



Interview with Alekxos Sarter by Kathy Bossort October 16, 2015 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory578>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Alekxos Sarter's first years of employment with Parks, her sources of knowledge about Burnaby Mountain, and the department's activities in Burnaby Mountain Park. She talks about the loop trail planned for Burnaby Mountain Park in 1958, the Trans Canada Trail project, events and issues at the Pavilion, and keeping track of trails on SFU lands.
Date Range:	1958-1992
Length:	0:12:40
Name:	Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Burnaby Mountain Park Kamui Mintara Trans Canada Trail
Subject:	Geographic Features - Parks Geographic Features - Trails Planning Recreational Activities
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park
Interviewer:	Bossort, Kathy
Interview Date:	October 16, 2015
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Alekxos Sarter conducted by Kathy Bossort. Alekxos Sarter was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about the history of setting aside parkland on Burnaby Mountain from Alekxos Sarter's perspective and experience as employee in the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. The interview provides an excellent explanation of the history and function of kinds of park dedications used by the City of Burnaby; an overview of issues around including the Trans Mountain tank farm in the conservation area; and the background to the land use and ownership disagreement between the City of Burnaby and Simon Fraser University, its resolution, and the subsequent development of SFU's UniverCity. Alekxos Sarter talks about Richard Bolton, Burnaby's Acting-Commissioner who was responsible for dedicating the first park on Burnaby Mountain in 1942, and the creation of a park named after him in UniverCity.
Biographical Notes:	Alekxos Sarter was born in Vancouver in 1961, to Daine and Kasandra Sarter. She grew up in North Vancouver and since 1994 has lived on a sailboat in False Creek. After attending UBC where she studied landscape architecture, she was hired by the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in 1986. Working first in parks design, Alekxos quickly moved into parks planning, her preferred career. As Research Officer she covers research, planning, public consultation, parks and facility inventory, parkland acquisition, among other duties.
Total Tracks:	9
Total Length:	2:20:47
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Sarter, Alekxos T.
Interview Location:	City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room
Interviewer Bio:	Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
Collection/Fonds:	Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds
Series:	Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series
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Interview with Alekxos Sarter by Kathy Bossort October 16, 2015 - Track 3

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory579>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Alekxos Sarter's historical overview of early public recreation, and intentions to set aside parkland, on Burnaby Mountain; Acting-Commissioner Richard Bolton's signing of By Law 1772 that created Barnet Mountain Park in 1942; and her explanation about the function and kinds of park dedications used in Burnaby.
Date Range:	1910-1960
Length:	0:21:54
Name:	Bolton, Richard Barnet Mountain Park Burnaby Mountain Park
Subject:	Geographic Features - Parks Planning Recreational Activities
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park
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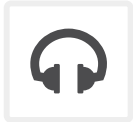
Series: [Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series](#)

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Media Type: Sound Recording

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Interview with Rick Sporns by Kathy Bossort October 30, 2015 - Track 3

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory605>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Rick Sporn's stories about Mark Stockdale, his description of the construction of the rose garden, and how the garden complements other features, including the Kamui Mintara sculptures, in the Pavilion area. He also describes opening day for the Burnaby Mountain Centennial Rose Garden, July 18, 1992.

Date Range: 1990-1992

Length: 0:10:06

Name: [Kamui Mintara](#)
[Kushiro Park](#)
[Burnaby Mountain Centennial Rose Garden](#)
[Burnaby Mountain Centennial Park](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Plants - Flowers](#)
[Recreational Activities](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: October 30, 2015

Scope and Content: Recording is of an interview with Rick Sporns conducted by Kathy Bossort. Rick Sporns was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about Rick Sporn's description of the history and design of Burnaby Mountain Centennial Rose Garden and the significance of the Centennial Pavilion area in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. Rick Sporns also talks about his career with the City of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, management of Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area, and the value of natural areas to Burnaby.

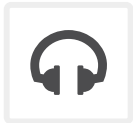
Biographical Notes: Richard Sporns was born in 1957 in Daly Municipality, Manitoba, to Ulrich and Charlotte Sporns. The family moved to the Burquitlam Area of Burnaby in about 1965. Rick Sporns obtained his BSc degree in biology at SFU and a degree in landscape architecture at UBC. In 1985 he began his career in the City of Burnaby's Park, Recreation and Cultural Services department where he currently is Assistant Manager - Parks Design. Rick was responsible for designing Burnaby Mountain Centennial Rose Garden, a legacy project proposed by Mark Stockdale to commemorate Burnaby's 1992 Centennial. The rose garden opened to the public July 18, 1992.

