

## MEMORYBC – SUBJECT GROUPS (TOPICS) - FINAL DRAFT

(30 Subject Group headings, based on ANA subject terms and the BC Thesaurus, have been used for the initial MemoryBC indexing project – Sept/Oct 2009)

Agriculture

Law and justice

Arts and culture

Military

Buildings and structures

Natural resources

Business and commerce

Organizations

Children and youth

Politics

Communications

Religions

Community life

Science and technology

Cultural groups

Sports, recreation and leisure

Education

Transportation and utilities

Environment

Women

Events and celebrations

Exploration, discovery and travel

Family and personal life

For information on use of these subject group terms, please see pages 2 through 8

First nations

Geographic features

Government

Health and social services

Industries

Labour

Land, settlement and immigration

Developed by Margery Hadley  
and Janet McMaster – Sept.24-09

## MEMORYBC – SUBJECT GROUPS (TOPICS) - FINAL DRAFT

(30 Subject Group headings, based on ANA subject terms and the BC Thesaurus, used for the initial MemoryBC indexing project – Sept/Oct 2009)

### **Agriculture**

- Farming and ranching (individual, family, corporate)
- Agribusiness (processing, marketing, shipping)
- Horticulture, gardening
- Academic research / programs
- Lobby / professional groups
- Agricultural cooperatives and organizations
- Irrigation, irrigation districts
- Agricultural fairs, markets

### **Arts and culture**

- Visual arts
- Performing arts
- Literature
- Artists (musicians, actors, visual artists, dancers, writers, architects, photographers, etc.)
- Institutions (eg. foundations, museums, art schools, heritage sites, libraries, archives)
- Arts and/or culture related businesses and organizations (eg. book stores, Canadian Club)
- Cultural events (eg. fairs, parades, lectures, festivals, presentations)
- Research, projects or writing pertaining to arts and/or culture
- Professional organizations

### **Buildings and structures**

- Buildings (eg. residences, commercial, factories, churches, community centres, jails, arenas, hotels)
- Monuments, statues, shrines, etc.
- Bridges, trestles
- Building management
- Construction

Note: DO NOT USE when records pertain to functions or activities carried out in/on a building or structure, unless the building and function are directly related (eg. hotels - provide accommodation)

### **Business and commerce**

- Commercial and mercantile activity involving exchange of commodities, services or financial resources
- Retail businesses, service businesses, banking
- Individual business owners and operators
- Business-related associations and chambers of commerce

Note: DO NOT USE for not-for-profit enterprises

### **Children and youth**

- Re: persons aged 20 or younger
- Records created by children and youth
- Children and youth issues
- Activities, organizations, programs, events etc. devoted to children and/or youth

See also: Family and personal life, Community life

### **Communications**

- Individuals (eg. journalists, broadcasters, documentary film makers, commercial photographers)
- Communication media (eg. newspapers, magazines, newsletters, radio, television, telephone, cable, documentary film, internet)
- Communication businesses, cooperatives, organizations (eg. advertising, printing, publishing, photofinishing)
- Symbols, logos, flags
- Professional organizations

### **Community life**

- Communities can exist in municipalities, towns and villages, neighbourhoods, religious and cultural groups, camps, schools, etc.
- Community activities and events
- Groups working for the development and/or maintenance of events, services and facilities for the community, community spirit, and community promotion
- Community support and charitable organizations
- Community booster and event promotion agencies
- Fraternal organizations

See also: Family and personal life, Events and celebrations

### **Cultural groups**

- Individuals / groups working towards preservation of a particular cultural group or cultural community
- Activities / events promoting life / values of cultural group/s
- Movements, initiatives, legislation etc. that promotes the existence and participation of diverse ethnic, racial, religious or social groups within the larger community

### **Education**

- Activities / structures relating to educational activities
- Individual teachers / educators
- Students, all ages
- Public and private schools / agencies offering training or education
- Vocational training and continuing education
- Regulatory and support organizations
- Professional organizations

## **Environment**

- Environmental issues (eg. air quality, pollution, habitat destruction, endangered species, recycling)
- Nature, wilderness, scenery
- Climate, weather
- Individuals, organizations, businesses
- Parks, natural areas, wildlife management
- Habitat and species protection / recovery
- Conservation movement / activities

## **Events and celebrations**

- Specific cultural, arts, political, sports, holiday and community events; also personal events
- Organizations, public agencies and businesses dedicated to planning for event/s
- Centennials, parades, festivals, fairs, exhibitions, concerts
- Ceremonies (openings, graduations, sod-turnings, etc.)
- Parties (community, birthday, anniversary, etc)
- Royal visits, campaigns
- Weddings, funerals, baptisms, etc.
- Protests and demonstrations

## **Exploration, discovery and travel**

- Personal, geographical, scientific, mapping, other
- Expeditions, exploration, adventure, prospecting, guiding,
- Individuals and groups (eg. explorers, adventurers, prospectors, guides, outfitters)
- Expedition planning / reports and accounts
- Personal travels for discovery and education (eg. travel diaries)
- Early contact with First Nations

See also: Land, settlement and immigration

## **Family and personal life**

- Individuals (all ages), families
- Friendships, personal relationships, home life
- Generational records
- Genealogical records
- Sexuality
- Support and charitable organizations for the private lives of families and individuals

