



## Interview with Alekxos Sarter by Kathy Bossort October 16, 2015 - Track 8

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory584>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Alekxos Sarter's explanation of the City of Burnaby's Official Community Planning process and its application to development of SFU's UniverCity.
Date Range:	1995-2015
Length:	0:12:25
Name:	<a href="#">Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area</a> <a href="#">Simon Fraser University</a> <a href="#">UniverCity</a> <a href="#">Burnaby Planning and Building Department</a>
Subject:	<a href="#">Public Services - Municipal Services</a> <a href="#">Planning</a>
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain</a>
Interviewer:	<a href="#">Bossort, Kathy</a>
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:	<a href="#">View All Tracks</a>
Interviewee Name:	<a href="#">Sarter, Alekxos T.</a>
Interview Location:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services meeting room</a>
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:	<a href="#">Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds</a>
Series:	<a href="#">Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series</a>
Item No.:	MSS196-005_Track_8
Media Type:	Sound Recording

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## Interview with Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse by Kathy Bossort November 24, 2015 - Track 8

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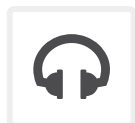
Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse talking about the 1991 Burnaby/Simon Fraser University Liaison Committee, its mandate and issues discussed in the committee; the factors that lead to the resolution of the dispute between the City and SFU; and the current dispute with Kinder Morgan and assessment of risk of Trans Mountain pipeline and Westbridge Terminal operations in Burnaby.
Date Range:	1990-2015
Length:	0:17:59
Name:	<a href="#">Simon Fraser Liaison Committee.</a> <a href="#">Simon Fraser University</a> <a href="#">Blaney, Jack</a> <a href="#">Drummond, Douglas P "Doug"</a> <a href="#">Stevenson, Michael.</a> <a href="#">Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline Company</a>
Subject:	<a href="#">Public Services - Municipal Services</a> <a href="#">Planning</a>
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain</a>
Interviewer:	<a href="#">Bossort, Kathy</a>
Interview Date:	November 24, 2015
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse conducted by Kathy Bossort. Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse were two 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 by dedication on Burnaby Mountain, the 1974/76 delineation of the conservation area on Burnaby Mountain, and the dispute between Burnaby and Simon Fraser University over land ownership and control on Burnaby Mountain, as discussed by two retired participants in these events from the City of Burnaby's Planning and Building Department, Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse. They also talk about their interaction with the public in developing policies, particularly for the 1974 report "The Public Meetings - Phase One", and the importance of a strong policy base for long range planning and the patience needed to assemble land for large parks. They talk as well about their careers, their close working relationship in the department, and the cooperation between City and SFU staff in the development of UniverCity.
Biographical Notes:	Basil Luksun was born and educated in South Africa, immigrating to Canada and Burnaby in 1972 to escape the harmful effects of apartheid. He holds a BSc degree from the University of Cape Town and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Town Planning from the University of Witwatersrand. He joined the City of Burnaby's Planning and Building Department in 1973, working his way up through the organization to Director of the department before retiring after 39 years in 2012. When he started work in the 1970s, the City of Burnaby was focusing on green space planning projects and he takes great pride in these projects as well as the city's focus on long-term planning. Basil lived in the Capital Hill area from 1972 to 1990. He currently resides in Vancouver and has two sons, Warren and Derek. Jack Belhouse was born in 1946 in Vancouver and attended UBC, York University and SFU (1965-1972), majoring in urban geography. He began working in Burnaby's planning department as a summer student in 1968, and was offered a full-time position when he graduated from university. He became Director of the Planning and Building Department before retiring after 38 years with the city in 2006. He and Basil Luksun worked closely together in long range planning in the department. Jack lives in Coquitlam with his wife Linda and has two children, Brad and Lori.
Total Tracks:	8

Total Length: 1:58:23  
Other Tracks: [View All Tracks](#)  
Interviewee Name: [Luksun, Basil](#)  
[Belhouse, Jack](#)  
Interview Location: [Basil Luksun's home in Vancouver](#)  
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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[Track eight of interview with Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse](#)



