



820 Chris Hadfield

Annual Ceremonial Review





Mayor's Message

On behalf of the Town of Milton, congratulations to the 820 Chris Hadfield Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadron on its Annual Ceremonial Review. This is a time to celebrate your dedication, hard work, and achievements.

Thank you for serving the Milton community for over 50 years. Your commitment and the opportunities you provide for youth play an important role in making Milton a true Place of Possibility.

Congratulations once again on this year's outstanding accomplishments. We look forward to celebrating your continued success!

Sincerely,



Gord Krantz

Mayor, Town of Milton

PARADE SEQUENCE

*** Denotes where all
guests are asked to
stand, if able*

- 1** Squadron Fall In
- 2** Arrival of Reviewing Party **
- 3** Inspection
- 4** March Past **
- 5** Team Displays
 - Flag Party Performance
 - Band Performance
 - Drill Team Performance
- 6** Presentations and Awards
- 7** Change of Command
- 8** Departure of Reviewing Party **
- 9** Graduating Cadet March Past
- 10** Reception

REVIEWING PARTY

Colonel (Ret'd) Chris Hadfield
Reviewing Officer

Captain Anthony Vukojevic
Commanding Officer, 820 Squadron

Captain Dorian Reid
Incoming Commanding Officer, 820 Squadron

Major (Ret'd) Mike Boyle
Air Cadet League of Ontario (OPC)

Ms. Sharmila Taki
Chair, Squadron Sponsoring Committee

Warrant Officer 1st Class Olivia Lee Wo
Squadron Chief Warrant Officer



REVIEWING OFFICER



Colonel (retired) Chris Hadfield
OC, OOnt, MSC, CD

Former 820 RCACS cadet, astronaut, engineer, fighter pilot, musician & writer

Colonel Chris Hadfield is an astronaut, business leader, hi-tech entrepreneur, five-time bestselling author, and global speaker on leadership, change, and managing life. Having commanded the International Space Station and directed companies, he has deep experience with best practices and tactics on guiding teams through extreme circumstances of complexity and change, while also recognizing the importance of sharing the marvels and wonders of science and spaceflight.

Formerly NASA's Director of Operations in Russia, Hadfield spent more than three decades serving the military, NASA, and the Canadian Space Agency. Throughout his distinguished career, he's been a fighter/test pilot, flown three space missions, built two space stations,

performed two spacewalks, crewed the Shuttle and Soyuz, and commanded the International Space Station. His many awards include the NASA Exceptional Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Cross (twice), and the Order of Canada.

Today, Hadfield serves as a director and advisor to multiple tech companies, including SpaceX and Virgin Galactic. He is also an adjunct professor at the University of Waterloo, chair of the Open Lunar Foundation, and is assisting King Charles III with space business practices for the Sustainable Markets Initiative. Hadfield also co-founded the Space Stream at the Creative Destruction Lab tech incubator, which has created \$1.6B of new business equity value in the past five years.

Hadfield is the author of six internationally bestselling books: two non-fiction, *An Astronaut's Guide to Life on Earth* and *You Are Here*; a children's book, *The Darkest Dark*, which has been adapted as an award-winning stage play for young audiences; and three fiction books, *The Apollo Murders*, now under contract to become a television series, *The Defector*, and his is third book in the Apollo Murders series, *Final Orbit*, was released in October 2025. A musician, Hadfield has also released an album called *Space Sessions: Songs from a Tin Can*. It is the first album to be recorded in space and includes the video version of David Bowie's "Space Oddity" that has been seen over 50 million times.

SQUADRON STAFF

Captain Anthony Vukojevic	Commanding Officer
Captain Dorian Reed	Deputy Commanding Officer
Lieutenant (N) Patrick Cochrane	Training Officer Website Administrator
Lieutenant Joseph Laflamme	Training Support Officer Drill Team Coach Public Affairs
Captain Ronald Fox	Operations Officer
Officer Cadet Josiah Ramdass	Assistant Operations Officer Summer Training Officer
Captain Lana Durham	Administration Officer
Officer Cadet Gregory Lee Wo	Assistant Administration Officer Ground School Instructor
Captain Mélanie Fox	Supply Officer
Civilian Instructor David Avella	Level 1 Officer
Civilian Volunteer Lynn Ng	Level 2 Officer Band Officer
Civilian Instructor Aniketh Kothandaraman	Level 3 Officer Assistant Band Officer
Civilian Instructor Victoria McLuckie	Level 4 Officer Drill Team & Flag Party Coach
Civilian Volunteer Jarek Piwowarczyk	Marksmanship Coach Assistant Level Officer
Lieutenant Erik Sistermans	Extra Support
Private Darren Lee Wo	Extra Support



