

Biography – Short Wayne Stetski

Wayne Stetski is a leader in conservation and knowledge of government. He has devoted his life to helping people and working with, and for, the environment.

During his 31 years of living in the Kootenays, Wayne has served as: Member of Parliament; Director on the Regional District of East Kootenay Board (RDEK); Mayor of Cranbrook; Regional Manager for the Kootenays for the BC Ministry of the Environment responsible for Fish, Wildlife, Ecosystems and BC Parks. Mr. Stetski represented the people of Kootenay East on the Columbia River Treaty Local Government Committee and the Ktunaxa Treaty negotiations.

Prior to moving to the Kootenays in 1990, Wayne was Manager of Visitor Services for BC Parks for the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island. From 1977 – 1980 Mr. Stetski was the Assistant Chief of Interpretation for Manitoba Parks. He began his life-long career in conservation working as a Seasonal Park Naturalist in Pacific Rim and Mt. Revelstoke Glacier National Parks from 1972 – 1976 while completing his BSc in Ecology and a Teaching Certificate from the University of Manitoba.

Community has always been important to Wayne. He has been the Chair of a variety of organizations related to education, arts, culture, and social improvements, as well as providing leadership in sports organizations for children.

Wayne and his wife Audrey, who is a musician and a teacher, raised 4 children in Cranbrook.