

# park builder

## Bob Williams

Bob Williams has played an exceptionally influential role in the expansion of BC's park system. A planner by training, a former Vancouver City Councillor (1965-66) with a passion for natural resources management. From 1972 to 1975 he served as a very influential cabinet minister during the Barrett Government, holding two ministerial portfolio's concurrently: Lands, Forests and Water and Recreation and Conservation, Bob took the opportunity to double BC's park system from 1.2 million to 2.4 million hectares (i.e. from about 3 to 6% of the provincial land base). In so doing, he championed a parks systems planning approach based on biophysical analysis. As well, he significantly expanded the provincial parks budget to enable high calibre management. In the early 1990's as a key strategic advisor to Premier Harcourt, he encouraged a further doubling of the parks system. The leadership Bob Williams showed during his career has been a key contribution to the fact that today almost 15% of British Columbia is preserved as parkland.



### Affiliation

UBC Degree in Economics, Geography and Regional Planning

Vancouver City Conciller (1965-1966)

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### Parks

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Cape Scott

Carp Lake

Cathedral Park Expansion

Kalamalka Lake

Kwadatcha Wilderness

Mount Assiniboine Expansion

Naikoon

Okanagan Mountain

Purcell Wilderness

Spatsizi

St. Mary's Alpine

Tatlatui

Top of the World