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Summary information

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| Repository: | Trent University Archives |
| Title: | Douglas Sadler : Peterborough By-Pass fonds |
| Reference code: | 81-008 |
| Date: | 1973-1975 (creation) |
| Physical description: | 13 cm of textual records 4 maps |

Administrative history / Biographical sketch

Note

Douglas Sadler was born in London, England in 1916. He served in the 7th Armoured Division (Desert Rats) during World War II and with the Queen's Royal Regiment in Holland. He spent six months imprisoned in Oflag 79, Germany. It was during the World War II that Sadler met his future wife, Joan, in England. They were married in 1942. After the War, he served as a Captain in the Army and one of his tours took him to Singapore in 1947.

Sadler came to Canada in 1950 to work on Governor-General Vincent Massey's farm near Port Hope, Ontario and later worked for the Port Hope Evening Guide in advertising. This was the beginning of his newspaper career which ultimately led him to the Peterborough Examiner and the City of Peterborough in 1953. Part of his work at the Examiner included writing his now famous outdoor column, "Come Quietly With Me," which he wrote for more than 30 years. Douglas has written close to 1500 columns on every conceivable aspect of the environment.

Later in his life, Douglas decided to return to school. He attended the old Peterborough Teacher's College, and upon graduation, began teaching with the Northumberland Board of Education. He later became the vice-principal of Warkworth School in 1969 and worked there for twelve years before taking a job as an outdoor education consultant. He then moved to the Peterborough County Board of Education. When the outdoor education program was cancelled in 1975, Douglas continued teaching at the Bailieboro School. At about the same time, Douglas became a member of the Peterborough Field Naturalists. After two years, he joined the Ontario Federation of Field Naturalists and was a member for sixteen years, two of which were spent as the Federation's president.

Douglas has won the Frank Kortright Award twice and is an honorary life member of the Peterborough Field Naturalists. He earned a degree in geography in 1978 from Trent University and, in 1988, he was awarded an Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree from the same university. In 1987 he authored the book "Reading Natures Clues."

Custodial history

This fonds was created by and in the custody of Douglas Sadler until it was donated to the Trent University Archives.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of original, print and photocopied records compiled by Doug Sadler, as a member of the Citizens' Advisory Group, relating to the proposed highway #28 by-pass around Peterborough, Ontario. Included in the fonds are correspondence, minutes, petitions, feasibility studies, reports, maps and plans. The proposed construction of the by-pass was highly controversial and these records illustrate the interaction between modern government and its machinery and concerned local citizens' groups.

Notes

Title notes

- **Source of title proper:** Title based on the creator and the contents of the fonds.

Immediate source of acquisition

The fonds was donated by Douglas Sadler.

Restrictions on access

None

Related material

For related records see: 90-002, 95-016, 96-001 and 02-007.

Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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Access points

- Textual records (documentary form)
 - Maps and atlases (documentary form)
 - City of Peterborough (place)
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Series descriptions

| Reference code | Title | Dates | Physical description |
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| 81-008/001(01) | File - Correspondence; memoranda; public statements of government officials; progress reports of the study; consulting engineer's report: "Route Planning Phase: Input Stage Information" | 1974-1975 | |

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| 81-008/001(02) | File - Minutes of Citizens' Advisory Group meetings; correspondence, drafts of letters; submissions and briefs by C.A.G members and community groups; form letters of protest re corridor/route selection | 1973-1975 |
| 81-008/001(03) | File - Preliminary draft "Peterborough By-Pass Feasibility Study - Highway 28"; questionnaire results; C.A.G. briefs and minutes; Ministry of Transportation and Communications Environmental and Feasibility Studies office paper "The Need For the Highway 28 Peterborough By-Pass" | 1974-1975 |
| 81-008/001(04) | File - Deleuw Cather/MTC Report "Corridor Phase- Input Stage Information" July 1973; C.A.G. briefs and submissions, notes, membership list, correspondence and minutes; MTC Environmental and Operational Branch "Highway 28 Peterborough By-Pass Feasibility Study" | 1973-1974 |