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***Sergeants-at-Arms  
of British Columbia  
1872-Present***



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## **Sergeants-At-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia 1872-Present**

The following is a list of Sergeants-At-Arms of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, 1872 to the present.

The year of appointment has been listed as specifically as possible from available information. In cases where the only source was the Public Accounts, the fiscal year has been given instead of the calendar year. A dated article in the Sources column can be taken as an approximate appointment date; a dated OIC may be taken as an exact appointment date.

The Sergeant-at-Arms was occasionally referred to as “Messenger-at-Arms” or “Sergeant-at-Arms and Messenger” in the early Public Accounts. It is possible that the person listed as “Messenger” in the Public Accounts from 1878-1890 was actually the Sergeant-at-Arms, but this fact has not been proven. Individuals who were listed as Messenger as opposed to Sergeant-at-Arms are indicated in the Sources.

Appointed	Name	Sources
1872	Thomas Harris	<i>The British Colonist</i> , Feb. 11, 1872, p. 3 <u>Public Accounts</u> 1872-1876
1877	Joseph Dwyer	<i>Daily British Colonist</i> , Feb. 21, 1877, p. 3 <u>Public Accounts</u> 1877
1878 <sup>1</sup>	Thomas Deasy	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1878-1880; Listed as Messenger
1882	Wm. Jenkinson <sup>2</sup>	<i>Daily British Colonist</i> , Feb. 24, 1882, p. 3
1882/1883	E. Hodges	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1882/1883; Listed as Messenger
1883/1884	John Creedan <sup>3</sup>	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1883/1884-1884/1885; Listed as Messenger
1885/1886	C. Smith	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1885/1886; Listed as Messenger
1886/1887	T. Deasy	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1886/1887; Listed as Messenger
1887/1888	S. W. Gray	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1887/1888-1889/1890; Listed as Messenger
1891	Robert Anderson	<i>Victoria Daily Colonist</i> , Jan. 1, 1891, p. 5 <u>Public Accounts</u> 1890/1891-1897/1898; Listed as the following in various Public Accounts years: Messenger, Sergeant-at-Arms, Sergeant-at-Arms and Messenger, Messenger-at-Arms
1898/1899	Daniel O'Hara	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1898/1899-1902/1903; OIC 354/1900, July 13, 1900
1903/1904	H. G. Mason	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1903/1904
1904/1905	William John Sanders	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1904/1905-1910/1911
1911/1912	Charles L. Cullin	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1911/1912-1915/1916; OIC 491/1916, June 1, 1916
1917	Edwin J. Bawden <sup>4</sup>	<i>The Daily Colonist</i> , Feb. 8, 1917, p. 7 <u>Public Accounts</u> 1916/1917-1917/1918
1918	James Cronk	<i>The Daily Colonist</i> , Jan. 28, 1919, p. 10 <u>Public Accounts</u> 1918/1919

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1920	T. L. Barbour	<i>The Daily Colonist</i> , Jan. 27, 1920, p. 7 <u>Public Accounts</u> 1919/1920
1920/1921	P. O'Hara	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1920/1921-1921/1922
1922/1923	F. Mellor	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1922/1923
1923/1924	H. Hearn	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1923/1924-1927/1928
1928/1929	A. W. Woods	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1928/1929-1932/1933
1933/1934	D'Arcy Martin	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1933/1934
1934/1935	E. O. Weston	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1934/1935-1939/1940; 1940/1941 Special Session
1940/1941	W. R. Webster	<u>Public Accounts</u> 1940/1941-1950/1951
1953	Edgar A. Jamieson	Appointed effective January 5, 1953, OIC 3065, Dec. 30, 1952. Suspended Feb. 29, 1956, <u>Journals</u> : Feb. 29 1956
1957	Denzil Greensted Ashby	Appointed effective Jan. 14, 1957, OIC 3052, Dec. 11 1956. Ratified by resolution on Feb. 7, 1957, <u>Journals</u> : Feb. 7, 1957. Appointment rescinded Dec. 6, 1971, OIC 4426.
1971	Alan Myles Hutchinson	Appointed effective Dec. 1, 1971, OIC 4426, Dec. 6 1971. Retired Aug. 15, 1983, <u>Journals</u> : Aug. 15, 1983
1983	Russell E. D. (Ted) Ratcliffe	Acting, Appointed Aug. 16, 1983. Retired Apr. 12, 1984, <u>Hansard</u> : Apr. 12, 1984
1984	Richard Allan Nicol	Acting, April 12, 1984. Appointed June 4, 1985, <u>Journals</u> : June 4, 1985
1991	Anthony (Tony) A. Humphreys	Appointed on Sept. 16, 1991 by OIC 1228, Sept. 5, 1991. Died in office May 23, 2008, <u>Journals</u> : May 23, 2008
2008	Gary Lenz	Appointed by OIC 952 on December 11, 2008. Ratified by resolution on Feb. 10, 2009, <u>Journals</u> : Feb 10, 2009 Retired Oct. 1, 2019, <a href="#">Media Statement – Office of the Speaker, Oct. 1, 2019</a> .

2018

Randall (Randy) Ennis

Acting, Appointed Nov. 22, 2018,  
Journals: Nov 22, 2018  
Retired May 31, 2019, Hansard: May 30, 2019, Morning  
Sitting.

2019

Greg Nelson

Acting, Appointed Oct. 8, 2019, Journals: Oct. 8, 2019.

## Notes:

<sup>1</sup> In 1878, Mr. Eli Harrison Jr. was made Clerk of the House and discharged the combined duties of Clerk of the House, Law Clerk and Sergeant-at-Arms.

<sup>2</sup> W.H. Jenkinson is listed as Messenger in the Public Accounts 1881/1882.

<sup>3</sup> John Creedan is spelt John Creeden in the Public Accounts 1884/1885.

<sup>4</sup> Edwin J. Bawden resigned "About April 17, 1918" according to the Journals: Mar. 3, 1919, p. 116.