### Interview with John Kirbyson by Kathy Bossort September 28, 2015 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory557>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)  
Summary: This portion of the interview is about John Kirbyson's career with City of Burnaby Parks and Recreation Dept. 1978-2005. He talks about returning to SFU for his Masters degree in the new Natural Resource Management program; trail management on Burnaby Mountain; and relationship between SFU and Parks staff managing trails on the mountain.  
Date Range: 1978-2005  
Length: 0:14:04  
Name: [Simon Fraser University](#)  
[City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services](#)  
Subject: [Education](#)  
[Public Services - Municipal Services](#)  
[Recreational Activities](#)  
Geographic Access: [Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain](#)  
[Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park](#)  
Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)  
Interview Date: September 28, 2015  
Scope and Content: Recording is of an interview with John Kirbyson conducted by Kathy Bossort. John Kirbyson was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about John Kirbyson's education and career as parks planner for the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services, and the development of the 1999 Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area Management Plan. The interview explores how parks management balances environmental and recreational values and safety, and the importance of good guidelines and public input in the parks planning process. John Kirbyson also talks about recreational activities and various developments on Burnaby Mountain in the 1990s, such as the Kamui Mintara sculptures.

Biographical Notes:	John Kirbyson was born in Vancouver in 1954, to Arnold and Winnifred Kirbyson. After several years spent in Winnipeg and Calgary, the Kirbyson family moved to Hunter Street in Burnaby in 1969 where John remembers living near the City's nursery. John earned his BSc degree at SFU in Physical Geography (1973-1978) and then worked for the City of Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services between 1978 and 2005, where he moved from labourer to management positions. Supported by the City, he returned to SFU to earn his Masters degree in the School of Resource and Environment Management in 1991, his thesis being on restoration of Deer Lake. He was Manager of Parks Planning, Design and Development in the 1990s at the time that land on Burnaby Mountain was transferred from SFU to the City of Burnaby, and had the opportunity to direct the development of the first management plan for the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. From 2005 to 2010 John was Manager of the Parks, Recreation and Culture Dept. in Penticton, after which he has worked as an environmental consultant for Lees & Associates Landscape Architects and Planners. He is married to wife Linda and has three children: Linnaea, Jeremy and Colin.
Total Tracks:	7
Total Length:	1:33:43
Other Tracks:	<a href="#">View All Tracks</a>
Interviewee Name:	<a href="#">Kirbyson, John W.</a>
Interview Location:	<a href="#">John Kirbyson's son's home in Langley</a>
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:	<a href="#">Community Heritage Commission Special Projects fonds</a>
Series:	<a href="#">Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series</a>
Item No.:	MSS196-002_Track_2
Media Type:	Sound Recording

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[Track two of interview with John Kirbyson](#)



### Interview with Kay Zimmerman by Rod Fowler [February] 1990 - Track 2

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory528>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Summary:	This portion of the interview continues Kay Zimmerman's description of the BVA and the election of councillors and then mayors from the party, Dave Mercier 1979-1981 and Bill Lewarne 1981-1987. She talks about resistance to paying for the road to SFU as a "local improvement", Heritage Village as a Centennial Project, differing BVA support in north and south Burnaby, and Alan Emmott's political career.
Date Range:	1960-1987
Photo Info:	Kay Zimmerman, [1973]. Item no. 231-021
Length:	00:07:50
Name:	<a href="#">Lewarne, William A. "Bill"</a> <a href="#">Emmott, Alan H</a> <a href="#">Mercier, David M "Dave"</a> <a href="#">Burnaby Voters Association</a> <a href="#">Simon Fraser University</a> <a href="#">Burnaby Village Museum</a>

