

## CLINTON MUSEUM RECEIVES ARCHIE AND DOROTHY MCLAUGHLIN FUND TO DISPLAY THE CLINTON HOTEL MODEL

To go with picture of Janice Maurice President and Peter Brandle Vice President holding cheque.

Archie and Dorothy (nee Elliot) McLaughlin moved to Clinton in 1950 and established a four car taxi service in the village. Few owned cars in those days and the taxi provided a valuable service to surrounding ranches and mills. The business was sold to Peggy Oats in 1955.

Both Archie and Dorothy were very active within their community.

For many years Dorothy was the secretary and activity coordinator for the Clinton and District Agricultural Society (the organization responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Memorial Hall until it was taken over by the Village) and secretary for the local Legion branch. She was also the Clinton reporter for the Ashcroft Journal, Clinton Cache Creek Pioneer and the 100 Mile Free Press. Much of the documented history of the Clinton Annual Ball and stories of pioneering local families was compiled by her as a supplement to the local paper. An active member of the OORP she was a consistent fund raiser for many charities. Dorothy McLaughlin was selected as Citizen of the year in 1987. As Helen Cade remembers, Dorothy wrote a lot about others but very little was written about her.

Archie volunteered in the Elks (BPOE), the local Legion Branch 194, the Annual Ball and Rodeo weekend and other community events.

He was a School Trustee for School District 30 for many years in the 60s and 70s and a member of the board of Cariboo College, the predecessor of Thompson Rivers University (TRU). In 2009, The Archie McLaughlin Memorial Bursary was established to recognize his service with the college. The Bursary is awarded annually to a student from School District 74 who has completed at least one year at TRU and is continuing studies there.

In 2021, the South Cariboo Historical Society (Clinton Museum) received the Archie and Dorothy McLaughlin Memorial Fund held at the BC Interior

Community Foundation. The donation of \$2500 will be used by Museum Volunteers to preserve the Clinton Hotel Model and establish a mobile display. Thank you to the Clinton Senior Citizen's Home Society, Legion Branch 194, New Pathways to Gold, and The Village of Clinton for their support of our application.