

Brigadier General Philip Garbutt, Director General Air Force Development, Royal Canadian Air Force

Brigadier-General Phil Garbutt graduated from Royal Roads Military College and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Canadian Armed Forces in May 1988. Following occupational training as an Aerospace Engineer, he was promoted and posted to 4 Wing Cold Lake, Alberta in 1989 where he served as a Lieutenant and later as a Captain at the software development squadron for the CF18 Hornet. In 1995, he was posted to 19 Wing Comox, British Columbia where he served as the Deputy Squadron Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Officer at 442 (Transport & Rescue) Squadron working on the CC115 Buffalo and CH113 Labrador.

Promoted to the rank of Major in 1998, he was posted to 16 Wing Headquarters in Borden, Ontario as the Wing Operations Officer. In 2001, he returned to 19 Wing Comox as the Senior Aircraft Maintenance Engineering Officer at 407 (Maritime Patrol) Squadron working on the CP140 Aurora Long Range Patrol Aircraft.

In 2003, he was posted to the Canadian Forces College in Toronto for a one-year Combined/Joint Command and Staff course. Upon completion, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and posted to the Director General Aerospace Equipment Program Management. In June 2010, Brigadier-General Garbutt was promoted to the rank of Colonel and posted to Winnipeg as Director A4 Maintenance, the senior advisor to the Commander 1 Canadian Air Division on Maintenance Operations. In 2011, Brigadier-General Garbutt deployed to Afghanistan for one year as the Senior Advisor to the Commander of the Afghan Border Police under the Afghan Ministry of the Interior. He returned to Canada in July 2012 to take part in the year-long National Security Program at the Canadian Forces College. Upon graduation in June 2013, Brigadier-General Garbutt was appointed as the Director Air Requirements in the RCAF Headquarters, Ottawa. One year later, he was promoted to his present rank and appointed to his present position as the Director-General Air Force Development.

Brigadier-General Garbutt has a Bachelors Degree in Physics and Computer Science and a Masters Degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada and is a member of the 58th List of the Order of Military Merit. He is married to wife Corinne and has two children.