

# park pioneer

## Dennis Podmore b. 1926 d. 2011

If BC Parks required an honest opinion of anything they did, Dennis was the one to ask! Dennis joined BC Parks as a reconnaissance officer in the Planning Division in Victoria. Soon after, he was appointed Regional Director for the Northern Region where he quickly noted that there was a lack of adequate park opportunities and facilities for visitors. Enlisting the support from local MLA's and the Chamber of Commerce, in a number of communities, he was able to obtain funding for the development of park campgrounds and roadside parks along Highway 16 and the Alaska Highway, facilities that serve the traveling public today. Moving to Kamloops in early 1960's, he provided leadership in the expansion of the park system in the Okanagan, Shuswap and the Cariboo.

Dennis was truly in his element serving as a Regional Director and he earned the respect and loyalty of the staff and the general public.



*Above: Dennis at work with a speech.*

*Background: Parkie hard at work*



### Affiliations:

BC Parks

- Reconnaissance Officer
- Planning Division
- Regional Director for the Northern Region

### Parks

Paul Lake

Liard River Hot Springs

Bear Creek

Silver Star

Adams River

Wells Gray

*Above: Dennis and co-workers at a meeting in Manning Park*