Subject:	<a href="#">Officials - Mayors and Reeves</a> <a href="#">Public Services - Municipal Services</a>
Interviewer:	<a href="#">Fowler, Rod</a>
Interview Date:	[February] 1990
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Kay Zimmerman, conducted by Rod Fowler. Kay Zimmerman was one of eleven participants interviewed as part of the SFU/Burnaby Centennial Committee's oral history series titled, "Voices of Burnaby". The interview is mainly about Kay Zimmerman's political activities in Burnaby and her description of her Lochdale neighbourhood in the 1960s. She provides an excellent overview of the municipal political groups and important political issues in Burnaby from 1960 to 1980. She tells the story about an early and successful political action that convinced her that an individual can make a difference. To view "Narrow By" terms for each track expand this description and see "Notes".
Biographical Notes:	Kathleen "Kay" Zimmerman, her husband Gordon and their young son Rick moved to Burnaby from Vancouver in 1960 to a house on Curtis Avenue near Duthie Street (a second son Bruce was born in Burnaby). Kay Zimmerman worked 12 years at Royal Columbian Hospital in the admitting office, then 4 years (1974-1979) as special assistant to Senator Ray Perrault, followed by work as a judge on the Citizenship Court before retiring. Gordon Zimmerman worked at the Shell Refinery. A member of the Liberal Party and political activist before arriving in Burnaby, Kay Zimmerman continued her involvement in national and local politics. She campaigned for Ray Perrault during the Trudeau years, and was a founder and active member of the Burnaby Voters Association (BVA). Her political activities encompassed 30 years that saw major changes in Burnaby, including the building of SFU, creation of Heritage Village, an awakening environmental sensibility, and a dramatic increase in population and development in Burnaby.
Total Tracks:	10
Total Length:	01:04:36
Other Tracks:	<a href="#">View All Tracks</a>
Interviewee Name:	<a href="#">Zimmerman, Kay</a>
Interviewer Bio:	Rod Fowler returned to university as a mature student in the 1980s after working about twenty years in the field of economics and computerization in business in England, Europe and Western Canada. He graduated with a BA from SFU in both History and Sociology in 1987, his MA degree in Geography in 1989, and his PhD in Cultural Geography at SFU. He taught courses in Geography, Sociology, History and Canadian Studies at several Lower Mainland colleges, before becoming a full time member of the Geography Department at Kwantlen University College.
Collection/Fonds:	<a href="#">SFU/Burnaby Centennial Committee fonds</a>
Series:	<a href="#">Centennial Oral History project series</a>
Item No.:	MSS187-018_Track_2
Transcript Available:	Transcript available
Media Type:	Sound Recording
Web Notes:	Interviews were digitized in 2015 allowing them to be accessible on Heritage Burnaby. The digitization project was initiated by the Community Heritage Commission with support from City of Burnaby Council.

#### Audio Tracks

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[🔊 Track two of interview with Kay Zimmerman](#)

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### Interview with Alekxos Sarter by Kathy Bossort October 16, 2015 - Track 9

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory585>

Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Alekxos Sarter's story about the naming, planning and development of Richard Bolton Park at SFU's UniverCity.
Date Range:	2000-2015
Length:	0:14:42
Name:	<a href="#">Bolton, Richard</a> <a href="#">Simon Fraser University</a> <a href="#">UniverCity</a> <a href="#">Burnaby Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department</a>
Subject:	<a href="#">Public Services - Municipal Services</a> <a href="#">Geographic Features - Parks</a> <a href="#">Planning</a>
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Richard Bolton Park</a>
Interviewer:	<a href="#">Bossort, Kathy</a>
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](#)

Item No.: MSS196-005\_Track\_9

Media Type: Sound Recording

#### Audio Tracks

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[Track nine of interview with Alekxos Sarter](#)



### [Interview with Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse by Kathy Bossort November 24, 2015 - Track 6](#)

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory632>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse talking about Simon Fraser University and problems created by its isolated site on Burnaby Mountain. They talk about the building of the Burnaby Mountain Parkway, and tell stories about the cooperative planning between City and SFU staff for UniverCity.

Date Range: 1963-2015

Length: 0:16:58

Name: [Simon Fraser University](#)  
[UniverCity](#)  
[Burnaby Mountain Parkway](#)

Subject: [Buildings - Schools - Universities and Colleges](#)  
[Transportation](#)  
[Public Services - Municipal Services](#)

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

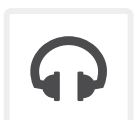
Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: November 24, 2015

Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse conducted by Kathy Bossort. Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse were two 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 by dedication on Burnaby Mountain, the 1974/76 delineation of the conservation area on Burnaby Mountain, and the dispute between Burnaby and Simon Fraser University over land ownership and control on Burnaby Mountain, as discussed by two retired participants in these events from the City of Burnaby's Planning and Building Department, Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse. They also talk about their interaction with the public in developing policies, particularly for the 1974 report "The Public Meetings - Phase One", and the importance of a strong policy base for long range planning and the patience needed to assemble land for large parks. They talk as well about their careers, their close working relationship in the department, and the cooperation between City and SFU staff in the development of UniverCity.
Biographical Notes:	Basil Luksun was born and educated in South Africa, immigrating to Canada and Burnaby in 1972 to escape the harmful effects of apartheid. He holds a BSc degree from the University of Cape Town and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Town Planning from the University of Witwatersrand. He joined the City of Burnaby's Planning and Building Department in 1973, working his way up through the organization to Director of the department before retiring after 39 years in 2012. When he started work in the 1970s, the City of Burnaby was focusing on green space planning projects and he takes great pride in these projects as well as the city's focus on long-term planning. Basil lived in the Capital Hill area from 1972 to 1990. He currently resides in Vancouver and has two sons, Warren and Derek. Jack Belhouse was born in 1946 in Vancouver and attended UBC, York University and SFU (1965-1972), majoring in urban geography. He began working in Burnaby's planning department as a summer student in 1968, and was offered a full-time position when he graduated from university. He became Director of the Planning and Building Department before retiring after 38 years with the city in 2006. He and Basil Luksun worked closely together in long range planning in the department. Jack lives in Coquitlam with his wife Linda and has two children, Brad and Lori.
Total Tracks:	8
Total Length:	1:58:23
Other Tracks:	<a href="#">View All Tracks</a>
Interviewee Name:	<a href="#">Luksun, Basil</a> <a href="#">Belhouse, Jack</a>
Interview Location:	<a href="#">Basil Luksun's home in Vancouver</a>
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:	<a href="#">Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project series</a>
Item No.:	MSS196-012_Track_6
Media Type:	Sound Recording

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[Track six of interview with Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse](#)



**Interview with Lee Rankin by Kathy Bossort December 2, 2015 - Track 4**

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory645>



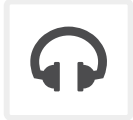
Repository:	<a href="#">City of Burnaby Archives</a>
Summary:	This portion of the interview is about Lee Rankin's belief that the time was right to get the land back from SFU and protect it as a park. He goes through the steps that lead to productive negotiations between the City and SFU, including the creation of the Simon Fraser Liaison Committee which he chaired, his key meeting with the newly appointed Chair of the SFU Board of Governors, Yvonne Cocke, and the creative work of City Planners Basil Luksun and Jack Belhouse. He describes the main points in the 1995 agreement between SFU and the City.
Date Range:	1983-1996
Length:	0:18:39
Name:	<a href="#">Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area</a> <a href="#">Simon Fraser University</a> <a href="#">Cocke, Yvonne D.</a> <a href="#">Luksun, Basil</a> <a href="#">Belhouse, Jack</a> <a href="#">Simon Fraser Liaison Committee.</a> <a href="#">Drummond, Douglas P "Doug"</a>
Subject:	<a href="#">Intergovernmental Relations</a> <a href="#">Land</a> <a href="#">Geographic Features - Parks</a> <a href="#">Public Services - Municipal Services</a>
Geographic Access:	<a href="#">Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Park</a> <a href="#">Burnaby - Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area</a>
Interviewer:	<a href="#">Bossort, Kathy</a>
Interview Date:	December 2, 2015
Scope and Content:	Recording is of an interview with Lee Rankin conducted by Kathy Bossort. Lee Rankin was one of 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about Lee Rankin's involvement in finding a resolution to the dispute between the City of Burnaby and Simon Fraser University over land ownership and control on Burnaby Mountain. He talks about the origin of the dispute, the positions taken by the two sides, the key people who brought about a resolution, and the main features of the agreement between the City, SFU and the province of BC. He talks about how the agreement met SFU's goals, fostered trust between the City and university, and removed uncertainty from protecting parkland on Burnaby Mountain.
Biographical Notes:	Lee Rankin was born in 1953 in Vancouver. He attended SFU 1973-78, completing his BA degree in 1985. He earned his law degree at UBC in 1988, was called to the Bar in 1989, and practiced in immigration and refugee law. Lee has lived in Burnaby since 1976 and was a member of Burnaby Council for 22 years, from 1983-1999 and 2002-2008. His particular interests as a Councillor were in community planning, housing and environment. Among other duties and accomplishments as Councillor, Lee served as chair of the Simon Fraser Liaison Committee and was involved in the negotiations with the province and SFU that resulted in the university returning more than 800 acres of land to the City, which was dedicated as part of the Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area. He has also served on the GVRD, volunteers as a coach for team sports in Burnaby, and has served on numerous community and business associations and committees. Lee is married to Ragini Venkat Rankin and has one son Henry.
Total Tracks:	8
Total Length:	1:50:35
Other Tracks:	<a href="#">View All Tracks</a>
Interviewee Name:	<a href="#">Rankin, Lee A.</a>
Interview Location:	<a href="#">Lee Rankin's home in Burnaby</a>
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](#)  
Item No.: [MSS196-014\\_Track\\_4](#)  
Media Type: [Sound Recording](#)

