

## **REAR-ADMIRAL C.F. SUTHERLAND, CD**

### **DEPUTY COMMANDER ROYAL CANADIAN NAVY**



Born in Teulon, Manitoba into a military family, Rear-Admiral Chris Sutherland received his first posting to Gimli, five days later. He graduated from the Royal Military College of Canada (RMC) Kingston, in 1991 and drove to Victoria, B.C. to commence his naval career.

He served in HMC Ships IROQUOIS (Op SHARP GUARD), GATINEAU, MONTREAL (SNFL), and CHARLOTTETOWN (Op APOLLO). He served as Executive Officer of HMCS HALIFAX and Sea Training (Atlantic). Rear-Admiral Sutherland assumed Command of HMCS MONTREAL in January 2009. Staff positions have included time at NDHQ serving in the Directorate of Maritime Policy, Operations and Readiness, the Strategic Joint Staff (twice) and as Executive Secretary to the Commander of the Royal Canadian Navy. In 2014 he became the Special Advisor to the Commander of Canadian Joint Operations Command. He was appointed Base Commander of CFB Halifax in 2015. Returning to Ottawa, he assumed the duties of Director of Senior Appointments at the new Carling Campus in Ottawa. In the Fall of 2017, he was promoted to Commodore and posted as the Director General, Military Careers.

In May of 2019, he was appointed the Deputy Commander Royal Canadian Navy and promoted Rear-Admiral.

Rear-Admiral Sutherland is a graduate of Canadian Forces College Command and Staff Course and National Security Program.

He enjoys sharing quality time with his wife, hanging out with his daughter, extreme gardening, making veggie smoothies, playing old timer soccer, and participating in other activities to stay in shape.