



PIPE MAJOR SEARCH

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The Flint Scottish Pipe Band is searching for a new Pipe Major who will provide great musical leadership while respecting the traditions and organization of the Band.

Founded in 1916, the Flint Scottish Pipe Band is a major cultural institution in the State of Michigan, winning numerous awards and recognition for performing across Michigan and North America. We are the oldest enduring bagpipe band in Michigan and possibly the United States. Our longevity is a reflection of the fact that members take their performance seriously while simultaneously enjoying friendship and camaraderie. We have members with decades of participation in the Band along with fully welcomed and engaged newer members. Some of us belong to families with generations of membership in the Band. In addition, many of Michigan's best pipers and drummers have been members of Flint Scottish.

Organizationally, the Pipe Major is an elected position and is the Music Director of the Band with full authority for music selection and determining the qualification of members to participate in competitions, parades and other performances. The Pipe Major is supported by the Executive Board, of which the Pipe Major is a voting member. Under direction of the Executive Board, and with the recommendation of the Pipe Major, the Band provides uniforms, pipe chanters and reeds, logistic and other support, sets the schedule of events, manages performing contracts and finances, and ensures engagement of all Band members in the Band's governance.

To carry on our great traditions and build for the future, the Band provides piping and drumming lessons for beginners and scholarship support for our pipers and drummers to attend workshops and clinics. We have recently started a School of Drumming, and expect that the new Pipe Major will continue to be engaged in recruiting and developing drummers as well as pipers.

The Band is also affiliated with two schools of Highland dance, who contribute to the Band's excellence. The Band participates in competitions, parades, festivals, and public and private events including our popular and highly-regarded annual ceilidh every February. After successes in Grade 5, we moved to Grade 4 in 2015, and in recent years have competed at the Alma, Ohio, Kincardine and St. Andrews Highland Games.

The Band originated and continues to practice in Flint with many Band members traveling from around Michigan in order to participate, demonstrating their commitment to this significant cultural institution of Michigan.

Please contact Tom Dillard at dillardmd@hotmail.com, phone 989-928-4687 for more information or to be considered a candidate for this position.