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MAJOR-GENERAL J.J. MAJOR, MSM, CD

Chief of Staff Plans, Policy, And Modernization

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Major-General Josh Major grew up in Chelmsford, Ontario. He joined the 12e Régiment blindé du Canada in 1999 commanding at the troop and squadron level, as well as occupying the position of Regimental Second-in-Command.

On January 23rd 2014, Brigadier-General Major became a proud member of Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians) and was appointed Commanding Officer in June 2014.

Major-General Major has deployed four times on operations.



His extra-regimental assignments have brought him across the Canadian Army, and he had the privilege of being the first Canadian to serve as Special Assistant to the Commanding General United States Army Europe, as well as the first Commander of Task Force Latvia. In his last assignment, he had the great honour of commanding the 4th Canadian Division/JTF Central.

Major-General Major holds a B.A. from the Royal Military College of Canada, a Masters degree in International Relations from Webster University, and a Masters degree in Military



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Art and Science from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College. He is a graduate of the U.S. School of Advanced Military Studies, the CAF's National Security Program, as well as being a US CAPSTONE fellow.

He is supported by an extremely patient and tolerant wife. The couple has three great children. He enjoys all things fitness related and still attempts to play the odd game of hockey, although age has begun to dull his already average skills.

Major-General Major was appointed COS PPM in July 2024.