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New Records at the Richmond Archives—Richmond Review

One of the top news stories for Richmondites in 2015 was the end of the local newspaper the *Richmond Review*.

The *Review* began life in 1932, a gesture of optimism in an otherwise depressed period of time. After a few issues published by founder Bill Carruthers, it was sold to Ethel Tibbits, who ran it until 1948.

For much of its existence it was known as the *Marpole-Richmond Review*. By the 1970's it was BC's largest circulating biweekly. The last issue came out on July 24th 2015; the publishers citing market forces as the culprit, making competition with another newspaper impossible to carry on.

Before the offices of the *Richmond Review* were completely vacated, the City of Richmond Archives was invited to visit the location to retrieve records which we would consider important to the community.

The bulk of this accession is more than 50,000 images taken by *Review* reporters, now housed in the climate-controlled and secure stacks of the Archives. These photographs are both in 35mm film and digital formats, and represent the transition to the use of digital cameras.

These recent images are in addition to previous accessions of photographs from the *Review* which date back to 1982, bringing the date range for *Review* photographs held by the Archives to about 33 years.

The Archives has also newly acquired the collection of the *Richmond Review* from the Richmond Public Library, both recent hard-copy and historical issues on microfilm. Combined with the hard-copy issues already in our holdings we now have a complete run of the paper to 2015 available to the public.

Right: *Richmond Review* staff, circa 1990; left to right—
Publisher Susan Tweedie, Composing Room Foreman Fred Meyer,
and Editor Diane Strandberg.
City of Richmond Archives Photo #2015 19.



Above: Last edition of the *Richmond Review*, July 24, 2015.



Focus on the Record—Production and Mapping Centre, Planning and Development Photographs



Photos from top to bottom:

[Woodward's, Lansdowne] 1982.

City of Richmond Archives Photo #2008 39 2 70.

Bridgpoint Market—[and children's slide] 1990.

City of Richmond Archives Photo #2008 39 2 202.

[Working on Helicopter, BCIT Aerospace Technology Campus].

City of Richmond Archives Photo #2008 39 3 148.

[Loading seafood].

City of Richmond Archives Photo #2008 39 3 235.



Aerial—[Looking South West, Westminster Highway and No. 3 Road, Park Towers and Minoru Park].

City of Richmond Archives Photo #2008 39 5 61.

As part of the City of Richmond Archives' ongoing digitization program, Archives volunteer Graham Turnbull has digitized 3,621 colour slides from the City of Richmond's Production and Mapping Centre. The slides date from 1981–1995 and were taken by Production Centre staff. The photographs record natural features of Richmond along with buildings, subdivisions, community events, farming and industrial activities. These photographs were used in various Richmond municipal publications and in public presentations of the Planning Department. The slides document a time of changing landscape in Richmond's history.

To view these images, either the original slides or digitized copies, researchers are welcome to make an appointment to visit the Archives. These images will also be described and made available online.



Volunteer Graham Turnbull digitizing photographs using a new scanner purchased by the Friends of the Richmond Archives, 2015. The Production and Mapping Centre, Planning and Development Photographs, were the first photographs to be digitized using the new scanner.

New Archivist

I am pleased to welcome Jennifer Yuhasz as the new City of Richmond Archivist. Previously, Jennifer has been the Archivist at the Jewish Museum & Archives of BC since 2009. She has also worked as Archivist/Librarian at the Vancouver Maritime Museum and in various capacities at the City of Vancouver Archives. She has a Master of Archival Studies degree from the University of British Columbia and a Bachelor of Arts, Honours in History from the University of Saskatchewan. Jennifer has been very involved with the Archives Association of BC (as President, Vice President, Grants Committee member, Conference Committee member and is currently a co-representative for the Greater Vancouver Region.) Jennifer has a wealth of experience in many different leadership capacities and I know she will continue to foster the important relationship that the Archives has with volunteers and the Friends of the Richmond Archives.

