

BOB GILLESPIE

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Gillespie, Robert Andrew

Saanich recollections [sound recording] / by Bob Gillespie ; interviewed by Caroline Duncan

1 sound recording (126 min. 53 seconds) (wav, 2045 MB).

Recording is part of the Saanich Archives collection of interviews.

Recorded on Edirol digital recorder, 1 Mar 2011, Saanich, B.C.

Bob Gillespie was born in Saanich in December 1929 at 3821 Epsom Drive and spent his entire life in the municipality. He began attending Cedar Hill School in 1937 and moved on to Mount Douglas High School, eventually dropping out. As a young man, he assisted his father in the family beekeeping business. Mr. Gillespie later ran Gillespie Electric for 40 years. After retirement, he served on Saanich Council for 18 years, from 1990 to 2008.

Topics include his first election; interest in politics and reasons for running; involvement with the Water Board; accomplishments while on Council; secondary suites; support of farmers; electrical business; growing up on Epsom Drive; Cedar Hill area; Cedar Hill Golf Course; his father's beekeeping business; Cedar Hill School; sports activities; hay baling; Mount Douglas High School; childhood death of uncle and other accidents; WWII and effect on area; St. Luke's Church; religion; his mother, Edith Banning, and father, John Gillespie; women in society; McRae family; cougar hunting; wildlife; changes observed in Saanich in 70 years; deer population explosion; climate change.

[Mr. Gillespie died on September 25th, 2012.]