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Karina Watson has been appointed to the position of Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms of the Yukon Legislative Assembly.

Ms. Watson recently retired from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) after 27 years of service. Ms. Watson moved to Yukon from the lower mainland of British Columbia and arrived in Dawson City to take up her first posting in Yukon on November 1, 2008. Ms. Watson worked general duty, traffic, bike patrol, community policing, border integrity, and as a drug dog handler. At her retirement Ms. Watson held the rank of Corporal. Ms. Watson spent three years as the operational non-commissioned officer (Ops NCO) in Dawson City. Ms. Watson was then posted to Old Crow for four years as the NCO in charge and 1 ½ years in Faro as the NCO in charge.

The appointment of Ms. Watson was approved by the Members' Services Board of the 33rd Yukon Legislative Assembly at its meeting on September 15, 2016.

The role of the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms is to provide non-partisan services for the Yukon Legislative Assembly and its elected members by performing traditional and ceremonial functions. Through custom and precedent, the Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms performs a number of protocol and ceremonial duties.

Ms. Watson succeeds Doris McLean as Deputy Sergeant-at-Arms. Ms. McLean was appointed Sergeant-at-Arms following the retirement of Rudy Couture at the end of July 2016.

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