

Biography – Maj Éric Perrault

Maj Perrault joined the Canadian Forces in June 1978 and entered the Collège Militaire Royal de St-Jean that fall. While in college, he balanced his academic studies with summers spent learning English in Kingston, building and blowing up bridges in Chilliwack and trying his hand at Construction Engineering in CFB Valcartier. Upon completion of his Bachelor of Engineering (Civil) from the Royal Military College in Kingston in 1984, 2Lt Perrault faced his first real engineering challenge and spent the summer at CFS Chibougamau building a log cabin for the station community.

Upon completing his military engineering training in Chilliwack, Lt Perrault's first real posting was with CFB Montréal where he was employed as CE Planning Officer and then Contracts Officer. The system deciding that he now knew enough to be dangerous, Capt Perrault was posted to the School of Military Engineering as a CE instructor in the Military Engineering Training Squadron. He spent the next three years teaching CE Procedures and systems to a variety of civilian supervisors and officers, military CE Procedures technicians of all levels and a few generations of junior officers.

In 1991, Capt Perrault was sent to CFB Portage La Prairie as BCEO to manage the closure and transfer of the base. In September 1992, after locking the gate and handing over the key to the new owners, Capt Perrault proceeded to his next posting as CE Administration Officer at CFB Ottawa. While in Uplands, he gained much experience in Human Resource and Financial management. His promotion to Major coinciding with the closure of 7 Wing and the creation of CFSU (Ottawa), he left the downsized CE squadron and spent the next year as Technical Services Staff Officer.

Maj Perrault was selected for post-graduate training and started his Masters in Business Administration in August 1996 at the University of Ottawa. Upon graduation with his MBA in 1998, he was posted to ADM(IE) in the Directorate of Infrastructure and Environment Corporate Services (DIECS) where he managed the development and maintenance of IE information systems.

In his nine years in ADM(IE), Maj Perrault managed IE information systems under DIECS, helped develop and coordinate the Group's business plan under the Comptroller, started to revive the RA Management Manual and CE Procedures under the Director Realty Facilities Management (DRFM) to finally complete the circle and come back to managing Realty Asset Information systems under Director Realty Asset Plans (DRAP).

Maj Perrault decided to retire from the military in December 2007 and join the Canadian Forces Housing Agency (CFHA) as Manager, Regional Housing Portfolio (Québec-Eastern). Éric resides in Orléans, ON with his beautiful wife Roxanne Filion and their three children François, Julie and Janelle.