





Gerry Brewer

Gerald Helmut Brewer, born on November 30, 1934, in North Vancouver, is a dedicated public servant and community leader whose career has been marked by a steadfast commitment to emergency management and community safety. From his early days as a King Scout and participant in the Ottawa World Jamboree to his professional work with companies like Bechtel, Trans Mountain Pipeline, and BC Rail, Gerry has consistently demonstrated his passion for service. After earning a Public Administration Diploma from UBC and refining his management skills at Banff Management School, he rose through the ranks at the City of North Vancouver—from draftsman to City Manager —leading key initiatives such as the regional 911 system and municipal radio utility. In 1965, Gerry Brewer became one of the twelve founding members of North Shore Rescue, an organization that has since become a cornerstone of emergency response in the region and British Columbia. He has held every position from active member to team leader, earning Life Member status for his unwavering dedication. Gerry co-authored the province's first search and rescue management course—now an integral part of the Justice Institute program—solidifying his impact on search and rescue practices in British Columbia. In recognition of his outstanding contributions, the RCMP/EMO office building was named in his honor in 1997. Today, Gerry's legacy continues through his lifelong commitment to community service, inspiring generations on the North Shore with his resilience, leadership, and passion for making a difference.