

Richard Fowler fonds**Dates:** 1939-1996**Physical Extent:** 2.2 m of textual records and other material.*Note:* Includes 566 colour photographs, 51 b&w photographs, 418 colour negatives, 1 print of a colour painting, 49 scrapbooks, 5 audio cassettes, 1 videocassette.**Biographical Sketch:**

Richard Fowler was born in Edson, Alberta in 1932. His parents were George Frederick of New Brunswick and Adeline Alice Gray, a Métis from Manitoba. Richard Fowler attended primary school in Rumsey, Alberta. In 1958, he moved with his wife Vera to St Albert. The couple had five children. In the early 1960s, Richard Fowler was a salesman of commercial heating, air conditioning and refrigeration. By 1963, he gained a seat on the council of St Albert and in 1965 he became mayor of St Albert. His first term as mayor ended in 1968 and in 1969 he began to work towards a Bachelor of Arts at the University of Alberta. By 1976, Richard Fowler obtained a Bachelor of Arts in Political Sciences and a LL.B. Following his schooling, from 1980 to 1989, Richard Fowler held the position of mayor of the City of St. Albert for three terms. Then, in 1989 he won an election for the position of Member of Legislative Assembly for the Province of Alberta under the Progressive Conservative Party. During his term as Member of Legislative Assembly, he served as Solicitor General, Minister of Municipal Affairs, Minister Responsible for Native Affairs and Justice Minister. He ran for a second term as Member of Legislative Assembly in 1993 but lost the election to Len Bracko. In December 1993, Fowler's wife Vera Fowler died. In 1994 Richard Fowler became a family court judge. Various accomplishments during his lifetime include various public works such as Sturgeon General Hospital, St Albert's provincial building, St Albert's courthouse and Alberta Winter Games in St Albert during the 1970s. Richard Fowler's second marriage is to Dawne Adeline Pusher.

Scope and Content: Fonds consists of photographs, scrapbooks, records pertaining to Richard Fowler's education, correspondence from various periods of Richard Fowler's political career, agenda books, certificates and diplomas signifying Richard Fowler's accomplishments, news clippings, ephemera, memoranda, speech notes and election campaign planning material.

Title Source: Title is based upon the content of the fonds.

Accruals: Further accruals anticipated.

Series**Title:** Education**Dates:** 1939 – 1976

Scope and Content: Series consists of correspondence, transcripts, certificates and other documentation regarding Richard Fowler's education.

File-level:

- 1998.15.01 Primary and secondary school, 1939-1944
- 1998.15.02 Scouts, 1960-1961
- 1998.15.03 Correspondence for Bachelor of Arts, 1970
- 1998.15.04 University transcripts, 1970-1971
- 1998.15.05 Correspondence for law application, 1972
- 1998.15.06 Application form and registration, 1972-1973
- 1998.15.07 Law club, [197-]
- 1998.15.08 Law school yearbook, 1974-1975
- 1998.15.09 Convocation, 1976
- 1998.15.10 Awards, 1976
- 1998.15.11 Moot court, [197-]
- 1998.15.12 Admission to the bar, 1977
- 1998.15.18 Degrees and certificates, 1956, 1974
- 1998.15.73 Church program, 1971

Series

Title: First term as mayor

Dates: 1965-1968

Scope and Content: Series consists of correspondence, election campaign material, speeches, ephemera and records from the Miles for Millions Walk. This series pertains to Richard Fowler's first term as mayor of St Albert.

File-level:

- 1998.15.74 Election campaign, 1965
- 1998.15.75 Miles for Millions Walk, 1968
- 1998.15.76 Correspondence, 1964-1968
- 1998.15.77 Ephemera, [1965-1968]
- 1998.15.78 Schedule, [1965-1968]
- 1998.15.79 Speeches, [1965-1968]
- 1998.15.80 News clippings, [1965-1968]
- 1998.15.81 Letterhead, [1965-1968]
- 1998.15.82 Publications for St. Albert Development, 1965-1967
- 1998.15.101 Sturgeon General Hospital, 1971
- 1998.15.102 Brief by the Town of St. Albert for a second campus of the University of Alberta, 1966
- 1998.15.103 Comparison of Advantages and Disadvantages of the Annexation of St. Albert in the Edmonton Metropolitan Area, 1968
- 1998.15.104 Sale of lots, 1966
- 1998.15.105 Agreement of St Albert Development Ltd and Grandin Shoppers Park, 1968
- 1998.15.106 By-Law no. 23/66, 1966
- 1998.15.107 Municipal advisory committee, 1968
- 1998.15.108 Estimates, 1968
- 1998.15.109 Alberta Hospital Association event, 1968
- 1998.15.110 Social Credit League, 1968

