

## **HLCol Rebecca Weatherford**



HLCol Rebecca Weatherford was born in Trail, and grew up in Fruitvale.

Prior to attending university she spent a year in Tokyo, Japan as an exchange student. She then attended the University of Alberta from 1992 to 1994 and Ryerson University from 1994 to 1997 where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Commerce

in Hospitality and Tourism. Following her graduation she worked at the Westin Hotel in Calgary, AB and the Four Seasons Hotel in Seattle, WA.

Prior to returning to her roots in B.C. she was Director of Catering and Conference Services at the Willows Lodge in Woodinville, WA.

Upon returning to her hometown in 2005, HLCol Weatherford became owner of ATCO Wood Products Ltd and her husband, Scott Weatherford, became the CEO of the company. In 2010, the Weatherfords purchased the Nelson and Ft. Sheppard Railway Company.

ATCO Wood Products specializes in producing high-quality softwood veneer and other wood products, as well as sustainably managing much of the region's forests. The Nelson and Ft Sheppard Railway Company operates a local shortline railroad and freight transloading facility.

Under her tenure as President, both companies have continued a long history of success including being named the 2017 BC Exporter of the Year and 2018 Canadian Family Business of the Year.

HLCol Weatherford has been an active volunteer in many roles with Girl Guides of Canada over the last 12 years. She is an active supporter of many other non-profit organizations and events, including the Take A Hike foundation, Kootenay Boundary Regional Hospital Health Foundation and the Annual Fruitvale Community Train Rides.

HLCol Weatherford lives in Fruitvale, with her husband, two children and three dogs.