30th Parliament of British Columbia

(Redirected from 30th Legislative Assembly of British Columbia)

The **30th Legislative Assembly of British Columbia** sat from 1972 to 1975. The members were elected in the British Columbia general election held in August 1972.[1] The New Democratic Party (NDP) led by Dave Barrett formed the government.[2] The Social Credit Party led by W. A. C. Bennett formed the official opposition. Bill Bennett was elected Social Credit party leader in November 1973 after his father resigned his seat in the assembly in June 1973.[3]

Gordon Dowding served as speaker for the assembly.[4]

Members of the 30th General Assembly

The following members were elected to the assembly in 1972:[1]

	Member	Electoral district	Party
	Robert Evans Skelly	Alberni	NDP
	Frank Arthur Calder	Atlin	NDP
	Francis Xavier Richter	Boundary-Similkameen	Social Credit
	Gordon Dowding	Burnaby-Edmonds	NDP
	Eileen Dailly	Burnaby North	NDP
	James Gibson Lorimer	Burnaby-Willingdon	NDP
	Alexander Vaughan Fraser	Cariboo	Social Credit
	Harvey Schroeder	Chilliwack	Social Credit
	James Roland Chabot	Columbia River	Social Credit
	Karen Elizabeth Sanford	Comox	NDP
	David Barrett	Coquitlam	NDP
	Robert Martin Strachan	Cowichan-Malahat	NDP
	Carl Liden	Delta	NDP
	Peter Rolston	Dewdney	NDP
	James Henry Gorst	Esquimalt	NDP
	Allan Alfred Nunweiler	Fort George	NDP
	Gerald Hamilton Anderson	Kamloops	NDP

	Leo Thomas Nimsick	Kootenay	NDP
	Robert Howard McClelland	Langley	Social Credit
	Don Lockstead	Mackenzie	NDP
	David Daniel Stupich	Nanaimo	NDP
	Lorne Nicolson	Nelson-Creston	NDP
	Dennis Geoffrey Cocke	New Westminster	NDP
	Patricia Jordan	North Okanagan	Social Credit
	Dean Edward Smith	North Peace River	Social Credit
	David Maurice Brousson	North Vancouver-Capilano	Liberal
	Colin Gabelmann	North Vancouver-Seymour	NDP
	George Scott Wallace	Oak Bay	Progressive Conservative
	Douglas Tynwald Kelly	Omineca	NDP
	Graham Lea	Prince Rupert	NDP
	William Stewart King	Revelstoke-Slocan	NDP
	Harold Leslie Steves	Richmond	NDP
	Christopher D'Arcy	Rossland-Trail	NDP
	Hugh Austin Curtis	Saanich and the Islands	Progressive Conservative
	Donald Emerson Lewis	Shuswap	NDP
	Hartley Douglas Dent	Skeena	NDP
	William Andrew Cecil Bennett	South Okanagan	Social Credit
	Donald McGray Phillips	South Peace River	Social Credit
	Ernest Hall	Surrey	NDP
	Rosemary Brown	Vancouver-Burrard	NDP
	Norman Levi		
	Emery Oakland Barnes	Vancouver Centre	NDP
	Gary Lauk		
	Alexander Barrett MacDonald	Vancouver East	NDP
	Robert Arthur Williams		
	Roy Thomas Cummings	Vancouver-Little Mountain	NDP
	Phyllis Florence Young		
	Garde Basil Gardom	Vancouver-Point Grey	Liberal
	Patrick Lucey McGeer		
	Jack A. Radford	Vancouver South	NDP
	Daisy Webster		

	David Alexander Anderson	Victoria		Liberal
	Newell Orrin Ruston Morrison			Social Credit
	Louis Allan Williams	West Vancouver-Howe Sound		Liberal
	William Leonard Hartley	Yale-Lillooet		NDP

Notes:

Party standings

	Affiliation	Members
	New Democratic	38
	Social Credit	10
	Liberal	5
	Progressive Conservative	2
Total		**55**
Government Majority		**21**

By-elections

By-elections were held to replace members for various reasons:[1]

Electoral district	Member elected	Party	Election date	Reason
South Okanagan	William Richards Bennett	Social Credit	September 7, 1973	W.A.C. Bennett resigned June 5, 1973; retired from politics
North Vancouver-Capilano	Gordon Fulerton Gibson	Liberal	February 5, 1974	D.M. Brousson resigned October 23, 1973, to look after business interests

Notes:

Other changes

- Hugh Austin Curtis joins Social Credit October 25, 1974.[5]
- Patrick McGeer and Louis Allan Williams become Independents on May 9, 1975.[5] They are followed by Garde Gardom on May 20.[5] On September 30 all three join Social Credit.[6]
- Cowichan-Malahat (res. Robert Strachan October 5, 1975)[5]

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