1998.15.111 End of term, 1968

Series

Title: Governing Committee of Athabasca University

Dates: 1972-1973

Scope and Content: Richard Fowler was a member of the Governing Committee of Athabasca University. Series consists of correspondence regarding his membership as well as records regarding planning.

File-list:

1998.15.112 Planning, 1971

1998.15.113 Correspondence, 1971-1973

Series

Title: Mayor

Dates: 1981-1989

Scope and Content: Series consists of campaign documentation, correspondence, event programs, and invites Richard Fowler had during his second term as mayor.

File-List:

1998.15.114 Correspondence, 1980-1981

1998.15.115 Events, 1981

1998.15.116 Red Willow Park, 1981

1998.15.117 Election Campaign, 1983

1998.15.118 Mayor Fowler Roast drawing / by Alan Nuttall, 1985

1998.15.119 Election campaign, 1986

1990.41.01 Oath of Office, 1986

1998.15.120 Housing development, 1986

File consists of information on the Start Up Program, the Homeowner's Association of St Albert, and correspondence with Lehndorff Land Development, as well as news clippings, maps and various other records regarding the development of residential areas.

1998.15.121 Utilities, 1986

1998.15.122 Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Community Action for Small Business, [ca. 1986]

2010.23.01 Ephemera, 1988

Series:

Title: Member of the Legislative Assembly

Dates: 1989-1993

Scope and Content: Series consist of correspondence, certificates and photographs concerning Richard Fowler's accomplishments and term as the MLA of Alberta.

File-List:

1998.15.123 Correspondence, 1990-1993

1998.15.124 Agenda books, 1989-1993

1998.15.125 Recommendation for Order in Council, 1989

1998.15.126 Constable Ezio Faraone, 1990

- 1998.15.127 Kainai Community Corrections Society and Alberta Solicitor General Corrections agreement, 1991
- 1998.15.128 Woodland Cree Indian Band #474 Treaty Land Entitlement Claim, 1991
Scope and Content: This document is a copy of the original and mounted on foam core as it was presented to Richard Fowler. There is also a paper copy.
- 1998.15.129 St. Albert Tourist Information Centre Site agreement, 1992
- 1998.15.130 Richard Fowler receiving hard hat drawing / by Andy Phillipotts, 1992
- 1998.15.131 Certificates, 1989-1992
- 1998.15.132 Constituency office sign, [1989-1993]
- 1998.15.133 Memorabilia, [198--199-]
- 1998.15.134 End of term, 1993
- 1998.15.60 Collage, [ca. 1992]
Scope and Content: The collage consists of twelve colour photographs and commemorates Richard Fowler as the Alberta Solicitor General.
- 2010.23.02 Congratulations cards, 1989
- 2010.23.03 Correspondence re. election success, 1989

Series:**Title:** Judge**Dates:** 1992**Scope and Content:** Series consists of an application for judicial candidate.**File-List:**

- 1998.15.135 Application as judicial candidate, 1992
- 1998.15.136 Correspondence, 1996

Series:**Title:** Ephemera**File-List:**

- 1998.15.137: Ephemera, 1968-1991
- 2010.23.04: Retirement celebration invitation and program, 1985

Series:**Title:** Certificates, 1958-1992**File-List:**

- 1998.15.138: Certificates, 1958-1992
- 2010.23.05: Certificates, 1979-1990

Series**Title:** Photographs**Dates:** [ca. 1960-1993]**Physical Extent:** 566 colour photographs, 51 b&w photographs, 1 print of a colour painting, 418 colour negatives.