SQUADRON SPONSORING COMMITTEE

Sharmila Taki	Chairperson	Natalie Yachtowych	Treasurer
April Skorez	Vice Chairperson	Melanie Duchak	Secretary
Members:	Donald Alva, Olajumoke Tolu-Akande, Vigitha Ruban, Shelley Avella, Lynette Alves, Jaideep Subbarau, Jenny Alvarez		

The Royal Canadian Air Cadet program is a unique partnership between the Department of National Defence and the Air Cadet League of Canada. This partnership can be found at all levels of the program: national, provincial, and most importantly, at the community/squadron level.

At the community level, 820 Squadron is sponsored by the Squadron Sponsoring Committee (SSC); a non-profit group of parent and community volunteers that support the Commanding Officer and squadron staff in running the squadron operations. The SSC handles the finances for the squadron and facilitates the operation of squadron activities, and programs that are not funded by DND, such as venue rentals, transportation, and various squadron teams.

The SSC depends on the support of those willing to lend a few hours a month and we would encourage you to join them. Meetings are held monthly and all are welcome to attend. Volunteers are always appreciated.

If you are interested in **volunteering**, contact us at ssc.820rcac@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING

We would like to thank the local businesses and organizations who have provided much needed support during the 2025-2026 training year:

Fall Tagging: Shopper's Drug Mart, Coffee Culture, McDonald's, Real Canadian Superstore, Bulk Barn, FreshCo, Grill Daddy, Troy's Diner, Absolute Dollar, Mr. Dumpling, Pizza Pizza, Nani's Gelato, First Ontario Arts Centre/Main Library, Milton Leisure Centre, Memorial Arena

Spring Bagging: Real Canadian Superstore, Sobeys

Special thank you to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 Milton, for their continued support and donations.

If your company or business is interested in **sponsorship**, please contact us: ssc.820rcac@gmail.com



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ROYAL CANADIAN AIR CADETS

ABOUT 820

820 Chris Hadfield is one of over 450 Royal Canadian Air Cadet Squadrons in Canada and has been offering the Cadet Program to the youth of Milton since 1972.

Chris Hadfield Squadron is proudly named after Colonel Chris Hadfield a celebrated Canadian astronaut, engineer, and retired Royal Canadian Air Force pilot. Known for being the first Canadian to command the International Space Station, Colonel Hadfield exemplifies leadership, exploration, and service—values that 820 Squadron strives to instill in its cadets. We are proud to carry and represent his name, which reflects a legacy of excellence in both aviation and space, inspiring youth to aim high and reach beyond.

820 Squadron is proud to offer a wide variety of teams and extra-curricular activities to its over 180 cadets, including:

- ground school
- precision drill
- marching band
- effective speaking
- debate





YEAR IN REVIEW

Fall:

- Welcome Back Night
- Staff Cadet PD Day
- Field Training Exercise (FTX)
- CAF Famil Day
- Gliding Famil Day
- Park Clean Up
- Tagging Fundraiser
- Visit from RCSU CO
- Band Drill Clinic
- Poppy Drive
- Remembrance Day Parades
- Milton Menace Pre-Game Ceremony
- Santa Claus Parades
- Mess Dinner
- Movie Night

Winter:

- Royal Canadian Legion Branch 136 Milton, Museum Tour
- Air Canada Maintenance Hangar Tour
- Pearson Airport Air Traffic Control Tower Tour
- Air Rifle Marksmanship Day

Spring:

- Fundamental Aviation Day
- March On! Band and Drill Competition
- Bagging Fundraiser
- Joint FTX with 618 Air
- Gliding Famil Day
- Annual Ceremonial Review



820 RCACS 2025-2026

STAFF CADETS

As our cadets progress through the program, they transition from receiving the training to providing the training. Once they have completed Level 4, they are appointed to the role of Staff Cadet and are empowered to take on the responsibility of running the day-to-day operations of the squadron. This includes the instructing, evaluating, planning and supervision of all junior cadets.

The following reflects the rank and position of our staff cadets this training year.