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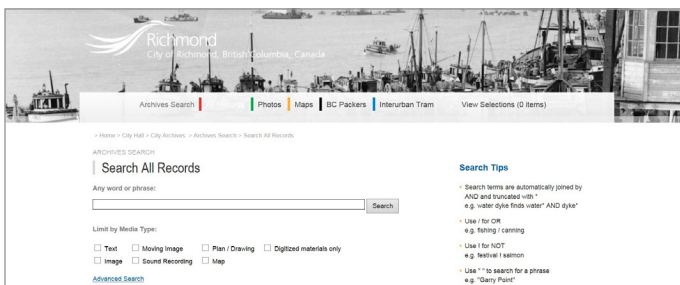
Manager, Records and Information

Archives Database Description, Indexing and Review Project

Thanks to funding from the Friends of the Richmond Archives, contract archivist Jamie Sanford was hired to complete a second project with the City of Richmond Archives, completing the project on September 30, 2015. Jamie was able to continue working on the backlog of community records, and formally arranged and described five archival fonds : Henning Wolf fonds; Bill Topping fonds¹; New Westminster Harbour fonds; David Fleming fonds; and the Carl Grauer fonds. Jamie was also able to meticulously review and edit existing photograph descriptions in the database for accuracy and completeness. This last part of the project was especially important for the upcoming launch of the new Archives database and web search upgrade.

Archives Database and Web Search Upgrade (Ongoing)—To Be Launched in 2016

Thanks to funding from a 2015 one-time Council expenditure, we are close to launching our new Archives database, which will be available on the City of Richmond's website. This upgrade will allow the Archives to provide a new level of efficient, 24-hour online service which will benefit the public, Council and staff by increasing access to Richmond's past and present. Stay tuned!



New Archives database web search interface for the City of Richmond Archives website.

¹ The whole of the records, regardless of form or medium, automatically and organically created and/or accumulated and used by a particular individual, family, or corporate body in the course of that creator's activities or functions.



Jennifer Yuhasz in front of the Friends of the Richmond Archives display at the Friends of the Richmond Archives Tea, 2015.



Jamie Sanford in the Archives' storage area with recently processed community records.

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Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Richmond Archives will be held Wednesday March 16 at 7:00 pm in the Archives Reference Room. This is the yearly business meeting at which the Friends elect a new Executive, report on financial matters, and set a budget for the coming year.

The Friends would also like to remind members that the membership year runs from October 1 to September 30. Those members who are in arrears are encouraged to send their annual dues (\$5 per person) to the Friends of the Richmond Archives, c/o City of Richmond Archives, 7700 Minoru Gate, Richmond, B.C. V6Y 1R9. Phone 604-247-8305 or email archives@richmond.ca if you are unsure about your membership status.

Donating to the Friends

The Friends of the Richmond Archives is a registered charity and welcomes donations to assist with its activities to support the City of Richmond Archives. A receipt for income tax purposes will be issued for donations over \$10.

In 2015, your donations helped support: the Community Records Processing project; the Archives Database Description, Indexing and Review Project; the Community Exhibit program; the annual Archives Tea; the Social Media program; and the Digitization program including the purchase of a new scanner.



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Appointment recommended

Volunteer of the Year

The City of Richmond Archives Volunteers of the Year for 2015 are Lynne Farquharson and Esther Rabinovitch. Esther and Lynne have been carrying out the painstaking and tedious task of transcribing handwritten records at the Archives, most recently the minutes of the Richmond School Board from the 1920s.

Lynne and Esther are both retired grade school teachers. Esther has been volunteering with the City of Richmond Archives since 2001. Lynne has been volunteering since 2015 and has been a Director of the Friends of the Richmond Archives since that time as well.

Congratulations Lynne and Esther on your well-deserved award, and thank you for your support and dedication.



Esther Rabinovitch, seen here receiving her award from Dovelle Buie, Manager of Records and Information (L), and Lynne Farquharson, receiving her award from Jennifer Yuhasz, Archivist (R), 2015.

Friends of the Richmond Archives Annual Archives Tea

The annual Archives Tea was by all accounts another great success. Over 100 guests had the opportunity to discuss Richmond’s past, catch up with old friends, and enjoy delicious sandwiches and sweets. Councillor Linda McPhail as Acting Mayor addressed the crowd on behalf of the City.

The Friends would like to thank once again the Board of the Minoru Seniors Society and the staff at the Minoru Place Activity Centre for their support and assistance.



Friends of the Richmond Archives Tea, 2015.

Remembrance Day exhibit

The Friends of the Richmond Archives were once again proud to have been invited to participate in this year’s Remembrance Day reception at City Hall. This year’s exhibit was titled “Memorial Roads in Our Community” which showcased a beautiful aerial map of Richmond and identified which roads are named after fallen servicemen – a total of 54 names.

This display was a great success, with visitors remarking how interesting it was to learn of the City of Richmond’s street naming policy and the history behind these street names.



Friends of the Richmond Archives Remembrance Day exhibit at City Hall reception, 2015.