

# Former Colborne resident takes to the skies

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COLBORNE — A former Colborne resident has just assumed command of 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba.

Lt. Col. Scott Mutton was born in Cobourg, and grew up in nearby Colborne. His parents are Wayne and Marjorie Mutton, who recall that their son always dreamed of flying.

"He always wanted to fly, one way or another, since he was about eight years old," his mother said.

When Mutton decided the Canadian Air Force was the way to go, he set his sights on Royal Roads Military Academy in Victoria, BC. He went there directly into the school's Regular Officer Training Program after completing high school and graduated in the Class of '91 with a bachelor of science degree. He went on to complete pilot training both at the school he now heads and in Moose Jaw, Sask.

A press release from 2 Lt.

Josh Brighton of 15 Wing Public Affairs set out the career Mutton went on to, from his first posting with the 443 Maritime Helicopter Squadron in Esquimalt, BC.

He served as a Maritime Helicopter Crew Commander on Her Majesty's Canadian Ships Provider, Algonquin, Regina, Calgary and Vancouver. His role was in search-and-rescue, his mother recalled.

In 1997, he was posted to Shearwater, NS, where he served as an instructor pilot.

In 2003, he was chosen for an exchange position with the United States Navy at Patuxent River, Md. While there, he completed a master's of business administration degree through the University of Phoenix.

Mutton returned to Canada in 2006, and served as the Project Control Officer and Deputy Commanding Officer at Helicopter Operational Test and Evaluation Facility in Shearwater. He attended the Joint and Command Staff Course in Toronto in 2010 and

was posted to his current position — as Senior Staff Officer, Intelligence, Reconnaissance and Surveillance in Winnipeg — in 2011.

Mutton and his wife Michelle are the parents of two daughters, Shelby and Ashby.

3 CFFTS conducts helicopter pilot training and multi-engine aircraft-pilot training on a variety of aircraft, including the Raytheon King Air C-90B multi-engine trainer and the Bell CH-139 Jet Ranger training helicopter.

Achieving the commander's post is a well-earned, prestigious accomplishment and reflects many years of hard work, Brighton's press release said.

His mother added that he worked hard for this position because it would mean more time in the air.

"He worked really hard all his life to get where he wants to be, and we are extremely proud," she said.

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Lt. Col. Scott Mutton, who has just assumed command of 3 Canadian Forces Flying Training School, grew up in Colborne.

## Alderville celebrates heritage



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The 20th annual Alderville First Nation Pow Wow was held over the weekend. The two-day event was a celebration of First Nations culture and ceremony. Watch this week for more photos from the pow wow.

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### INN COURTS

#### Charges against Colborne man withdrawn

COLBORNE — A man who was facing numerous charges in connection with a break and enter recently saw all charges withdrawn.

The Ontario Court of Justice in Cobourg confirmed David Troy Collins of Colborne is no longer facing charges that stemmed from a home invasion on Aug. 29.

Northumberland OPP launched an investigation in late August after a homeowner reported being forced inside his home by two men and grabbed by the throat. While the homeowner allegedly fought with one of the intruders, the other began to flip furniture before the homeowner was able to force the intruders out of his residence. At that time one of the intruders flashed a knife and threatened to kill the homeowner before fleeing the area.

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