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[Track four of interview with Lee Rankin](#)



### **Interview with John Templeton, Alan James and Christine Leston by Kathy Bossort October 26, 2015 - Track 7**

<https://search.heritageburnaby.ca/permalink/oralhistory593>

Repository: [City of Burnaby Archives](#)

Summary: This portion of the interview is about the Stoney Creek Environment Committee members' description of the history, structure and operation of the Stoney Creek Environmental Working Group (SCEWG), and examples of how the group brings stakeholders together and support one another. They also talk about working with various City of Burnaby departments and the management of the conservation area on Burnaby Mountain.

Date Range: 1995-2015

Length: 0:18:22

Name: [Stoney Creek Environment Committee](#)  
[Stoney Creek Environmental Working Group](#)  
[Burnaby Mountain Conservation Area](#)  
[Simon Fraser University](#)  
[Trans Mountain Oil Pipeline Company](#)

Subject: [Geographic Features - Streams](#)  
[Geographic Features - Parks](#)  
[Persons - Volunteers](#)  
[Public Services - Municipal Services](#)

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

Interviewer: [Bossort, Kathy](#)

Interview Date: October 26, 2015

Scope and Content: Recording is of an interview with John Templeton, Alan James & Christine Leston, members of the Stoney Creek Environment Committee, conducted by Kathy Bossort. The three members of SCEC were among 23 participants interviewed as part of the Community Heritage Commission's Burnaby Mountain Oral History Project. The interview is mainly about the history and work of the stream keeper group Stoney Creek Environment Committee (SCEC) and the Stoney Creek Environmental Working Group, and about SCEC's founder Jennifer Atkinson. The interview is made richer by the complementary views of the three interviewees, John Templeton (SCEC Chair), Alan James (Member-at-Large - Education), and Christine Leston (Treasurer).

**Biographical Notes:** The Stoney Creek Environment Committee is a streamkeeper group and registered non-profit society dedicated to protecting and restoring viable salmon-bearing streams within the Stoney Creek Watershed. (Stoney Creek originates on Burnaby Mountain and is part of the Brunette watershed which empties into the Fraser River.) The volunteer group, formed in 1995, was guided by the tireless efforts of Jennifer Atchison (1938-2010) after whom the Jennifer Atchison Environmental Centre in North Burnaby is named. The volunteer members of SCEC monitor water quality, generate inventories and reports on the biophysical assets and health of the watershed, provide educational opportunities, enhance stream and stream bank habitat, and speak on behalf of the Stoney Creek watershed. One of its key events is The Great Salmon Send-Off, the release of young salmon into Stoney Creek in May, which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2015. The Stoney Creek Environmental Working Group (1999-present), managed by the City of Burnaby, undertakes to coordinate the actions of all stakeholders in the Stoney Creek watershed. It is comprised of representatives from community groups, such as SCEC, governmental and institutional agencies, and industries who are committed to sustaining and improving the quality of the Stoney Creek watershed's water, wildlife and environment. John Templeton, currently SCEC Chair, joined SCEC in 2004. He was born in Coleraine, County Londonderry, Northern Ireland, in 1957, and after immigrating to Canada, came to live in Burnaby in 1992, first in Forest Grove (1992-2014) and then in Forest Hills. He works as a millwright. Alan James, Member-at-large - Education, joined SCEC in 2003. He was born in 1939 in Berkeley, California, and came to live in Burnaby in about 2000. He is a retired geophysicist and computer consultant. Christine Leston joined SCEC in 1997, serving first as Secretary and then as Treasurer. She was born in 1943 in Cheshire, England, and came to live in Burnaby in 1974, first in Greentree Village, then Simon Fraser Village (1974-2004) and now the Edmonds area. She is a retired technical writer.

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**Interviewee Name:** [Templeton, John R.](#)  
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**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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