



BGen (Ret'd) Philip F.C. Garbutt OMM MSM CD
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Brigadier-General (Retired) Philip Garbutt has been working in the Aerospace & Defence community for 40 years. He began his professional career in the Canadian Armed Forces where he served for 32 years as an Aerospace Engineering Officer completing operational tours with the Fighter, Search & Rescue and Maritime Patrol communities as well as deployments and exercises with NORAD, NATO and the NATO Partnership for Peace Program. He commanded at both the Squadron and Wing levels and served in Afghanistan for one year as the Senior Advisor to the Commander of the Afghan Border Police.

His staff and programmatic experience are equally extensive having served as the CP140/A Aurora Weapon System Manager, the Project Manager for the Aurora Structural Life Extension Project, the Director A4 Maintenance, the Occupation Advisor to the Air Forces' 5000-plus Aircraft Technicians and the Director Air Requirements. Promoted to the rank of Brigadier-General in 2014, he completed his Air Force career as the Director General Air Force Development where he managed and advanced the Royal Canadian Air Forces' 30-year, multi-billion dollar strategic investment portfolio which included the Future Fighter Project, the Fixed-Wing Search & Rescue Aircraft Replacement, CP140 Aurora Modernization, the acquisition of a fifth CC177 Globemaster II, and dozens of other complex capital projects. During this period, Brigadier-General Garbutt also represented Canada on numerous NATO, NORAD & Five-Eyes defence & security committees and councils.

Philip Garbutt retired from the Canadian Armed Forces in August 2016 to join Solarship Inc. as the Chief Technology Officer; he served with Solarship for one year advancing their solar-powered hybrid electric aircraft and aerostat development programs before joining IMP Aerospace & Defence as the Vice President Business Development in July 2017.

In July 2019, he joined PAL Aerospace in his present role as the Senior Vice President of Global Support where he leads defense sector business development and in-service support including the Royal Canadian Air Force's new Fixed-Wing Search & Rescue and Future Aircrew Training Programs. Although retired, Brigadier-General Garbutt served seven years as the Senior Mentor for the Aerospace Engineering Officer Basic Course.

Philip Garbutt holds a Bachelor's Degree in Physics & Computer Science from Royal Roads Military College and a Master's Degree in Defence Studies from the Royal Military College of Canada. He is a graduate of both the Joint Command & Staff and the National Security Programs administered by the Canadian Forces College. He is the recipient of the Order of Military Merit and the Meritorious Service Medal from the Governor General of Canada, a Chief of Defence Staff Commendation, the Afghanistan Campaign Star & the Canadian Decoration.