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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Charlotte County Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Downtown St. Stephen Business Improvement Area
<b>Reference code:</b>	MC 918
<b>Date:</b>	2003 (date of creation)
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Physical description:</b>	3 pages of Textual Records

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Downtown St. Stephen (DSS) is a non-profit Business Improvement Area (BIA) organization, which aims to encourage and sustain economic growth and enhance the commercial viability of St. Stephen's non-residential downtown area. Downtown St. Stephen is one of many BIA organizations that were created in New Brunswick after the Provincial Government passed the Business Improvement Areas Act in 1981. This Act gave local municipal councils the authority to establish a BIA, by by-law, when their local business community petitions them to do so. When such a by-law is passed owners of commercial property within the designated BIA form a non-trading corporation to represent the BIA's interests. BIAs usually encompass the "downtown" area of a municipality.

Once a BIA organization is established, its board of directors can request that the local municipal council impose a levy on all non-residential property within the boundaries of the BIA. Money generated by this levy can be used to establish an operating office, implement promotional campaigns, and undertake improvement and beautification projects within the BIA. St. Stephen's BIA includes all non-residential property on King Street beginning at the St. Stephen Inn, down Milltown Boulevard to Water Street, including customs, Budd Avenue, and the Waterfront. The Waterfront includes all businesses on the river and wharf area.

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## Scope and content

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This fonds contains items related to the Downtown St. Stephen (DSS) Business Improvement Area (BIA), including a pair of newsletters published by the BIA and meeting minutes.

## Notes

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### Title notes

### Physical condition

Items in this fonds are recent and display no physical damage.

### Location of originals

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### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Downtown St. Stephen Business Improvement Area
  - Textual record (documentary form)
  - Leaflets (documentary form)
  - Finance (subject)
  - Events and celebrations (subject)
  - Organisations (subject)
  - St. Stephen (place)
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## Collection holdings

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### Series: MC 918-MS1 - Newsletters

Title: Newsletters

Reference code: MC 918-MS1

Date: 2003 (date of creation)

Scope and content:

This series contains a pair of brief newsletters published by the Downton St. Stephen Business Improvement Area (BIA), which announce upcoming events and recent changes in the St. Stephen downtown area. On the backs of these newsletters are agendas for upcoming meetings of the BIA.

Publication status:

Published

Alpha-numeric designations:

Acc.2021.187

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**Series: MC 918-MS2 - Meeting Minutes**Title: Meeting MinutesReference code: MC 918-MS2Date: 2003 (date of creation)Scope and content:

This series contains the minutes of the Downtown St. Stephen BIA meeting of January 16, 2003. This document outlines the discussions which occurred at that meeting concerning the organization of promotional events, issues with St. Stephen traffic, reports, and correspondence.

Publication status:

Published

Alpha-numeric designations:

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