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MC4111/MC8 – The G Club sous-fonds

Greg Ericson is a City Counsellor in Fredericton, New Brunswick, and a former nightlife entrepreneur. Greg opened The G Club, located at 377 King St., on the third floor, with two business partners on the second week of September 1998; the club closed 4 July 2003.

In 1998, there were no other gay clubs in Fredericton, and Ericson and his partners opened a bar that would serve the community. Ericson wanted a space that offered product excellence (in the form of a variety of liquors and original cocktails), as well as a comfortable / welcoming social space for LGBTQ+ folks. Employees were encouraged to greet newcomers and introduce them to the regular patrons, welcoming them into the space before the dance music began. A competition was held to name the club, and “The G Club” was chosen for its ambiguity: it could be 'The Good Club', 'The Gay Club', but many patrons referred to it as 'The G-Spot', as the club was “on the third floor, and difficult to find”- Greg Ericson.

Because city by-laws require bars to close their doors at 2:00AM, The G Club patrons would be getting out at the same time as patrons from other clubs- which caused a few fights to break out, and LGBTQ+ folks didn't feel safe returning home. To address this issue, the club would often remain open until the other bar crowds dispersed. Included in the collection are a number of Suspension Notices issued by the New Brunswick Department of Public Safety, for violating the Liquor Control Act by remaining open past 2:00AM. Included in this collection are invoices and a letter from Chippin Ventures Inc. It was Ericson's perception that Chippin Ventures was particularly aggressive towards The G. Club, looking to bill and fine the business wherever they could.

MS1 Cartographic records

- 1 Blueprint of The G Club; 8 September 1998
Technical / drafting blueprints prepared by Draftec for The G. Club. [Large document; needs better storage than folder]

MS2 Internal Legal Documents for The G Club

- 1 Certificate of Incorporation; 28 August 1998
- 2 Directors Resolution / Appointment of Officers; 9 September 1998
- 3 Corporate Minute Book; 1998
- 4 Notice of Change of Directors; 30 December 1999
- 5 Receipts for sale of shares
 - a Paul K. McLaughlin selling shares in whole to Gregory Ericson; 21 January 2000
 - b Payment received by Paul K. McLaughlin from Gregory Ericson for shares; 15 May 2000
- 6 Barristers Agreement regarding Corporate Minute Book & Seal; 9 June 2001
- 7 Notice of Occupancy Certificates
 - a 1998

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- b** 2001
- 8** Licenses and Certificates of Active Licences
 - a** Lounge, Entertainment and Tobacco Retail Vendor Licence; 29 October 1998 [3 pages]
 - b** Lounge, Entertainment and Tobacco Retail Vendor Licence; 29 March 2000 [1 page]
 - c** Lounge and Entertainment Licence; 1 April 2001 [2 pages]
- 9** Invoice statement from the City of Fredericton, statement calls the club "G Spot" colloquial nickname for The G Club; 1 January 2002

MS3 Fines & Suspensions

- 1** Fine from the Province of New Brunswick; 29 March 2000
- 2** Complaints against The G. Club for violations against the N.B Employment Standards Act, re: incomplete payments dated 2 April 2001 (These complaints ended up being incorrect, and the employees were paid correctly)
 - a** Complaint regarding P. White
 - b** Complaint regarding J. Friars
 - c** Complaint regarding J. Carpenter
- 3** Fire Prevention Order from the Fredericton Fire Department; 28 September 2001
- 4** Suspension Notices from the Department of Public Safety for violating the Liquor Control Act
 - a** June 5th-8th, 2002 (Suspension is damaged, as it was torn off of the club door by an angry patron)
 - b** June 15th-17th, 2002
- 5** Liquor Control Act Violations from the Province of New Brunswick for various infractions (4 warnings, 2 fines, 3 receipts of fine payments)
 - a** Warning, employee consumed liquor during working hours; 16 Sept. 2000
 - b** Warning, employee sold alcohol after the hours on liquor permit; 16 Sept. 2000
 - c** Warning, owner permitted someone under the age of 19 to enter the lounge; 15 Oct. 2000
 - d** Warning, owner failed to ensure the patrons left the premises upon the expiration of the tolerance period; 17 March 2001
 - e** Fine, owner sold alcohol after the hours of sale had expired; 29 March 2001
 - f** Fine, selling liquor on the premises after the hours when it should lawfully be sold; 25 Oct. 2001
 - g** Receipt from the Province of New Brunswick to Greg Ericson for a fine for The G Club amounting to \$500.00; 20 April 2001
 - h** Receipt from the Province of New Brunswick to Greg Ericson for a fine

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for The G Club amounting to \$1000.00; 8 Nov. 2001

- i** Receipt for Liquor License Renewal for The G Club amounting to \$680.00; 28 March 2002

MS4 Internal Business Documents for The G Club

- 1** Staff meeting agenda; 24 January 1999
- 2** The G Club Staff Schedule; 24 January – 6 February 1999
- 3** Raw Income Statement; 1 August 2000
- 4** Bar Inventory and Cocktail guide, including The G Club's signature "Wang Wang"; 30 August 2000

MS5 Documents regarding the G Club from Chippin Ventures Inc.

- 1** Notice to Vacate / Termination of Monthly Lease; 30 June 1999
- 2** Water and sewage
 - a** 4 invoices to The G. Club
 - b** Letter from Larry Chippin re: outstanding water and sewage bills; 11 May 2001