



# STOPDED Board Members



## Milton Davies – Chair

Milton Davies is a Registered Professional Forester (R.P.F.) with the Alberta College of Professional Foresters and practices Urban Forestry, a Professional Consulting Arborist, and a Certified Engineering Technologist (C.E.T.). As a Professional Consulting Arborist, he is one of the few Canadians that have been granted membership in the American Society of Consulting Arborists.

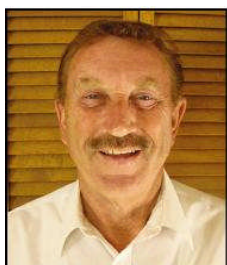
A Professional Urban Forester with the City of Edmonton for 21 years, Milton retired in 2008. He owns Arbor-Pro Tree Consulting Ltd. where he now continues his practice in the private sector as a Professional Consulting Arborist and Professional Urban Forester. As such, he works with Architects, Developers, Insurance firms, the Legal Profession, and other municipalities. An Alumnus of the University of Alberta, Milton also works very closely with the University's Landscape Maintenance and Project Construction section, consulting, evaluating and assessing University trees. His knowledge and insight assists the ongoing effort to preserve the trees during an era of extensive campus facility development.

Milton has been the President of the International Society of Arboriculture's Prairie Chapter, an organization that promotes the responsible use and care of ornamental trees and shrubs in our Urban Landscaped Environments. He also sits as a Trustee for the Friends of the University of Alberta Botanical Gardens. Milton was re-elected as the Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease's (STOPDED) Chair at the 2011 AGM. He possesses both the Certified Engineering Technologist (C.E.T.) and Registered Professional Forester (R.P.F.) professional designations.

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## Ieuan Evans - Vice Chair

A Welshman by birth and a Canadian by choice, Ieuan Evans is a *Forensic Plant Pathologist* and the founding member of STOPDED. He has extensive experience running successful plant disease control programs such as the "Blackleg of Canola", "Bacterial Ring Rot of Potatoes" and "Fusarium Headblight of Cereals". He is also the founding member of the Western Committee of Plant Disease Control, a cooperative effort of the four western provinces on all plant diseases from seedling blight in canola to fireblight in apples and oak wilt.



Holding a B.Sc. from Wales and a PhD from the University of Florida in soil science, chemistry and plant diseases, Ieuan currently lives in the Devon/Spruce Grove area west of Edmonton. Known to prairie farmers as Dr. Copper for his considerable work in cereal grains, he is the originator of the Evans Cherry. In 1996, he took up lilies and fruit growing seriously and has raised tens of thousands of Martagon and Asiatic lilies. He has also hybridized strawberries, potatoes, irises, pinks, peas and faba beans.

A past chairman of the Edmonton Rugby Union, Ieuan developed Ellerslie Rugby Park and raised over 12 million for that sport. Known in Edmonton as Dr. Bingo, he is the founder of six bingo halls.



## Elaine Johnson – Treasurer

Elaine Johnson has served as Director Central for STOPDED since 2007 and now she will serve as the treasurer. She received her early training in Horticulture in 1998 with a diploma majoring in Landscape Management from Olds College.

As part of a City of Red Deer Boulevard Maintenance Crew for three years, Elaine gained tremendous experience and understanding of urban forestry, pruning trees and maintaining shrub beds. Elaine returned to Olds College in the fall of 2000 and completed her Directed Field Study placement with a large commercial landscape construction company in Denver, Colorado in 2001. She graduated in 2002 with a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Ornamental Horticulture. That year she returned to the City of Red Deer Boulevard Maintenance and in 2003 was appointed lead hand for Tree Planting and Installation.



### **Jackie Powell – Secretary**

Jackie is currently the Horticultural Specialist at the Red Deer Regional Hospital in Red Deer. She is responsible for managing all the exterior and interior plantscapes for the Red Deer hospital, two nursing homes, two health units and two corporate offices. These landscapes includes approximately 100 mature elm trees. Jackie received her Journeyman Landscape Gardener from Olds College in 1995, is an ISA Certified Arborist since 1995 and received her ISA Certified Utility Specialist certificate in 2006. She also has an Alberta Landscape and Interior Pesticide License and is the Alberta Associate for Mumby's Arboriculture Consulting (division of Mumby's Tree Services Ltd.)

From 1998 to 1999 Jackie worked with STOPDED as a regional supervisor, working on the completion of the Alberta province-wide elm inventory. She was part of the team that identified the first and only DED infected elm tree in Alberta. Jackie is an avid horsewoman and a member of the Canadian Cowboys Mounted Shooting Association and Trail Ride Alberta Conference (competitive trail riding). She is passionate about trees and protecting the environment.

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### **Mike Jenkins - Director North**

Although this is Mike's second term with the Board of Directors of STOPDED, he has been involved with monitoring for and preventing DED for nearly twenty years.

As a biological technician for the *City of Edmonton*, he was involved in placing and scanning the first elm bark beetle traps, and recalls being present when the first beetle in Edmonton was found, "It was at once an exhilarating and frightening moment". Later, he was heavily involved in collecting the inventory of public and private elm trees in Edmonton, and now supervises the City of Edmonton's Environmental Services Lab, coordinating DED prevention, exotic forest pest monitoring and helping to monitor the pests and diseases of the urban forest.

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### **Gary Patzer - Director South**

Gary is the Arboricultural Foreman with the City of Medicine Hat, a Journeyman Landscape Gardener, ISA Certified Arborist and a Licenced Pesticide Applicator. Gary has been employed by the City of Medicine Hat for the last 37 years and the last 30 years with the Parks and Outdoor Recreation Department. Gary was previously the Turf Maintenance Foreman before becoming the Arboricultural Foreman. Gary has also been the Treasurer for the ISA Prairie Chapter.

In his spare time, Gary's passion is catching walleye and trout and can be found on lakes in Southern Alberta!

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### **M.J. "Mimi" Cole- Director Central**

Mimi lives in the beautiful west country of Rocky Mountain House, right on the Prairie Creek. She has worked for the City of Lacombe for 3 years as the City Arborist after working for 14 years taking care of the trees for the Town of Rocky Mountain House. The urban landscape of Lacombe is diverse with a number of rare tree species which are left over from when the Lacombe Nurseries was active making it an exciting place to work. It also home of approximately 1200 majestic elm trees.

Mimi is an ISA Certified Arborist, is passionate about trees, and will endeavor to uphold all statutes STOPDED promotes.

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