

COLONEL COMMANDANT VISIT TO CRANBROOK - September, 2019

The Colonel Commandant, BGen (Retd.) Steve Irwin and the Branch Chief Warrant Officer, Glenn Simpkin visited 44 Engineer Squadron at the Cranbrook armouries on Thursday 12 September. Ahead of the visit, the Colonel Commandant and Branch CWO met with Major Nils French, the Sqn OC, and Major Leah Wilson, the Facility Coordinator, to gain some background on the Engineer presence in Cranbrook. The visitors then received a quick tour of the facility and held a town hall with the troops. The Colonel Commandant and Branch CWO conveyed that the Engineer Branch is as strong as it has ever been and that there is a bright future ahead. They also spoke with the troops about the Canadian Military Engineers Association and some of its programs. The town hall discussion centered around the challenges of getting the new location up and running, the need for full time staff at the location, and the importance of recruiting. BGen (Retd) Irwin commented on the considerable investment that had already gone into the location and recognized the great potential for the Branch in Cranbrook.

