CHAINS OF OFFICE

Lanark Wardens & Perth Mayors

When Britain seized the French colony of Quebec in 1759, the 3,026 square kilometers (1,168 square miles) that would one day become the County of Lanark was an undelineated patch of forest within Algonquin First Nation territory, west of the Ottawa River.

An administrative re-organization of the British Province of Quebec in 1788 divided the colony into four districts, with the future locale of Lanark County falling within the District of Mecklenburg, a swath of land north of the St. Lawrence River lying within map lines drawn from the mouths of the Gananoque and Trent Rivers, north to the Ottawa River.

The Constitutional Act of 1791 created the separate colonies of Lower Canada (Quebec) and Upper Canada (Ontario) and the following year re-named Mecklenburg District as Midland District. In 1798 a further re-drawing of district boundaries divided Midland District by carving-off Johnstown District within which lay the future Lanark County.

In 1822 another division created the District of Bathurst as that part of the former Johnstown District lying north of the Rideau River, including all of the territory that would later become the Counties of Lanark, Renfrew, and Carleton.

When Upper and Lower Canada were rejoined in 1840, as the United Province of Canada, the associated legislation also established, for the first time, municipal government in the form of local councils managing districts, townships, villages, towns, and cities.

A decade later the revised Upper Canada Municipal Corporations Act of 1849 abolished the districts, replacing them with counties, including creation of the United Counties of Lanark and Renfrew.

The Municipal Act of 1849 also led to the 1853 incorporation of the Town of Perth as a distinct municipality.

Over the 170 plus years since passing of the Municipal Corporations Act, chains of office have been worn by more than 50 men and women elected as Mayors of Perth and by nearly 150 others chosen as Wardens of the County of Lanark.

Town of Perth   *County of Lanark*

Mayors of Perth

Dr. James S. Nichol, 1854-1855
John Deacon, 1856
Robert Douglas, 1857
Dr. James S. Nichol, 1858
John Deacon, 1859-1860
John Haggart, 1861-1864
Richard Shaw, 1865-1869
Henry D. Shaw, 1870
John Haggart, 1871-1872
James Morton Millar, 1873-1874
William Horatio Radenhurst, 1874-1878
Edward Elliott, 1879-1880
Francis Alexander Hall, 1881-1882
Arthur James Matheson, 1883-1884
William Meighen, 1885-1886
William James Pink, 1887-1888
Thomas Alfred Code, 1889-1890
William Butler, 1891-1892
Duncan Kippen, 1893-1894
Joseph MacKenzie Rogers, 1895-1896
James A. Allan, 1897-1898
Alexander Campbell Shaw, 1899
John Alexander Stewart, 1900-1901
James M. Balderson, 1902
John Alexander Stewart, 1903-1904
Charles James Foy, 1905-1906
Henry Montague Shaw, 1907-1908

Francis W. Hall, 1909-1912
Allan Grant, 1913-1915
James J. Hands, 1916-1918
John T. Conway, 1919-1922
Wellington Douglas, 1923-1924
John Eduard de Hertel, 1925-1926
T. Arthur Rogers, 1927-1929
Joseph H. Devlin, 1930-1931 & part of 1932
James J. Hands, part of 1932 & 1933-1936
Charles Frederick Stone, 1937
George C. Townshead, 1938-1940
Walter C. McLaren, 1941-1944
Frederick W. Burchell, 1945-1946
Robert Kellock Gemmell, 1947
John Pennett, 1948-1950
Harold E. Burns, 1951-1952
John Pennett, 1953-1954
Ernest Scott Burchell, 1955-1969
William A. Warren, 1970-1972
Glenn H. Crain, 1973-1974
Carl Greer, 1976
William Warren, 1977-1985
Lowell C. Yorke, 1986-1989 (part)
Charles Montgomery, 1989-1994
Lana March, 1995-2003
Dennis Cordick (2004-2006)
John Fenik, 2006-2020

Wardens of the United Counties of Lanark & Renfrew

Robert Bell (Beckwith), 1850
Murdoch McDonnell (Perth), 1851
Joshua Adams (Bathurst), 1852
James Morris Jr. (McNab), 1853
John Doran (Perth), 1854

Roderick E. Matheson (Perth),1855
Alexander Moffat (Pembroke), 1856-1857
Richard Shaw (Perth), 1858-1859
Daniel Galbraith (Ramsay), 1860-1862
Robert R. Smith (Bromley), 1863-1864

From 1849 until 1866 the Counties of Lanark and Renfrew were administered by a single combined council, but on September 23, 1866, they became separate and distinct municipalities. Lanark County Council continued to meet at Perth, as it had since 1850, while Renfrew County Council chose Pembroke as its County seat.

