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Kentville Mayor Named Air Force Honorary Colonel

KENTVILLE, NOVA SCOTIA – On June 8, 2018, after serving in the Royal Canadian Air Force for over 20 years, Mayor Sandra Snow was appointed an Air Force Honorary Colonel.

More than 225 distinguished Canadians have served the Royal Canadian Air Force (RCAF) through the Honorary Colonel programme since 1970. Honorary Colonels act as advisors to unit commanders and become key members within the Air Force environment. They may be former Air Force officers or distinguished Canadian citizens, hailing from a diverse range of backgrounds, including many well-known public and community figures. There are some 70 appointments throughout the RCAF at any one time. Some currently appointed Air Force Honorary Colonels include singer/songwriter Sam Reid; businessman Roger Demers; and radio broadcaster/author J'lyn Nye, to name just a few.

Honorary Colonels are integral members of the Air Force family. Honorary Colonels are "honorary and advisory". They are vital to fostering esprit de corps, they mentor, and help build relationships with other units through the Honorary Colonel network. They build and develop community support for their units. They work behind the scenes and provide a much needed connection between the community and the Canadian Forces.

Mayor Sandra Snow served in the Canadian Air Force for 20 years. Through her career Sandra was employed as an aircraft technician on the hangar line, a laboratory technician support equipment repair, an instructor of both basic and aircraft specific maintenance, and in many supervisory roles. She retired in 1999 as an Avionics Superintendent, at the rank of Master Warrant Officer. After retirement she was employed by an engineering firm and subsequently was contracted to the Department of Defense as an Operational Test and Evaluation Suitability Project Officer supporting the CP140 Aurora aircraft. In 2014 Sandra was awarded the Northern Lights Aero Foundation Elsie MacGill Award for her contributions to aviation and aerospace in the Government disciplines. Her career path allowed her to support the CP140 Aurora Aircraft in some capacity for 35 years. Upon completion of her contract in 2015, she entered municipal politics and was elected as the Mayor of Kentville in October 2016. Her love of the Town and dedication to service are evident in her daily commitment to the growth and prosperity of both the Town of Kentville and its citizens.

Her appointment to Honorary Colonel of 415 Maritime Patrol Force Development Squadron at Greenwood is an important link between the military and our community. The investiture ceremony will be held on Friday 22 June at 14 Wing Greenwood at the VPI Centre.

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