Total Tracks: 6

Total Length: 1:01:40
 Other Tracks: [View All Tracks](#)
 Interviewee Name: [Sporns, Richard "Rick"](#)
 Interview Location: [City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room](#)
 Interviewer Bio: Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
 Collection/Fonds: [Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds](#)
 Series: [Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series](#)
 Item No.: MSS196-008_Track_3
 Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

[Track three of interview with Rick Sporns](#)



Interview with Rick Sporns by Kathy Bossort October 30, 2015 - Track 4

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory606>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)
 Summary: This portion of the interview is about Rick Sporn's discussion of the value of natural areas to Burnaby, the city's history of protecting green spaces, and the complementary role the Pavilion area plays in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. He talks about how the rose garden and "Playground of the Gods" sculptures (Kamui Mintara) help Pavilion area visitors more fully appreciate the mountain setting. He also talks about the history of the construction of the Kamui Mintara sculptures.
 Date Range: 1900-2015
 Length: 0:17:11
 Name: [Burnaby Mountain Centennial Rose Garden](#)
[Burnaby Mountain Centennial Park](#)
[Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)
[Kamui Mintara](#)
[Central Park](#)
 Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Planning](#)
[Recreational Activities](#)
 Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)
 Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)
 Interview Date: October 30, 2015
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Total Length: 1:01:40

Other Tracks: [View All Tracks](#)

Interviewee Name: [Sporns, Richard "Rick"](#)

Interview Location: [City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room](#)

Interviewer Bio: Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.

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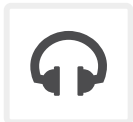
Series: [Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series](#)

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Media Type: Sound Recording

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[Track four of interview with Rick Sporns](#)



Interview with Rick Sporns by Kathy Bossort October 30, 2015 - Track 5

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory607>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Rick Sporn's views about public feeling for the natural areas of Burnaby, how Park's staff responds to public concerns, and how natural areas attract people and businesses to Burnaby. He talks about how management of the conservation area on Burnaby Mountain is focused on trail management and dispersing and directing park use.

Date Range: 1985-2015

Length: 0:10:19

Name: [Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)
[City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Geographic Features - Forests](#)
[Recreational Activities](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: October 30, 2015

Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Rick Sporns conducted by Kathy Bossort. Rick Sporns was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about Rick Sporn's description of the history and design of Burnaby Mountain Centennial Rose Garden and the significance of the Centennial Pavilion area in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. Rick Sporns also talks about his career with the City of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, management of Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area, and the value of natural areas to Burnaby.
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Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Sporns, Richard "Rick"
Interview Location:	City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room
Interviewer Bio:	Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
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Series:	Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series
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Media Type:	Sound Recording

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Interview with Rick Sporns by Kathy Bossort October 30, 2015 - Track 6

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory608>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Rick Sporn's discussion about how changing demographics, immigration, and cultural diversity have a positive impact on park use and design.
Date Range:	1985-2015
Length:	0:04:37
Name:	Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Subject:	Geographic Features - Parks Planning Recreational Activities
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Interviewer:	Bossort, Kathy
Interview Date:	October 30, 2015
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Total Length:	1:01:40
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	Sporns, Richard "Rick"
Interview Location:	City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room
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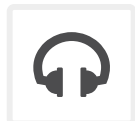
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Interview with Henry deJong by Kathy Bossort November 6, 2015 - Track 3

