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Archival Description

Title: Fonds Credit Union de Kapuskasing

Dates: 1939-2005.

Extent of descriptive unit: 1.24 m of textual and photographic documents.

Administrative history or biography: Credit Unions are cooperative financial institutions, democratically owned and controlled by the members. Credit Unions adhere to cooperative principles stipulating that each member is entitled to one vote within the organization. Hundreds of financial cooperatives will emerge in Ontario in 1940, 1950 and 1960. They are founded by groups of workers, labor unions, as well as various community associations. Found mainly in English-speaking regions, Credit Unions' goals are to encourage the financial autonomy of their members through mutual support.

A Credit Union branch is opened in Kapuskasing in the late 1930's; its official name is the Northland Savings and Credit Union Limited. The institution will be operational for more than sixty years, during which it will support many community organizations including various local sports teams.

The Kapuskasing Credit Union closes in 2008. The Caisse populaire de Kapsukasing inherits all of the branch's records and will be responsible for the liquidation. The final liquidation occurs in 2011, when all surplus funds are given back to members.

Scope and content: The fonds contains documents related to the Kapuskasing Credit Union from 1939 to 2005. Found amongst the documents are financial records, administrative documentation, correspondence, official publications, publicity and press releases, regulations and manuals, as well as printed photographs and negatives.

The fonds contains five series:

- Fonctionnement;
- Finances;
- Promotion et publicité;
- Publications;
- Photographies.

Sources of information: Contents of Fonds Credit Union de Kapuskasing; Kapuskasing Golden Jubilee Committee, *The First Fifty Years: A Golden Jubilee (1921-1971). History of Kapuskasing*, Kapuskasing, n.ed., n.d.

Physical description: The fonds contains 16 boxes; 3 are reserved for oversized documents, 3 others for photographs and 10 boxes hold textual records.

Physical condition: Some financial documents are damaged.

Immediate source of acquisition: The Centre d'archives de la Grande Zone argileuse acquired the fonds from Raymond Boucher, former manager of the Caisse populaire de Kapuskasing and responsible for the liquidation of the Credit Union, in 2010.

Arrangement: The archivist organized the documents once acquired. Some items found in the aggregation of documents were not kept in the fonds.

Language: The majority of the documents are written in English.

Availability of other formats: Most of the photographs have been digitized and can be viewed in a database.

Restrictions on access: The following sub-series and folders contain personal information and cannot be accessed as long as privacy laws apply:

Rencontres du Comité de crédit (CUK1-02);
Collection et dépôts (CUK2-02);
Relevés bancaires et comptes des membres (CUK2-03);
Demandes 1940 (CUK2-051);
Demandes 1941 (CUK2-052);
Garants (CUK2-055);
Mandats-poste 1939 (CUK2-061);
Registre des invités et des invitées (CUK3-012).

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Finding Aids: A finding aid, a detailed inventory of the photographs and a database exist. A list of the non-retained items found in the aggregation of documents is also available.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Descriptors: Kapuskasing Credit Union
see also Northland Savings and Credit Union Limited
Co-operative movement – Ontario, Northeastern
Financial institutions
see also Credit Union
see also Cooperative banking
Kapuskasing (Ont.)

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