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Bert Badanai fonds

Originals, photocopies, newspaper clippings 33 cm of textual records and one reproduced photograph.

Scope and Content: 6 scrapbooks containing newspaper clippings pertaining to the removal of four aldermen from city council due to conflict of interest and the subsequent by-election. Also included are articles related to the land purchase between the CLE and Chapples Ltd., which was taking place at the same time as the conflict of interest case. The newspaper clippings come from the *Stirring Giant*, *Daily Times Journal*, and *News Chronicle*. Some original documents such as speech transcripts, agendas, and cheque receipts can also be found in some scrapbooks.

Series A 105/1/1-6: This consists of 6 scrapbooks, largely of newspaper clippings, arranged chronologically. On occasion there are documents that do not fit chronologically, however, they do relate to the material being displayed.

- 1) Scrapbook, 20 pgs; October 14, 1971 -February 15, 1972
Newspaper clippings, municipal bylaws, inauguration agenda, speech transcript.
- 2) Scrapbook, 20 pgs; February 15, 1972- February 21, 1972
Newspaper clippings, reproduced photograph
- 3) Scrapbook, 20 pgs; February 22, 1972- March 15, 1972
Newspaper clippings
- 4) Scrapbook, 20 pgs; July 27, 1971, March 15, 1972-March 30, 1972
Contract no.6 receipt (original), newspaper clippings
- 5) Scrapbook, 20 pgs; April 6, 1972- May 17, 1972
Newspaper clippings
- 6) Scrapbook, 20 pgs; May 18, 1972- June 3, 1972
Newspaper clippings, Statement of Returns (copy)

Biographical Information: Bert Badanai, son of the late Hubert Badanai, former Fort William mayor and Member of Parliament, is a former councilor for Port Arthur and the newly amalgamated Thunder Bay. He was a part of the council that was rocked by scandal in 1971-1972 over conflicts of interest. As the owner of a local car dealership, his dealings with the city were brought to light under the Municipal Act. This resulted in the loss of his seat on council. He held Liberal party affiliations and was a great ally to former mayor Saul Laskin.

Custodial Information: Compiled by Bert Badanai, who gave to John McPhail, who donated to the Thunder Bay Historical Museum Society.

Additional Information: Fonds will need conservation work in near future due to the manner in which the newspaper clippings have been cut, arranged, and inserted into photograph albums.