARRANGEMENT: As with Sous-fonds A, the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee could technically constitute a record group. However, the lack of complexity and volume of the records involved dictates the establishment of a sous-fonds.

TITLE SOURCE: Title based on contents of sous-fonds.
ACCESSION NUMBER: RG6-986.1
REPOSITORY: City of Vaughan Archives

TITLE:	Series I: General Files
DATES:	1950-1970
EXTENT:	61 cm of textual records
SCOPE & CONTENT:	Series consists of a mixture of administrative records and topical subject and case files. This series represents the sum of the records generated by the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee. It reflects the functions and activities of the Thornhill Area Recreation Committee and provides evidence of its relationship with the Thornhill Board of Trustees, Markham and Vaughan Townships and certain agencies of the provincial government (namely the Programs Branch, Ontario Department of Education). Numbered among the record types present are minutes, correspondence, legal documents, financial documents, technical and periodical reports, printed material, etc. Significant subjects include sporting and cultural events, recreational and physical fitness in local schools, lifeguard/swimming instructor training, Thornhill Swimming Pool operations, general programs and attendance, Vaughan and Markham Townships' respective roles in Thornhill's recreational activities, and the Committee's involvement with local clubs, Associations, etc.
TITLE SOURCE:	Title based on content of series.
RESTRICTIONS:	The following files are restricted under the FOI Act: 8:20-21.
ACCESSION NUMBER:	RG6-986.1
LOCATION:	Boxes 4-8
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