

Description of the Alma School Municipality Archival Group

Date of description: January 21st, 2020

Title: Alma School Municipality Archival Group

Outside Dates: 1961-1970

Measurement Indicators: 1 conventional box, equivalent to 0.33 linear meter

Biographical Notes and Administrative History:

In 1961, the school municipalities of Isle-Maligne, Naudville, Saint Joseph d'Alma and Riverbend were amalgamated to form the school municipality of Alma. In 1962, these same municipalities will become districts of Alma while they are annexed at the municipal level. With the 1961 amalgamation, two new school municipalities were created, the Catholic School Municipality of Alma and the Protestant School Municipality of Alma. The first meeting of the School Trustees of the municipality of Alma was held on July 3rd, 1961 in Riverbend. Meetings were held there until February 1964 then in Alma until June 1970. The minutes of these meetings give us information on the organization's regular activities. They include discussions of membership elections, dispute settlements, decisions on student admissions, rental of premises, purchase or repair of material goods and summary budgets.

In 1964, a formal agreement was made between the School Municipality of Alma and the School Municipality of Saguenay Valley so that students from Alma could attend Saguenay Valley schools. This agreement was renewed in 1966. In addition, we find in the 1969 minutes an agreement between the *Commission scolaire d'Alma* and the School Trustees of the Municipality of Alma so they become responsible for the education of all English-speaking students at the elementary and secondary levels as well as the financial responsibility for the secondary education of Protestant students.

It should be noted that as early as 1965 the unification of the Protestant school boards of Saguenay Lac-St-Jean on a regional basis was proposed in the minutes of the School Trustees of the Municipality of Alma. Each local board would then delegate its powers to the Saguenay Valley Board. This amalgamation would officially take place in 1970, thus regrouping the Protestant school municipalities of Lac-St-Jean under the Protestant School Municipality of Saguenay Valley.

Location:

The first known mailing address for the School Trustees in the School Municipality of Alma is Riverbend High School:

- P.O. Box 160, Riverbend, (Lake St. John) P.Q.

Subsequently, as street addresses appear, we can see that the school trustees' offices are now located in Alma and no longer in Riverbend, which corresponds to the following addresses:

- 106 Lamountain Street, Alma, Quebec (from 1964);
- 119 Lamountain Street, Alma, Quebec (change of address made in 1970).

Conservation History:

The documents, originating from the Saguenay region, are stored in a vault under controlled environmental conditions at the Central Québec School Board's Document Management Centre located at the Eastern Québec Learning Centre in Québec City.

Scope and Content:

The documents testify to the documentary management of the school municipality of Alma. The evolution of teaching activities, the reflection of the linguistic and cultural situation as well as administrative and financial activities are represented by the archival group.

Support:

All documents in the series are in paper form. No objects (trophies, flags, etc.), graduation albums or student photos can be found.

Preservation State:

The documents are in good condition for consultation and digitization, if necessary. Pins, paper clips and nails were removed to limit rust damage.

Language of the Documents:

Most of the documents are in English; some documents are bilingual, English and French. Some documents have been translated into French.

Relate Terms:

Alma Protestant School Trustees

Alma dissident

Commission scolaire protestante d'Alma

Municipalité scolaire d'Alma

Protestant School Board of Alma

Protestant School Trustees of Alma

School Municipality of Alma

School Municipality of Alma (Protestant)

The School Commission for the Municipality of Alma

The School Trustees for the Municipality of Alma

Filing:

The archival group consists of the following series:

1. Education Resources;
2. Financial Resources;
3. Human Resources; and
4. Administrative and Property Resources.

1. Educational Resources:

• Riverbend High School's Class Report	1965
• School Census *	1970 and 1971

* The 1971 school census exceeds the extreme date of closure of the archives, the school was still in operation following the amalgamation with the Saguenay Valley.

Note: The Riverbend High School student progress reports can be found in the School Municipality of Riverbend Archival Group for the years 1961 to 1974.

2. Financial Resources:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Miscellaneous correspondences with the Price Bothers & Company, Ltd; the <i>Samson, Bélair, Côté, Lacroix et associés; La commission municipale de Québec</i>, the Athur & Crawley co.; <i>la Gauthier et Tremblay, Comptables agréés</i> and the Quebec Department of Education Insurance Policy Payroll Analysis 	<p>1961 to 1970</p> <p>April 1st, 1967 1966 and 1967</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Report 	1961-1962
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence with the <i>Commission scolaire d'Alma</i> concerning the payment of lot 23 Correspondence with the <i>Commission municipale de Québec</i> for the redemption of bonds issued in 1949 Correspondence with the Price Brothers & Company, Ltd on the redemption of bonds issued under the direction of the School Commissioners for the Municipality of Riverbend 	<p>1962</p> <p>1962 to 1969</p> <p>1965 to 1969</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence for the consolidation of the deficit 	1963 to 1970
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Statements 	1964, 1965-1966 to 1969-1970
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Summary of the post-standardization of the financial statements 	1966-1967 to 1969-1970
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cash book 	1967 to 1970

3. Human Resources:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Income Tax Reports 	1965 to 1969
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4. Administrative and Property Resources:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Correspondence on the amalgamation of the School Municipality of Alma (Protestant) with the Protestant School Municipality of Saguenay Valley 	January 1970 to June 1970
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes (School Trustees for the Municipality of Alma) 	1961 to 1970

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correspondence with the School Municipality of Saguenay Valley • Correspondence with the Quebec Department of Education 	<p>1966 to 1970</p> <p>1969 and 1970</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notice of withdrawal of Students from the <i>Commission scolaire d'Alma</i> to the Alma Protestant School Board 	<p>1962 to 1968</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Quebec Chronicle-Telegraph</i> newspaper of October 2nd, 1971 with an article about the debate on the confessional system vs. the linguistic system* 	<p>October 2nd, 1971</p>

* The date of the journal exceeds the extreme closing date of this archival group.

Access:

The documents constituting this archival group are subject, among other things, but not limited to, the Act respecting Access to documents held by public bodies and the Protection of personal information