See also: Community life, Children and youth, Women

## **First nations**

- Individuals / communities of native ancestry
- N.A. Indian, Metis and Inuit
- Records pertaining to / created by First nations individuals, families, bands, agencies
- Government agencies and treaties
- First nations organizations and businesses
- First nations schools and education
- Issues pertaining to First Nations peoples or history

## **Geographic features**

- Includes both natural and artificial features
  - Physical landscape, built landscape
  - Urban and industrial landscapes
  - Topography
  - Site plans
  - Boundaries, districts, reserves, parks, sanctuaries, towns, etc.
- NOTE: Mainly but not exclusively pertaining to photographic and cartographic records  
See also: Land, settlement and immigration

## **Government**

- Local, municipal, regional, provincial, federal, jurisdictional
- Officials (eg. mayors, premiers, MLAs, ministers, civil servants)
- Hospital districts, improvement districts, land districts, school boards, health boards, library boards, police boards, etc.
- First nations and tribal governments
- Support organizations (eg. municipal associations)
- Organizations in direct response to government (eg. ratepayers associations)
- Protest against government
- Taxes

## **Health and social services**

- Activities / systems for maintaining and preserving individual / community health and wellness. Provided by public, private or community agencies or individuals.
- Medical services, hospitals, clinics
- Social programs and services (eg. youth, seniors, mental illness, maternity, counseling, support)
- Fire and emergency services, disaster relief
- Protective services and emergency support (eg. community watch) - not police
- Safety and community health programs and training
- Individuals (eg. doctors, nurses, dentists, pharmacists, counselors, clinicians)
- Health and wellness services offered by charitable groups (eg. meditation, retreats)
- Businesses
- Professional and support organizations

## **Industries**

- Resource industries (eg. mining, forestry, fishing, etc.)
- Resource industry cooperatives
- Processing, packing and shipping industries
- Construction, ship building
- Salvage companies and operations

See also: Agriculture, Business and commerce, Transportation and utilities

## **Labour**

- Labour and union organizations
- Professional associations with labour focus (eg. teachers, nurses)
- Arbitration boards
- Individuals
- Events (eg. strikes)
- Union-associated social groups

## **Land, settlement and immigration**

- Claiming, settling and moving to a new land
- Land titles, distribution, grants etc
- Community and regional settlement patterns
- Land settlement companies
- Land surveys / surveyors
- Real estate companies and activities
- Organizations involved in sponsoring / supporting immigrants

## **Law and justice**

- Activities / structures re administration of law and justice
- Law enforcement (eg. police forces, RCMP, coast guard)
- Courts, prisons, remand centres
- Litigation, arbitration, mediation, restorative justice, reconciliation, settlements
- Administrative and support organizations (police boards)
- Community service programs
- Legislation
- Individuals (eg. lawyers, judges, police officers, bylaw officers, criminals)
- Professional organizations

## **Military**

- Military service, training and activities
- Military institutions, bases, sites
- Individuals and organizations (eg. veterans, military personnel, militia, cadets)
- Military vehicles and ships
- Equipment, weapons, uniforms, artifacts
- Legislation

## **Natural resources**

- Land, water, minerals, forests, fisheries, soil, oil and gas
- Energy (eg. hydro-electric, thermal, solar)
- Game management
- Individuals, industries and businesses
- Regulatory and professional organizations

See also: Businesses and commerce, Environment, Industries, Land . . .

## **Organizations**

- Clubs, societies, associations - all types, except official (government) functions (eg. agricultural, business, charitable, community, cultural, ethnic, fraternal, labour, military, political, professional, recreational, social, sports)
- Clarify using a second heading where possible

## **Politics**

- Individuals (politicians, campaigners, party members)
- Political parties, campaigns and organizations
- Political theory and study

## **Religions**

- Personal, institutional and organizational relationships between humans and what they regard as holy, sacred or divine
- Churches and denominations
- Religious orders, groups and organizations
- Non-traditional groups and organizations (sometimes referred to as cults)
- Individuals (ministers, missionaries, members of religious orders, etc.)
- Schools, charities, missions and hospitals run by religious groups
- Religious theory and study

## **Science and technology**

- Study and application of science
- Scientists, researchers, etc.
- Research / research foundations, institutes
- Technology schools / programs
- Clubs, user groups, professional organizations

## **Sports, recreation and leisure**

- Physical activity, occupations or amusements carried out by humans for the purpose of wellness, socializing, relaxation, entertainment or competition
- Sports, outdoor recreation, hobbies, games, travel, etc.
- Individuals, organizations, clubs
- Professional and amateur competitors / teams
- Education and training
- Businesses

## **Transportation and utilities**

- Act or means of transporting from one place to another
- Act or means of providing water, power, sewage etc. to communities
- Facilities and infrastructures (eg. harbours, highways, airports, sewage treatment plants, electric systems, hydro-electric projects)
- Vehicles, rolling stock, aircraft, equipment, ships and boats, ferries
- Accidents (highway crashes, derailments, air crashes, shipwrecks, etc)
- Rescue services (eg. towing, coast guard)
- Businesses and corporations (eg. towing and repair services, motor associations)
- Professional organizations, unions

See also: Agriculture, Business and commerce, Industries, Military

**Women**

- History, social, political and cultural situation of women
- Women's issues
- Individuals
- Clubs, societies, organizations
- Women-only facilities and activities
- Records created by women