

Society To Prevent Dutch Elm Disease



Board Members

As of April 6th 2017 AGM

Chair -Mike Jenkins

*City of Edmonton –Biological Sciences Technician –Pest Management Lab
B.Sc., B.Ed.*

Mike has been involved in Integrated Pest Management for over twenty years. As a biological technician for the City of Edmonton, he was involved in placing and scanning the first EBB 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.

Vice Chair -Ieuan Evans

*Forensic Plant Pathologist -Devon/Spruce Grove area west of Edmonton
B.Sc. from Wales, PhD from the University of Florida in soil science, chemistry and plant diseases*

A Welshman by birth and a Canadian by choice, Ieuan is a 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.

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.

Treasurer- Scott Stanley

*City of St Albert –Tree Service Team Lead
ISA Certified Arborist*

Responsible for general tree health, overseeing tree pruning, removal, planting, and stump grinding as well as being in charge of budgeting and working with contractors. He is now working on completing a comprehensive tree inventory.

Scott has worked for the City for 25 years. He loves to slow pitch and golf.

Secretary - Susan Katzell

*City of Red Deer – Urban Forester
ISA Certified Arborist, TRAQ Certified, Horticulture Diploma*

Responsible for a variety of urban forestry planning, programming, operations and project scheduling. Susan also is the liaison with other city departments and contractors.

Director South -Craig Renney

City of Medicine Hat – Horticulture Services Foreman

ISA Certified Arborist, American Society of Consulting Arborists Member

Responsible for the planning, coordination and technical advice on Urban Forestry related projects within the City of Medicine Hat, as well as overseeing other Horticulture and IPM projects on public lands within the City of Medicine Hat.

Director North - Cathy Reed

Strathcona County - Operator II/Arborist

ISA Certified Arborist, BA in Sociology

Has worked for Strathcona County for 20 years in the field doing pruning and removals. Cathy just starting working on Citation in Community Engagement which is about sharing information, contributing expertise, and working collaboratively within the agencies and community groups. It involves engaging with stakeholders, community members, or special interest groups.

Cathy set up and administers the STOPDED Facebook page to get the Societies information out to members and the public.

Main hobby is singing in a women's choir Belle Canto.

Director Central - Alexandra Coker

City of Calgary - IPM Technician

B.Sc. with a double major in Zoology and Ecology

Has worked with City of Calgary Parks for almost 2 years. Currently manages a variety of programs including the City's mosquito control program, a city-wide weed biocontrol program, and also assists the Urban Forestry group with managing forest pests within the city.

Alexandra initially started as a mosquito technician summer student for the city and helped manage the mosquito program as well as other projects in IPM.

Past Chair - Jackie Powell

Alberta Health Services –Horticulturist Specialist

ISA Certified Arborist, ISA Certified Utility Specialist, Journeyman Landscape Gardener

Responsible for the management of all the exterior and interior plantscapes at the Red Deer hospital, nursing homes, health units, corporate offices.

From 1998 -1999, Jackie worked for STOPDED as a regional supervisor working on the completion of the Alberta Province wide elm inventory. Jackie was part of the team that identified the first and only Dutch elm disease infected 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.