

Ombudsman's Biography



Veterans Ombudsman
Craig Dalton

Craig Dalton was appointed Veterans Ombudsman on November 11, 2018. Mr. Dalton was commissioned into the Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery in 1990 and over the course of a 25-year career, had the distinct pleasure of serving alongside Canadian soldiers, sailors, airmen and airwomen, as well as whole-of-government partners, both here at home in Canada, and abroad on operations, in Cyprus, Bosnia-Herzegovina and, most recently, Afghanistan. During his time in uniform, Mr. Dalton served in a wide variety of staff appointments and had the privilege to lead teams from the troop to formation level including command of the 2nd Regiment Royal Canadian Horse Artillery and command of 5th Canadian Division Support Group/Canadian Forces Base Gagetown.

Following his release in 2014, Mr. Dalton joined the Government of New Brunswick where he initially served as the Deputy Minister of Public Safety, with responsibility for Policing and Community Safety, Fire Services, Emergency Preparedness and Emergency Management, Corrections, Probation Services and Inspections and Enforcement. Subsequently, he took over the role of the Deputy Minister of Social Development with responsibility for Disability Support Services, Social Services, Child and Youth Services, Affordable Housing and Homelessness, and Seniors and Long-Term Care. Most recently, Mr. Dalton served as the Deputy Minister of Family and Human Services with the Government of Prince Edward Island.

Mr. Dalton is a graduate of the Army Command and Staff College, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and the Australian Defence College. He holds a Bachelor's Degree from the Royal Military College of Canada and holds Masters Degrees from Central Michigan University, the United States Army Command and General Staff College, and from Deakin University, Australia.