

J. Stephen Hoyt, BScF, MScF, RPF

Born in 1944 and raised in Fredericton, J. Stephen Hoyt is one of New Brunswick's most prominent foresters. Following graduating from the University of New Brunswick in 1967 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Steve accepted a position with the Department of Natural Resources as a field forester in Timber Management Branch. During that time he worked on a Master's of Science in Forestry from the University of New Brunswick which he received in 1972. While employed with the Department of Natural Resources Steve worked as the secretary of the Allocation and Management Task Forces, Assistant Director of the Forest Utilization Branch, Section Manager of the Forest Management Planning and Utilization program and Section Manager of the Forest Utilization and Silviculture program. Other positions Steve held while an employee of the Department of Natural Resources were, member of the Pesticide Advisory Board and member of the Nashwaak Experimental Watershed Project.

In 1990 Steve accepted a position at the Maritime Forest Ranger School as the Assistant Director of Continuing Education becoming the Director of Continuing Education in August of 1991. In 1994 he became Assistant Director of the School and the following year was appointed Director, a position he held until his retirement in December 2004. While the Director of the Maritime Forest Ranger School, Steve along with fellow colleagues, worked on the introduction to the current two year program and the change of the name to the Maritime College of Forest Technology.

During his forestry career Steve has served on or chaired professional and accreditation boards at both the provincial and national levels. Such boards include the 1990 HAMPCO national CIF meeting, the New Brunswick Scalars Board of Examiners, the Canadian Standards Association Technical Committee on Scaling Roundwood, the Association of Registered Professional Foresters of New Brunswick on which he currently sits a member at large. Most recently Steve has been the chairman of the Canadian Forestry Accreditation Board, and a member since its creation in 1989.

Steve and his wife Lorraine have a daughter Laura and Steve has two sons from a previous marriage, Jeffery and Jonathan. Steve and Lorraine continue to live in the Fredericton area. Steve and his father Harold (1989) represent the first father/son combination in the Forestry Hall of Fame. Mr. Hoyt's leadership, contribution and continued involvement within the forestry community certainly qualify him as a most deserving member of the New Brunswick Forestry Hall of Fame.