

Bio - Dr. David Try PhD

Dr. David Try PhD has been living in northern BC since completing a public service career in policy and management with the Canadian federal government in 2005.

Professionally, a true generalist, David's career included assignments across the full spectrum of management functions, as well as significant exposure in directly supporting Deputy Minister and Assistant Deputy Minister communities. Policy experience crossed diverse areas including: post-secondary education, agriculture, First Nations health and various aspects of corporate management itself. After a further decade instructing university level business courses, David retired as Dean of Instruction from Coast Mountain College in 2016. He is 65 years old.

Academically, David received his PhD in Management from Warwick University, UK and holds Master Degrees in both Research (Bradford Univ. UK) as well as the 'traditional' MBA - Master of Business Administration (Univ. of Ottawa). Previously, he completed a BA in Economics (Carleton Univ). Continuously challenging himself to learn and grow, all four degrees were acquired while maintaining demanding full-time employment. David is also a Certified Management Consultant (CMC) and accredited Executive Coach (ACC).

At Coast Mountain College, David served as Business Faculty, Program Coordinator, Chair and Dean roles for a dozen years, prior to again retiring in Fall 2016. A versatile instructor, he covered a wide variety of management, economic and business courses, as well as offering numerous workshops in developing the next generation of Northern BC leaders.

Always seeking a new challenge, currently, David is the Senior Treaty Negotiator and Director of Treaty for Kitselas First Nations, a stage 5 Treaty Nation, with a Kitselas Final vote target in 2024.

As a consultant and coach, David has a long history assisting people and organizations across public, private and non-profit (NPO) sectors. Identifying core issues and innovative solutions, focussing attention on key strategic priorities and helping people identify and achieve their goals, are cornerstones of David's consulting and coaching practice. First Nation governance and policy issues are always of personal interest, contracting with a number of First Nation communities.

At the board level, two-plus decades of progressive board directorships / chair responsibilities provide him with an in-depth knowledge of board governance, strategic planning and policy development. David's board experience has grown from chairing NPOs with one half-time employee and a \$50K budget, to leading Boards with hundreds of employees and annual budgets exceeding \$40M. David's own community initiatives have included volunteering to lead popular non-profit management and governance workshops at Coast Mountain College.

Humorously, living in the Kitselas First Nation, you can always locate him there by asking anybody for 'Sue's David', his most important title!

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