Scope and Content: Series consist of various photographs related to Richard Fowler's life including visits from dignitaries, events, images of awards granted, images of Richard Fowler's family, images of Town Council, City Council and the Progressive Conservative Party's members of the provincial cabinet. Also included in this series are photographs of Richard Fowler and his involvement in the Boy Scouts and the RCMP Recognition Awards of the "K" Division. This series includes three photograph albums.

Restrictions: The Musée Héritage Museum does not hold copyright for the photographs in this series. The photographs may be viewed for research purposes.

File-Level:

1998.15.70: *Title:* Photo Album

Dates: 1960-1993

Physical Extent: 154 photographs, 2 negatives, 1 print of a painting.

Note: Includes 47 colour photographs: 20x25 cm, 1 colour photograph: 21x33 cm, 4 colour photographs: 12.5x16 cm, 19 colour photographs: 9x12.5 cm, 21 colour photographs: 8x8.5 cm, 5 colour photographs: 10x15 cm, 1 colour photograph: 12.5x17.5 cm, 1 colour photograph: 10x12.5 cm, 2 colour photographs: 8.5x9 cm, 1 colour photograph: 9x13 cm, 14 b&w photographs: 20x25 cm, 1 b&w photograph: 18x24 cm, 1 b&w photograph: 19x24 cm, 24 b&w photographs: 8x8.5 cm, 1 b&w photograph: 8.5x11 cm, 1 b&w photograph: 6x8 cm, 5 b&w photographs: 12.5x17.5 cm, 2 b&w photographs: 9x10 cm, 3 b&w photographs: 10x12.5 cm

Title Source: Based on content of the file.

1998.15.71: *Title:* Photo Album

Dates: [199-]

Physical Extent: 11 colour photographs: 17.5 x 12.5 cm, 26 colour photographs: 10 x 15 cm, 2 colour photographs: 13 x 8.5 cm

Title Source: Based on content of the file.

1998.15.72: *Title:* RCMP Recognition Awards "K" Division Photo Album, 1990

Dates: 1990

Physical Extent: 36 colour photographs: 17.5 x 12.5 cm

Title Source: Based on content of the file.

1998.15.139 Re-enactment at chapel, [198-]

Scope and Content: From left to right is unidentified man, Margaret Plain, Myrna Fife, Richard Fowler, Gerry Hanois, unidentified man, Peter Elzinga and unidentified man.

- 1998.15.140 Re-enactment at chapel, [198-]
Scope and Content: From left to right is unidentified man, Margaret Plain, Myrna Fife, Richard Fowler, Gerry Hanois, unidentified man, Peter Elzinga and unidentified man.
- 1998.15.141 Re-enactment at chapel, [198-]
- 1998.15.142 Father Lacombe Chapel, 1971
- 1998.15.143 Father Lacombe Statue, 1971
- 1998.15.144 Bells, 1971
- 1998.15.145 MLA's Don Getty government, [1989-1992]
- 2010.23.06 *Title:* Photo album
Dates: 1990-1992
Physical Extent: 144 colour negatives, 137 colour photographs: 15 x 10 cm
Scope and Content: The label on the spine of the album states, "St. Albert's Senior Citizens tea, the Tai Kwon Do Club Presentation, St Albert Sewer Lift Station Opening, Albert Lacombe CFEP Cheque Presentation and the 1992 Progressive Conservative Convention."
Title Source: Based on content of the file.
Item-List: Finding aid available.
- 2010.23.07 *Title:* Political photo album
Dates: 1990-1991
Physical Extent: 168 colour negatives, 163 colour photographs: 15 x 10 cm
Scope and Content: Photo album includes images from the RCMP Graduate Ceremony in Regina, SK, the auction dinner at the Derkatch residence, RCMP contract negotiations in Victoria, BC and Justice conferences in Yellowknife and Whitehorse.
Title Source: Provided by creator of the album.
Item-List: Finding aid available.
- 2010.23.08 *Title:* Constitutional conferences photo album
Dates: 1991
Physical Extent: 104 colour negatives, 89 colour photographs: 15 x 10 cm
Scope and Content: This album provides a photographic record of the Multilateral Conference in the Canadian Constitution. These meetings were held in St. John, NB, Vancouver, BC,

Montreal, QC, Toronto, ON and Ottawa, ON. The spine of the album is labeled, "Constitutional Conferences, 1991 St. John, NB, Vancouver, Montréal, Toronto, Ottawa." First page labeled, "To St. John, NB, May '92." And page in middle labeled, "Vancouver BC, May '92."