COMMAND

WO1 Olivia Lee Wo Squadron Chief Warrant Officer	
WO2 Sarah Samuels Training Warrant Officer	WO2 Ramy Zaklama Support Warrant Officer

LEVEL 1

WO2 Ibaad Rehman <i>Level 1 Warrant Officer</i>	FSgt Josit Valela
WO2 Shyanne D'Souza	Sgt Tejas Kancharla
FSgt Raghav Singh	Sgt Kyler Longtin

LEVEL 2

WO2 Ian Nursiah <i>Level 2 Warrant Officer</i>	WO2 Benjamin Skorez
WO2 Jadalyn Amaziah	FSgt Avaneesh Kiriharan
WO2 Dustin Poissant	Sgt Hunter Miller

LEVEL 3

WO2 Tanush Pilla <i>Level 3 Warrant Officer</i>	FSgt James Espanol
WO2 Marcus Avella	FSgt Taha Fazli

LEVEL 4

WO2 Jieo Gomez <i>Level 4 Warrant Officer</i>	WO2 Arjun Sharma
WO2 Durfeshan Rizwan	WO2 Ramy Zaklama
	FSgt Diamond Tolu-Akande

INCOMING WARRANT OFFICER TEAM

Based on a rigorous interview and evaluation process, a small portion of our Staff Cadets are promoted to the rank of Warrant Officer where they are placed into a managerial role and tasked with supervising, developing, and leading their fellow Staff Cadets.

We are pleased to announce the following newly promoted Warrant Officers that will be taking on senior management roles within 820 Squadron for the 2025-2026 training year.

COMMAND

WO2 Benjamin Skorez
Incoming Squadron Warrant Officer

WO2 Shyanne D'Souza
Incoming Training Warrant Officer

WO2 Arjun Sharma
Incoming Support Warrant Officer

TRAINING

WO2 Jadalyn Amaziah
Incoming Level Warrant Officer

WO2 Marcus Avella
Incoming Level Warrant Officer

WO2 Dustin Poissant
Incoming Level Warrant Officer

WO2 Durfeshan Rizwan
Incoming Level Warrant Officer

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

MEDALS

Lord Strathcona Medal

Awarded to a cadet in recognition of exemplary performance in physical and military training.

Awarded to **WO2 Benjamin Skorez**

Royal Canadian Legion Medal of Excellence

The Royal Canadian Legion Cadet Medal of Excellence recognizes individual endeavours of a citizenship nature, which meet or enhance the aims and objectives of the Cadet organizations.

Awarded to **Sgt Pierre Hanna**

SQUADRON AWARDS

Murray Whetung Community Service Award for Cadets (Province of Ontario)

Awarded to the cadet who demonstrates exceptional citizenship and community service.

Awarded to **WO2 Sarah Samuels**

Commanding Officer's Award

Awarded to the cadet who has demonstrated excellence in all aspects of the cadet training program as determined by the commanding officer.

Awarded to **FSgt Gabrielle Mutanga**

Top Junior Cadet

Presented to the Cpl, FCpl, or Sgt who demonstrated significant personal development and consideration for others.

Awarded to **FCpl Wilbert Carlini**

Outstanding First Year Cadet Award

This award is presented to the first-year cadet who has demonstrated the most dedication to Squadron activities through regular attendance, participation, dress and deportment.

Awarded to **Cpl Vivaanth Rammohan**



Top Enthusiasm

Awarded to the cadet who has demonstrated effusive enthusiasm and drive throughout the training year.

Awarded to **FSgt Kyler Longtin**

Top Overall Staff Cadet

Awarded to the staff cadet who stands out from their peers by demonstrating the highest level of leadership ability when interacting with their level cadets and peers.

Awarded to **WO2 Ramy Zaklama**

Squadron Chief Warrant Officer's Award

Selected by the Squadron Warrant Chief Officer and awarded to a cadet in recognition of potential and significant achievements both personally and with other squadron members.

Awarded to **FSgt Daniel Lichtchinski**

Squadron Chief Warrant Officer Honour Role

Awarded to the Squadron Chief Warrant Officer in recognition of their performance and service to the squadron.

