

David MacFarlane BScF, MScF, RPF

Born in Nashwaak Bridge in 1939, David MacFarlane dedicated his career to New Brunswick's forests. With a Bachelor of Science in Forestry from UNB in 1963, and a Masters of Science in Forestry from the same university in 1973, he worked continuously in forestry over the 37 years with the provincial government.

David started his career with the Department of Lands and Mines in 1963 and over the years held various increasingly more responsible positions within Forest Management Branch of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). In the mid '70s David supervised the planning and implementation of the first large scale reforestation program on crown land. In the late '70s he worked in policy and planning, DNR, developing an understanding of the process of legislation development and negotiations with the Federal Government on Federal/Provincial Forestry Agreements.

In the early '80s David worked on a small team developing the new Crown Lands and Forest Act and an understanding of its application. He was instrumental in interpreting and developing an application process for the results of the Allocation, Management, and Legislation Task Forces and was responsible for the design and layout of the new crown timber licenses which are still in place today.

As part of implementing the Crown Lands and Forests Act, David had the vision to recognize that the old Continuous Forest Inventory techniques would not be adequate for future inventory and stand/forest growth needs. He was instrumental in establishing the first Geographic Information System (GIS) for forestry application in NB and initiating the Forest Development Survey which is an integral part of the techniques used today to produce credible Wood Supply Analysis.

Excellent people skills combined with the ability to see the big picture allowed David to implement the Department's long term strategies for forest management in NB; strategies that were recognized as the "best in Canada".

On 1992 David was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of DNR and in 1998 he was appointed Deputy Minister. He retired in 2000 and continues to enjoy his woodlot and the scenery of Nashwaak Bridge along with his wife Nancy. He is the proud father of Derek, Dale, Tom, Denise King and Kathy Fullarton.

It is only fitting to have a man who commanded the respect of everyone in the forest community – chainsaw operator to company CEO – in the Forestry Hall of Fame.