Title Source: Provided by creator of the album.

Item-List: Finding aid available.

- 2010.23.09 *Title:* Richard Fowler, Victor Post, Dave Clark and Ray Flat
Dates: [198-]
Physical Extent: 1 colour photograph, 20x25 cm
Scope and Content: File consists of one photograph with Richard Fowler, Victor Post, the Public Relations Director for the Northern Alberta Radio Club, Dave Clark, president of the Northern Alberta Radio Club and Ray Flat, Regional Director of Communications in Edmonton.

Series:

Title: Scrapbooks

Dates: 1981 – 1993

Physical Extent: 49 scrapbooks

Scope and Content: Scrapbooks consist of news clippings, curriculum vitae, correspondence, ephemera and photographs pertaining to Richard Fowler's career.

File:

- 2010.23.10 Scrapbook 1, 1981
- 2010.23.11 Scrapbook 2, 1981-1983
- 2010.23.12 Scrapbook 3, 1981-1984
- 2010.23.13 Scrapbook 4, 1984-1985
- 2010.23.14 Scrapbook 5, 1984-1986
- 2010.23.15 Scrapbook 6, 1985-1986
- 2010.23.16 Scrapbook 7, 1986
- 2010.23.17 Scrapbook 8, 1986
- 2010.23.18 Scrapbook 9, 1986
- 2010.23.19 Scrapbook 10, 1986-1987
- 2010.23.20 Scrapbook 11, 1983-1987
- 2010.23.21 Scrapbook 12, 1987-1988
- 2010.23.22 Scrapbook 13, 1987-1988
- 2010.23.23 Scrapbook 14, 1988
- 2010.23.24 Scrapbook 15, 1989
- 2010.23.25 Scrapbook 16, 1989
- 2010.23.26 Scrapbook 17, 1989
- 2010.23.27 Scrapbook 18, 1988-1989
- 2010.23.28 Scrapbook 19, 1989
- 2010.23.29 Scrapbook 20, 1989
- 2010.23.30 Scrapbook 21, 1986-1989
- 2010.23.31 Scrapbook 22, 1989

- 2010.23.32 Scrapbook 23, 1989
2010.23.33 Scrapbook 24, 1989-1990
2010.23.34 Scrapbook 25, 1990
2010.23.35 Scrapbook 26, 1990
2010.23.36 Scrapbook 27, 1989-1990
2010.23.37 Scrapbook 28, 1990
2010.23.38 Scrapbook 29, 1990
2010.23.39 Scrapbook 30, 1990-1991
2010.23.40 Scrapbook 31, 1991
2010.23.41 Scrapbook 32, 1985-1991
2010.23.42 Scrapbook 33, 1991
2010.23.43 Scrapbook 34, 1991
2010.23.44 Scrapbook 35, 1990-1992
2010.23.45 Scrapbook 36, 1991-1992
2010.23.46 Scrapbook 37, 1992
2010.23.47 Scrapbook 38, 1992
2010.23.48 Scrapbook 39, 1992
2010.23.49 Scrapbook 40, 1992-1993
2010.23.50 Scrapbook 41, 1992
2010.23.51 Scrapbook 42, 1993
2010.23.52 Scrapbook 43, 1993
2010.23.53 Scrapbook 44, 1993
2010.23.54 Scrapbook 45, 1993
2010.23.55 Scrapbook 49, 1993
2010.23.56 [Post-MLA Scrapbook], 1993
Title Source: Title based upon the content of the scrapbook.
2010.23.57 [Scrapbook W], 1965-1985
2010.23.58 [Campaign Scrapbook], 1989
Title Source: Title based upon the content of the scrapbook.