Awarded to **WO1 Olivia Lee Wo**

TRAINING AWARDS

STAFF AWARDS

Top Leadership

Level 1: WO2 Shyanne D'Souza

Level 2: WO2 Jadalyn Amaziah

Level 3: WO2 Marcus Avella

Level 4: WO2 Arjun Sharma

Top Instructor

Level 1: FSgt Raghav Singh

Level 2: WO2 Dustin Poissant

Level 3: FSgt James Espanol

Level 4: WO2 Jieo Gomez

LEVEL AWARDS

Top Level Cadet

Level 1: Cpl Jacynthe Fox

Level 2: FCpl Pratheksha Dinesh

Level 3A: Sgt Pierre Hanna

Level 3B: Sgt Isabelle Sowa

Level 4: FSgt Jaiden Ho

Best Dressed

Level 1: Cpl Iqra Farhan

Level 2: FCpl Madelyne Avella

Level 3A: Sgt Evan Parker

Level 3B: Sgt Noah Kim

Level 4: FSgt Alex Kobelak

Most Improved

Level 1: Cpl Adam Hrebenak

Level 2: Cpl Lucas Liska

Level 3A: Sgt Maaz Subzwari

Level 3B: Sgt Swara Patel

Level 4: Sgt Kai Skalska-Wilczynski

TEAM AWARDS

BAND

Top Band Member: FCpl Wilbert Carlini

Most Improved: FCpl Nifemi Adedigba

Enthusiasm: FSgt Taha Fazli

Top Junior Band Member: Cpl Aditya Peddada

DRILL WITH ARMS

MVP: Sgt Evan Parker

Most Improved: Cpl Iqra Farhan

Enthusiasm: FCpl Pratheksha Dinesh

Best Boots: WO2 Marcus Avella

GROUND SCHOOL

Ground School Award: FSgt Gabrielle Mutanga

TEAM ACCOMPLISHMENTS 2025-2026

Congratulations to our Drum Major, FSgt Jayden Ho, for placing 3rd at the March On! Competition.



AIR CADET SERVICE MEDALS

The following cadets will receive their service medal for **4 Years of Service**:

WO2 Jadalyn Amaziah	FSgt Raghav Singh
WO2 Dustin Poissant	Sgt Bibi Adeaga
WO2 Durfeshan Rizwan	Sgt David Kedron
WO2 Arjun Sharma	Sgt Shahzain Khalid
FSgt James Espanol	Sgt Vyom Lalwani
FSgt Taha Fazli	Sgt Tanisha Verma
FSgt Jayden Ho	Sgt Wassim Wadie
FSgt Daniel Lichtchinski	Sgt Tejas Kancharla
FSgt Gabrielle Mutanga	

The following cadets will receive their bar and rosette for **5 Years of Service**:

WO2 Marcus Avella	WO2 Ibaad Rehman
WO2 Shyanne D'Souza	WO2 Benjamin Skorez
WO2 Ian Nursiah	WO2 Ramy Zaklama
WO2 Tanush Pilla	FSgt Kyara Nafike-Bala

The following cadets will receive their bar and rosette for **6 Years of Service**:

WO1 Olivia Lee Wo	WO2 Sarah Samuels
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This group represents a total of **120 years** of combined service to the Royal Canadian Air Cadet program.

2025-2026 RETIRING CADETS

We say goodbye to several cadets as they start a new chapter in their lives. Their service to 820 and to the wider community is truly appreciated. We look forward to you visiting and hope that you will continue to serve the Air Cadet Organization.

WO1 Olivia Lee Wo	WO2 Ramy Zaklama
WO2 Jieo Gomez	FSgt Taha Fazli
WO2 Ian Nursiah	FSgt Avaneesh Kiriharan
WO2 Tanush Pilla	FSgt Raghav Singh
WO2 Ibaad Rehman	Sgt Hunter Miller
WO2 Sarah Samuels	

THANK YOU!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, Squadron Sponsoring Committee, parents, and cadets of 820 Chris Hadfield Squadron for making the 2025 to 2026 training year such a memorable one.

Our 820 family remains strong and continues to grow. As families do, each of you has supported one another, and that has been the key to everything we have accomplished. It has truly been an honour to work alongside all of you on your journey through the Cadet Program.

This year has been full of memorable experiences and achievements. From advancing our drill team to performing with arms, preparing our Flag Party for competition, and participating in the March On competition once again, where our Drum Major earned third place, to taking part in two FTXs, including a joint exercise with 618 Queen City Squadron where we built new connections. We also had unique opportunities like the Air Canada maintenance tour and the Air Traffic Control Tower visit at Pearson Airport. It has been a demanding training year, but your dedication and involvement have stood out throughout.

Our results continue to impress, and I could not be prouder of everything you have accomplished.

As many of you know, this will be my final year serving as your Commanding Officer. I am incredibly proud of how far we have come together and of the culture and teamwork we have built as a squadron. While it is difficult to step away, I have full confidence in the future of 820. I know Captain Reid and his team will carry forward what we have started and continue to build something even stronger.

To those attending summer training at a Cadet Training Centre next month, I wish you the best of luck. Take advantage of every opportunity and represent 820 with pride.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer, and be sure to mark the upcoming dates on your calendar.

A. Vukojevic

Captain Anthony Vukojevic
Commanding Officer
820 Chris Hadfield Squadron

New Recruit Registration Night
Tuesday, September 8, 2026

Welcome Back Event (for all)
Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Royal Canadian Air Cadets Motto
"To Learn, to Serve, to Advance"

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