

RUDOLPH HANUSIAK

Born in 1928 and raised in Moncton. Rudolph Hanusiak is one of New Brunswick's more prominent foresters. After graduating from the University of New Brunswick in 1952 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forestry, Rudy worked as a forester in Quebec for four years. He returned to New Brunswick in 1956 to become an instructor of the Maritime Forest Ranger School, a position he held until 1969. During summer periods Rudy supervised field operations for Forest Protection Limited and led in the establishment of aerial detection as well as aerial suppression programs in forest fire management in New Brunswick.

In 1969 Rudy accepted an executive appointment with the Provincial Department of Economic Growth and he became responsible for the drafting of the Forest Products Act. In 1975, Rudolph Hanusiak was appointed by Premier Hatfield to the positions of Deputy Minister of Natural Resources, a position he held until 1985. During this time he oversaw the development, drafting and implementation of the Crown Lands and Forest Act, which continues to guide forest management in New Brunswick today. The landmark legislation has been recognized as the framework behind the top forest management planning system in Canada. After retiring from the province of New Brunswick, Mr. Hanusiak assumed the position of Regional Director for the Canada Forest Service in Fredericton, a post held until his retirement in 1987.

Rudy and his wife Dorothy raised three children: James, Michael, and Heather. Rudy and Dorothy continue to live in Fredericton. Mr. Hanusiak's leadership and contributions qualify him as a most deserving member of the New Brunswick Forestry Hall of fame.