

## **H4 ZONE CHAIR GARY SEMENOFF**

Gary grew up in a beautiful part of the interior of British Columbia, Nelson. In the 1960's Gary obtained his Bsc Mathematics from the University of British Columbia and upon graduation, he first joined the Forest Service in Nelson and then, the Federal Government where his first posting was as a counsellor with Canada Manpower in Fort St John. Apparently, this was not far enough north, he then accepted a position in the Yukon Territory, which was a wild and woolly place in those days. Gary enjoyed travelling up the Dempster Highway, close to the Arctic Circle, as it gave him the opportunity to see the Northern Lights. He also saw a mirage on the Black Stone Flats, and many tracks of caribou but never the herd.

Gary married Jennifer in 1977 and joined the Department of Indian Affairs in 1978. Through his work with aboriginal people on the reserves across British Columbia, Gary had a wonderful opportunity to see much of the rest of the province and some remote and spectacular country that many don't have the chance to see. Gary retired from Indian Affairs in 2002

If you asked him, he would say that the high light of his career, was his adoption by the Haida Skidegate First Nation while attending a potlatch on Haida Gwaii .

Much of Gary's time these days is spent in the garden and he enjoys woodworking. He supports his family and always willing to give a helping hand to neighbours and friends.

In 1984 he joined the Tsawwassen Boundary Bay Lions Club and he has held numerous positions with the club. Gary enjoys Lions and its commitment to service and to giving back to the community.