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory611>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Henry deJong's description of the development of the Mountain Air bike skills facility and working with various stakeholder groups, including the Burnaby Mountain Biking Association, Stoney Creek Environment Committee and Simon Fraser University.
Date Range:	2000-2015
Length:	0:10:55
Name:	Mountain Air Bike Park Burnaby Mountain Biking Association Stoney Creek Environment Committee Simon Fraser University
Subject:	Geographic Features - Parks Recreational Activities Planning
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Interviewer:	Bossort, Kathy
Interview Date:	November 6, 2015
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Henry deJong conducted by Kathy Bossort. Henry deJong was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about Henry deJong's work designing, developing and maintaining trails in the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area as Park Design Technician for the City of Burnaby's Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services. He provides a history of trail development after the transfer of SFU land to Burnaby and the creation of the 1999 Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area Plan. He also talks about monitoring and managing the forest environment, rehabilitating damaged areas, working with park users and stakeholders, and his favourite trails.
Biographical Notes:	Henry G. deJong was born 1954 in Newmarket, Ontario, to Harmen and Griet deJong. He came west to enjoy outdoor recreation in BC and lived in Smithers for several years before marrying and moving to the Vancouver area, where he obtained a diploma in landscape design & horticulture from BCIT. Henry began working for the City of Burnaby in the Engineering Department in 1985, moving to Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services in 1990, and currently has the position of Park Design Technician. His focus on trail design and construction on Burnaby Mountain began in 2000 after the development of the 1999 Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area Plan. Henry lived in Burnaby for about 8 years in the Capital Hill and Edmonds area between 1983 and 1995 before moving to Cloverdale in Surrey. He belongs to the BC Mountaineering Club, the Willoughby Community Church and is a Boys Club volunteer.
Total Tracks:	7
Total Length:	1:22:41
Other Tracks:	View All Tracks
Interviewee Name:	deJong, Henry G.
Interview Location:	City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room
Interviewer Bio:	Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
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Interview with Henry deJong by Kathy Bossort November 6, 2015 - Track 4

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory612>

Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Henry deJong's description of construction of the Velodrome Trail, how trails are named, approaches to balancing user demands with what is best for park ecology, and how trail design provides recreational value and decreases visitor impact.
Date Range:	2000-2015
Length:	0:12:00
Name:	Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department
Subject:	Geographic Features - Parks Geographic Features - Trails Recreational Activities Planning
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
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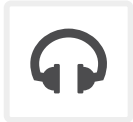
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Interview with Henry deJong by Kathy Bossort November 6, 2015 - Track 6

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory614>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Henry deJong's description of his favourite trails in the conservation area, and stories about the illegal cutting of trees and the 2006 death of two people in the park.

Date Range: 2000-2015

Length: 0:08:28

Name: [Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Geographic Features - Trails](#)
[Plants - Trees](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: November 6, 2015

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Series: [Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series](#)
Item No.: MSS196-009_Track_6
Media Type: Sound Recording

Audio Tracks

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Interview with Henry deJong by Kathy Bossort November 6, 2015 - Track 7

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory678>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)
Summary: This portion of the interview is about Henry deJong's discussion of the approaches to monitoring and managing the conservation area's environment, and rehabilitating damaged sites.
Date Range: 2000-2015
Length: 0:11:17
Name: [Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)
[Simon Fraser University](#)
Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Geographic Features - Trails](#)
[Planning](#)
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)
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Interviewee Name:	deJong, Henry G.
Interview Location:	City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room
Interviewer Bio:	Kathy Bossort is a retired archivist living in Ladner, BC. She worked at the Delta Museum and Archives after graduating from SLAIS (UBC) in 2001 with Masters degrees in library science and archival studies. Kathy grew up in Calgary, Alberta, and, prior to this career change, she lived in the West Kootenays, earning her living as a cook for BC tourist lodges and work camps. She continues to be interested in oral histories as a way to fill the gaps in the written record and bring richer meaning to history.
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Interview with Henry deJong by Kathy Bossort November 6, 2015 - Track 1

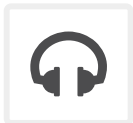
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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Henry deJong's 25 year career with the City of Burnaby's Park, Recreation and Cultural Services, and a discussion of off trail park use on Burnaby Mountain, including tobogganing and geocaching.
Date Range:	1954-2015
Length:	0:09:56
Name:	Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
Subject:	Education Geographic Features - Parks Recreational Activities Regulations
Geographic Access:	Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area
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Interview with Henry deJong by Kathy Bossort November 6, 2015 - Track 2

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Repository:	City of Burnaby Archives
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Henry deJong's explanation of how the 1999 Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area Plan guides work priorities in the conservation area. He gives a history of trail development since 2000, and describes how new trails are developed. He talks about discovering fish in a tributary of Stoney Creek and closing trails to protect the area.
Date Range:	1995-2015
Length:	0:16:30

Name: [Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department](#)
[Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Parks](#)
[Geographic Features - Trails](#)
[Recreational Activities](#)
[Planning](#)

Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park](#)
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: November 6, 2015

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