Lanark County Municipalities 1866

Bathurst Township
Beckwith Township
Dalhousie Township
Darling Township
Drummond Township
Lanark Township

Lanark Village
Lavant Township
Montague Township
Pakenham Township
Ramsay Township
Town of Perth

Town of Smiths Falls
N. Burgess Township
N. Elmsley Township
N. Sherbrooke Township
S. Sherbrooke Township

Renfrew County Municipalities 1866

Admaston Township
Blithefield Township
Bromley Township
Brudenell Township
Horton Township
Pembroke Township

Lyndoch Township
McNab Township
Radcliffe Township
Raglan Township
Ross Township
Stafford Township

Town of Pembroke
Village of Arnprior
Village of Renfrew
Westmeath Township

Wardens of the County of Lanark

Daniel Galbraith (Ramsay), 1865-67
John Doran (Perth), 1868
William Robertson (Lanark Twp.), 1869-70
James H. Gould (Smiths Falls), 1871-73
William Lees (Bathurst), 1874-76
Joseph Jamieson (Almonte), 1877
Edward Byrne North Burgess), 1878
Peter Clark (Montague), 1879
Francis T. Frost (Smiths Falls), 1880-1881
James Patterson (Bathurst), 1882
S. S. Dickson (Packenham), 1883
James Donald (Dalhousie), 1884
A. M. Craig (Almonte), 1885
R. F. Preston, M.D. (Carleton Place), 1886
James Noonan (Bathurst), 1887
Archibald Dewar (Beckwith), 1888
Robert Smith (North Elmsley), 1889
W. J. Rintoul (Darling), 1890
Thomas Hands (Drummond), 1891
William Pattie (Carleton Place), 1892
Gavin Hamilton (Ramsay), 1893
Samuel Wilson (Bathurst), 1894
John McLean (Lanark Village), 1895
George W. Willoughby (Almonte), 1896
Allan Carswell (Pakenham), 1897
William Campbell (Montague), 1898
Joseph D. Cram (Carleton Place), 1899
Robert Lewis (Smiths Falls), 1900

William A. Devlin (Drummond), 1901
W. J. Andrews, M.D. (Smiths Falls), 1902
Walter G. Cameron (Bathurst), 1903
Joseph McKenzie Rogers (Perth), 1904
John S. Livingston (Montague), 1905
Dennis Noonan (Bathurst), 1906
John McLean (Lanark Village), 1907
John C. Ebbs (Drummond), 1908
Charles J. Foy (Perth), 1909
John Stewart (Ramsay), 1910
William McKibbin (Pakenham), 1911
William Dunlop (Drummond), 1912
George Kerr (Bathurst), 1913
Alexander McAllister (Carleton Place), 1914
Christopher Forbes (Lanark Village), 1915
W. E. Scott (Almonte), 1916
J. M. Browning (Lavant), 1917
John V. Cobourn (North Burgess), 1918
John D. Ferguson (Montague), 1919
J. T. Somerville (Lanark Twp.), 1920
John Alexander Craig (Darling), 1921
Thomas Greer (South Sherbrooke), 1922
William A. Nichols (Carleton Place), 1923
Joseph A. Code (North Elmsley), 1924
R. N. McCreary (Pakenham), 1925
Henry Montague Shaw (Perth), 1926
George A. Robertson (Ramsay), 1927

