



Cpl. William Diamond

William is keenly motivated by the deep connection between Canada and Scotland, strengthening old bonds and forging new relationships through cultural exchange. Keen to both preserve Scottish culture within Canada and represent Canada abroad, he takes pride in the work he has done to connect the two nations through military service, music, education, and historical preservation.

William started highland snare drumming at the age of 10 in 2010, almost immediately entering the competition scene in a solo capacity at the age of 11. Working his way up through the ranks of solo competition, he came to compete with pipe bands, achieving a position in the Dowco Triumph Street Pipe Band - one of the top-10 pipe bands in the world which was based in Vancouver, British Columbia. He has acted as the leading drummer for multiple of these bands, currently holding a role as the leading drummer in the Pipes and Drums of the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry, headquartered in Edinburgh, Scotland.

He began his military career at the age of 19 in 2019, joining The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's). He paraded with the Canadian Grenadier Guards as part of the Pipes and Drums of the Ceremonial Guard on Parliament Hill, later taking up positions within 39 Canadian Brigade Group the following years. Since 2022, he has been attached to the British Army through the Canadian High Commission to the Scottish and North Irish Yeomanry, a light cavalry regiment with history dating back to 1794. He has since worked to foster strong relations with this regiment to facilitate the further attachment of members of The Canadian Scottish Regiment (Princess Mary's), allowing them to participate in prestigious events such as The Royal Edinburgh Military Tattoo. He has participated in many events ranging from those lead by NATO in Germany, to traversing the Isle of Skye, to time in London.

William has a keen interest in scotch whisky, orchestrating private cask bottlings, running whisky tastings, and taking societies on distillery tours. He was the Vice-president of the Edinburgh University Water of Life Society, running countless whisky tastings over his tenure.

He holds a BA from the University of Victoria, an LLB from The University of Edinburgh, and is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland, the senior-most antiquarian body in Scotland, founded by Royal Charter in 1783.