BIOGRAPHY

J.R. (Bob) GOUDIE, CD

Mr. Goudie is a retired public servant with a thirty-six year career, mainly with the former Department of Indian Affairs and Northern Development. During his career, Mr. Goudie held senior positions in the administration of Indian Band Funds and the administration of Indian Reserve lands in the Indian Affairs Branch. This was followed by the administration of Crown Lands in the Yukon and Northwest Territories in the Northern Affairs Branch. In the last fifteen years of service Mr. Goudie held the positions of Director of Policy, Director of Claims Policy, Director of Specific Claims and Negotiator of Comprehensive (aboriginal rights) Land Claims.

Mr. Goudie has been involved with the Air Cadet Movement since 1949 when he was enrolled as a cadet in 51 Ottawa Squadron, rising to the rank of Warrant Officer 1. When Mr. Goudie aged out as a cadet he was immediately recruited as a Civilian Instructor with 51 Squadron in 1955, followed by enrolment as an officer in the Cadet Instructor Cadre in 1966, also with 51 Squadron.

Mr. Goudie was the founding Commanding Officer of 706 Squadron in 1960 and participated in the forming of 742 Squadron in 1963 and the formation of 6 Wing in the same year, comprised of 51, 706 and 742 Squadrons. Mr. Goudie assumed command of 6 Wing in 1966 and retired with the rank of Wing Commander (Lt. Col.) in 1970 when all wings in the movement were disbanded.

Mr. Goudie immediately joined the Air Cadet League of Canada as a member of the Provincial Committee for Quebec and the Ottawa Valley and served on many committees. He was elected to the Board of Directors and as a Director with the National League in 1975, to the Executive Committee in 1978 and to the position of Chairman of the Provincial Committee in 1981-82. While remaining active with the Provincial Committee, Mr. Goudie was elected to the National Executive Committee in 1985 and to the position of National President in 1995-96.

Mr. Goudie and his wife Laurette celebrated their 55th Wedding Anniversary on August 18, 2011. Together they raised five boys and they have six grandchildren (4 girls and 2 boys).