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Richmond Schools Highlighted in new Archives Web Exhibit

This September will see the launch of a new virtual exhibit on the Archives web pages. The exhibit is adapted from Jon Henderson's book "Richmond Schools – What's In A Name? 125 Years of Change and Expansion," and like the book, it traces the expansion of the Richmond school system over the last 125 years, paying special attention to how and why each school was named.

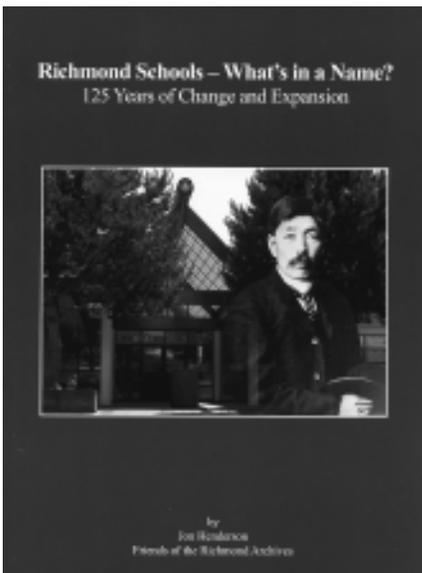
The exhibit provides information about periods of growth and development within the Richmond school system and in the community itself, as well as photographs and text about more than 65 Richmond schools, past and present. Because the schools were named after Richmond pioneers and educational and political leaders, learning about the naming of schools provides an abbreviated history of the community itself.

Jon Henderson's book has been a popular seller, and the presence of this new exhibit on the web will make information about Richmond's schools - and about the Friends of the Richmond Archives publications program - available to a wide audience. The exhibit is also being promoted throughout the school system through our contacts with the Richmond School Board, the Richmond Retired Teachers Association, the Richmond Teacher Librarian Association, and the Parent Advisory Committee.

The exhibit can be found by browsing the virtual exhibits menu on the Archives web pages, or by using the following URL:

<http://www.richmond.ca/cityhall/archives/exhibits/schools.htm>

The funds necessary to create the exhibit were provided by the Friends of the Richmond Archives. The work was completed by contract archivist Jennifer Douglas with the cooperation and assistance of City of Richmond Website Coordinator Colleen Smith, and Tony Simas, Web Support staff.



"What's in a name?" won the Richmond Heritage Commission award for a special heritage project following its publication in 2004 when the City of Richmond celebrated its 125th anniversary.



Author Jon Henderson is the Vice-President of the Friends of the Richmond Archives.

Community Records 20th Anniversary Project

by Jennifer Douglas



Jack Lubzinski in 1939 with his award-winning Patullo bridge model. City of Richmond Archives Photograph 2005 61 13.



Fraser Pilot No. 1, at the time of its maiden voyage in July, 1937. City of Richmond Archives Photograph 2005 76 2.

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Richmond Farms trucks lined up, circa 1960. This photograph is part of the Audrey Wylie photograph collection.

City of Richmond Archives Photograph 2005 25 1.



In recognition of its 20th anniversary, the Friends of Richmond Archives provided funds for a contract archivist to process a backlog of Richmond's community records as part of the City of Richmond Archives Community Records 20th Anniversary Project. The Archives also received financial support for the project from the Government of Canada through Library and Archives Canada, and the project has been carried out in two phases. During Phase 1, begun April 18th and completed June 13th, ten archival fonds and collections were arranged, described and made available to the public through the British Columbia Archival Union List (BCAUL).

The records processed during both phases of the Community Records 20th Anniversary Project reflect the efforts of individual volunteers and volunteer organizations striving to enrich the lives of Richmond residents, the daily lives of some of the area's early families, and the work and operations of Richmond industries. As such, they provide invaluable documentation of community development in Richmond that will now be available for all to access.

The fonds and collections processed during Phase 1 include: the B.C. Blueberry Co-operative Association fonds, the Archie Kelly fonds, the Gordon McBurney fonds, the Audrey Wylie photograph collection, the Richmond Summer Games Society fonds, the British Columbia '71 Centennial Committee fonds, the Royal Canadian Legion, Richmond Branch No. 5 fonds, the Lubzinski brothers and Marine Products Company collection, the Fraser River Pilots' Association fonds, and the Eric Anderson family fonds.

During Phase 2 of the project, begun on August 1st and continuing until the end of 2006, a further ten fonds and collections will be processed. Records already processed and/or selected for processing include the Richmond Volunteer Transportation Society fonds, the Rich-Del Toastmasters fonds, the Henry Anderson family fonds, the Gilmore family fonds, the Ted Youngberg fonds, and others.