Peter McCallum (Almonte), 1928
R. J. McEwen (Beckwith), 1929
Edward Martin (Drummond), 1930
A. A. Bowes (Bathurst), 1931
L. J McDiarmid (Carleton Place), 1932
James Dunn (Lavant), 1933
Ben Willis (Lanark Village), 1934
Ambrose Halladay (Montague), 1935
George H. Doucett (Ramsay), 1936
T. A. Poole (Perth), 1937
Fred T. Nesbitt (Beckwith), 1938
J. A. Guthrie, (Darling), 1939
Robert M. Boal (Pakenham), 1940
Robert A. Moodie (North Burgess), 1941
George L. Combs (Almonte), 1942
William J. McLean (North Elmsley), 1943
Lorne Stewart (Lanark Twp.), 1944
John C. Mather (Bathurst), 1945
L. C. Affleck (Lanark Village), 1946
W. Asa Roe (Carleton Place), 1947
Harold D. Mather (Drummond), 1948
Lorne Gemmill (Dalhousie), 1949
Urbin E. Haughian (North Burgess), 1950
R. Fraser McCreary (Montague), 1951
Duncan W. Stewart (Ramsay), 1952
T. Vincent Lally (Perth), 1953
T. Albert Wilson (Pakenham), 1954
Oswald E. Rothwell (Lanark Village), 1955
Delbert Chaplin (Bathurst), 1956
Allan Deacon (South Sherbrooke), 1957
Arthur W. Smith (Almonte), 1958
David Raycroft (Darling), 1959
Harold Duncan (Dalhousie & N. Sherbrooke), 1960
George W. Livingston (Perth), 1961
Howard Lackie (Montague), 1962
Stanley Brunton (Beckwith), 1963
Gordon James (Ramsay), 1964
C. Harvey Shaw (Pakenham), 1965
Reginald J. Warren (Drummond), 1966
R. V. McCarten (Carleton Place), 1967
John Creighton (Lanark), 1968
Harry Mather (Bathurst), 1969
W. S. Munroe (South Sherbrooke), 1970
William T. Moore (North Elmsley), 1971
Ossie E. Rothwell (Lanark Village), 1972
Art Daines (Perth), 1973

George Hilliard (Ramsay), 1974
Harry Haveron (North Burgess), 1975
Ted LaMaistre (Carleton Place), 1976
William Buffam (Montague), 1977
Harold Swierenga (Almonte), 1978
Stanley Brunton (Beckwith), 1979
Lyall Bingley (Lav/Dalh/N.Sherb.),1980
Arthur Bowes (Bathurst), 1981
Charles Gillam (Packenham), 1982
Fred Healey (North Elmsley), 1983
Norm Ferrier (Perth), 1984
Robert McKay (Lanark Highlands), 1985
Douglas Stewart (Ramsay), 1986
Brian Costello (Carleton Place), 1987
Willard H. Shaw (Drummond), 1988
John A. Chaplin (Bathurst), 1989
Carl Ferguson (S. Sherbrooke), 1990
Paul Finner (Almonte), 1991
Harry Barr (Pakenham), 1992
Laurie Duncan (North Elmsley), 1993
Margaret Brunton (Ramsay), 1994
Ormond Giles (Carleton Place), 1995
Arnold Campbell (Drummond), 1996
Gordon Patterson (Lav/Dalh/N.Sherb.),1997
Paul Finner (Mississippi Mills), 1998
Brian Costello (Carleton Place), 1999
Gary Doyle (Montague), 2000
Dennis Cordick (Perth), 2001
Larry McDermott (Lanark Highlands), 2002
Richard Kidd (Beckwith), 2003
Gary Doyle (Montague), 2004
Susan Freeman (Tay Valley), 2005
Aubrey Churchill (Drummond/N. Elm.), 2006
J. A. (Al) Lunney (Mississippi Mills), 2007
Bob Fletcher (Lanark Highlands), 2008
Paul Dulmage (Carleton Place), 2009
John Fenik (Perth), 2010
Sharon Mousseau (Beckwith), 2011
John Gemmell (Perth), 2012
William Dobson (Montague), 2013
Richard Kidd (Beckwith), 2014
Keith Kerr (Tay Valley), 2015
Gail Code (Drummond/North Elmsley), 2016
William Dobson (Montague), 2017
John Fenik (Perth), 2018
Richard Kidd (Beckwith), 2019
Brian Campbell (Tay Valley), 2020