

CENTRE D'ARCHIVES DE LA GRANDE ZONE ARGILEUSE
Archival description

Title: Fonds Jacques Lecours (JLS)

Dates: 1973-2013

Extent of descriptive unit: 3.5 meters of textual, photographic and cartographic documents.

Administrative history or biography: The Fonds Jacques Lecours contains documents on BioShell Inc., a pioneering wood pellet plant established in Hearst, Ontario, in 1980 by Shell International. As Canada's first facility to compress sawmill residues into pellets, it produced 125,000 tonnes annually until its closure in 1991. The plant boosted the local economy by transforming forestry waste into renewable energy.

The Fonds also includes architectural plans of Lecours Motor Sales and Foyer des Pionniers, both in Hearst, as well as documents related to the Calstock Power Plant.

Scope and content: The Fonds includes numerous documents related to BioShell Inc. in Hearst, such as photographs, equipment layout plans, and architectural drawings.

The Fonds contains two series

Bio Shell Inc. (JLS1)
Divers (JSL2)

Sources of information: The information was gathered from the Fonds Jacques Lecours and brief online research.

Physical description: The Fonds consists of five boxes of textual, cartographic, and photographic documents.

Physical condition: The documents are in good condition, although most of the plans are torn.

Immediate source of acquisition: The documents were donated by Janine Lacroix, the daughter of Jacques Lecours.

Arrangement: Once acquired, the documents were organized by the archiviste.

Language: The documents are primarily in English, with a few in French.

Restriction on access: No restriction imposed by the donor.

Terms governing use and reproduction: Copyright Act applies. Reproduction permitted depending on the condition of the documents.

Finding aids: A research tool is available.

Accruals: No further accruals expected.

Descriptors: Bio Shell Inc.
Lecours Motor Sales
Foyer des Pionniers
Calstock Power Plant

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