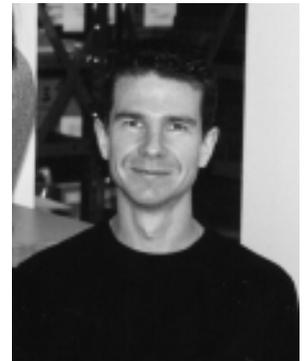


Intern Keum Hee created a window exhibit of Archives photographs about First Nations in Richmond.



Keum Hee Yu with Archives researcher Councillor Bill McNulty.

Keum Hee Yu was the Archives intern this summer. She came from Seoul, Korea in August 2005 to enter the Archival Studies program. Keum Hee managed the children's Time Travel weekly tours, participated in several special events, and processed the records of the Friends of the Richmond Archives, among many other tasks.



Adam Farrell, pictured above, is a joint Library and Archives student. His very important job in June and July was the updating of the Archives Disaster Recovery Plan and the creation of a new manual of "Preservation Guidelines for Staff and Volunteers at the City of Richmond Archives."

UBC's Archives students make a contribution to the Richmond Archives

In 1981, the Masters of Archival Studies program was introduced at the University of British Columbia. It has developed, 25 years later, into an internationally recognized program that attracts students from many different countries. Among the credit courses are a three-month internship and a 120-hour Professional Experience course. For more than 20 years students in this graduate program have been obtaining practical experience by taking these courses at the City of Richmond Archives. In addition to "learning the ropes" these students contribute much to the Archives by completing numerous projects and bringing the latest in research and trends in archives practice and management. This year the Archives has been fortunate to have an intern, Keum Hee Yu, and three professional experience students: Adam Farrell, Sherry Xie, and Jessica Glidewell.



Sherry Xie, left, processed the records of the Richmond Community Services Advisory Council and provided the Archives with a guideline for processing of the records of City-Community advisory groups. Originally from China, Sherry has been accepted into the doctoral program at the School of Library, Archival and Information Studies.



Jessica Glidewell, above, comes from near Fort Worth, Texas. Her Professional Experience Course involved the updating of some early community records, including the Richmond Artists Guild and the Boy Scouts of Richmond. After graduation in May, Jessica began work at the Jefferson County Archives in Colorado.



The first annual Archives Tea was held in the fall of 1997. The aim of the Friends is to publicize the work of the City Archives and to seek donations of documentary material. The first Archives tea was a huge and somewhat unexpected success with more than 100 people attending and filling the Reference Room to capacity. Since then it has been held in the Cultural Centre's larger Lecture Hall.. This year the Tea will be held in the Lecture Hall, October 13th from 2 to 4 pm.

Friends of the Archives celebrate 10th Tea and 20th year; 24 years for City Archives

The Friends of the Richmond Archives annual tea Oct. 13th will mark a number of important anniversaries - the 20th year since the organization of the Friends in the fall of 1986 and a decade of teas. It is also just a year short of the 25th anniversary of a formal archives program for the City of Richmond. It was in May, 1982 that the City's first archivist Leslie Ross was hired on a part-time basis. Miss Ross, now Mrs. Kallas, wrote "Richmond, Child of the Fraser" to mark Richmond's Centennial in 1979. Before 1982, archival materials had been collected by the Richmond Museum and Historical Society which had been established in 1961.

In 1986, the Friends of the Richmond Archives was formed as a volunteer and non-profit organization by members of the Richmond '79 Centennial Society Historical Sub-committee. This group had established an archives support group following the disbanding of the committee in 1981. In 1986 this support group, which consisted of three members (Ted Youngberg, Jean Grover and Betty McLeod), felt the need to expand its membership and activities in order to encourage the promotion of the book, "Richmond, Child of The Fraser" and its planned supplement, and to take on a more formal support role to the Richmond Archives. With the assistance of City Archivist Elizabeth Eso, the group held organizational meetings in November and December, 1986 to which they invited interested members of the public. This was another step in more than two decades of service to the community.



Ted Youngberg, Chair of the Richmond '79 Centennial Society and Leslie Ross, author of "Richmond, Child of the Fraser" and Richmond's first archivist. Photo 1987 30 92.

Elizabeth Eso, pictured here, on the right in a Richmond Review photo, was Richmond's archivist from 1983 to 1989. January 1, 1987 the Archives was transferred from Leisure Services Department to the Office of the Municipal Clerk. The change reflected a growing awareness of the importance of the Archives as a component of the City's records management system. In this 1984 photo, Ms. Eso was creating an exhibit based on the photographs of Phillip Timms.



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