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Biographies



Patrick Finn

**Assistant Deputy
Minister (Materiel)
Department of National
Defence**

During his thirty-five year career in the Canadian Armed Forces, Patrick Finn developed expertise in leadership and management in the domain of materiel readiness for operations, and in complex project management. After serving in various ships and submarines, Pat worked in various acquisitions and modernization projects for the Royal Canadian Navy, and subsequently provided oversight for projects in all branches of Canada's military.



David West

**Managing Director
Accenture (UK)**

Mr. West started work with Accenture in 1991, and has been a Managing Director since 2000. He has spent the last 18 years working exclusively within the public sector in the UK on large-scale transformation programmes. He is currently the Global Lead for Accenture's Public Safety practice.

Over the course of David's career, he has led Accenture's delivery of business and technology solutions in support of some of the UK government's most challenging programmes, including the introduction of three national benefit regimes at the Department for Work and Pensions, and an efficiency programme within the Ministry of Defence.

For the last five years, David has led Accenture's partnership with the UK's third largest police force, West Midlands Police, to help deliver on the challenges of improving the services to the citizens of the West Midlands and transforming the force's technology landscape in a time of austerity. The innovative public-private partnership arrangement between Accenture and West Midlands Police is an outstanding example of a successful partnership model.



Alexandra Shariff

**Assistant Director for
Change and Transformation
West Midlands Police (UK)**

Alexandra Shariff is a Change Professional with over 25 years' experience delivering ground breaking projects to Public and Private sector organizations within the United Kingdom.

She has a passion for driving transformative new ways of operating in support of the Criminal Justice System.

Alex has delivered the full range of innovative projects from the world's first National DNA Database to the leading edge WMP2020 Programme within UK Policing.

A strong believer in the power of relationships to drive meaningful and sustainable change within organizations, Alex actively supports and champions Change Networks and innovative Partnership approaches to deliver improvements to the communities she serves.



Isabelle Latulippe

**Section Head,
Performance Management
and Defence Program
Analytics, Directorate of
Materiel Group Strategic
Plans (DMGSP)
Department of National
Defence**

Mrs Latulippe holds a Bachelor degree in Mechanical Engineering and a Master of Business Administration. She cumulated 20 years of experience both in the private industry at Bombardier Aerospace and at the Government of Canada. Since she joined the Department of National Defence, she assumed different responsibilities in procurement, engineering and project management in the Materiel Group.

Prior to Ms. Latulippe's current role, she was the Project Manager on the Integrated Soldier System Project. She will share her experience and lessons learned on this complex project with a fast evolving technology context.



**Colonel Jeremy Hansen
Astronaut
Canadian Space
Agency**

Colonel Hansen holds a Bachelor of Science in space science (first class honours) and a Master of Science in physics (with a research focus on Wide Field of View Satellite Tracking) from Royal Military College in Kingston, Ontario. Prior to becoming an astronaut, Colonel Hansen served as a CF-18 fighter pilot and has been a member of the Canadian Armed Forces since 1994.

Colonel Hansen was one of two recruits selected by the Canadian Space Agency (CSA) in May 2009 through the third Canadian Astronaut Recruitment Campaign. He is one of 14 members of the 20th National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) astronaut class.

In 2011, Colonel Hansen graduated from Astronaut Candidate Training, which included scientific and technical briefings, intensive instruction in International Space Station (ISS) systems, Extravehicular Activities (EVAs, or spacewalks), robotics, physiological training, T-38 flight training, Russian language courses, and sea and wilderness survival training.

While waiting for a flight assignment, Colonel Hansen represents the CSA at NASA, and works at the Mission Control Center as Capcom—the voice between the ground and the ISS.

In addition to his day-to-day work, Colonel Hansen remains committed to building and maintaining his skills; he takes spacewalk and robotics training while continuing to learn Russian. He has taken part in geological expeditions in the High Arctic and participated in the European Space Agency's CAVES program, during which he lived underground for six days. He was also a crew member for NEEMO 19, where he lived and worked on the ocean floor in the Aquarius habitat off Key Largo, Florida, for seven days simulating deep space exploration. Colonel Hansen also continues to fly the CF-18 fighter jet with the Royal Canadian Air Force and had the privilege of inspiring young Canadians by flying the historical Hawk One F-86 Sabre jet.



Claude Fortin
Nursing Director
CISSS Montérégie-Est

Mr. Fortin has a background in nursing with a Master degree in public administration and 28 years of experience in the Quebec health and social services network. He served as the Transition Director for CHU Sainte-Justine's Growing Up Healthy modernization project for the past seven and a half years.

During that time, he piloted the transformation and adaptation of clinical, administrative activities and processes to Growing Up Healthy requirements. This included process review, operations maintenance, patient and team's safety and change management training for all staff.

Mr. Fortin was also entrusted with the task of organizational transformation of clinical services into an innovative structure that better meets to the needs of modern challenges faced by the Quebec healthcare network.



Beth Bell
Vice President,
Enterprise and
Commercial
IBM Global Markets
Canada

Prior to Ms. Bell's current role, she was the Vice President & Partner for IBM Global Business Services leading the Canadian Public Sector & Healthcare services team.

Ms. Bell has held many leadership roles in GBS Canada since her appointment to Partner in 2004 including: Canadian Social Services Leader, Canadian General Business Sector Leader, Canadian Application Management Services (AMS) Sales Leader and executive responsible for the IBM Client Innovation Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Ms. Bell has extensive experience selling and delivering IBM services projects of many sizes. She has led numerous large multi-year public sector partnerships where she was the IBM executive responsible for achieving the client's transformation objectives.

Ms. Bell also has a rich heritage in IBM's Diversity Community. She was the founder and former-Chair of the IBM Manitoba Women in Technology (WIT) Program, she conceived IBM's National Aboriginal Strategy in 2004 and is currently the Canadian Executive Sponsor for IBM Persons with Disabilities. She was also one of 36 global executives selected for the IBM's inaugural Executive Corporate Services Program and joined five other IBM executives in Chengdu, China to create a plan for Chengdu to become a 'Smarter City'.

Ms. Bell is an IBM for Institute for Business Value author, member of IBM Industry Academy and active public speaker who speaks on transformation, leadership development, IBM diversity and the advancement of women in STEM. She is also a Director on the Manitoba Hydro Electric Board and the Co-Chair of Maven, a Manitoba organization striving to make gender parity the new norm in the IT industry.



Mr. Patrick Morison
Associate Partner,
Public Sector
IBM Services Canada

Patrick's primary focus in the public sector is complex program/project delivery, enterprise resource functions, case management, and supporting IT operations. This depth of knowledge comes from experience gained over the past 15+ years working with both Private & Public Sector organizations delivering large complex multi-stakeholder transformation projects.

Prior to joining IBM, Patrick spent 5+ years in the public sector. During that time Patrick was a business architect responsible for designing, implementing, and supporting procurement and related systems in the federal public service.

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