

BILL BOWIE



STORY: Bill Bowie (1944-2013) moved to Atlin in 1970 and then Dawson City in 1971. Bill's commitment to Dawson City is legendary; he volunteered for everything.

As a young man, Bill worked for the BC Forestry Service, and once in Dawson City, he purchased a portable sawmill and started logging near the Klondike River outside Dawson City. Over the next thirty-eight years this enterprise grew into a thriving building supply store, Arctic Inland.

Bill came home from a trade show in Inuvik with a vision to start a trade show in Dawson; that is how the International Gold Show started. The Dawson City Chamber of Commerce continues to host an annual Bill Bowie dinner and auction at the Gold Show every May.

Bill was a visionary who spent the last years of his life developing wood chip heating as a means to making communities more self-reliant.

Bill was an active director on the Yukon Foundation Board for many years.