



## Chieftain of the Day 2004

# ROBERT TAYLOR



Mr. Taylor is a native Scotsman who was born close to the "Bonnie Banks of Loch Lomond" in a place called Renton. Highland tradition has been in Rob's family for generations with many of his family serving in various Scottish

regiments as well as world champion dancers within the ranks of his cousins.

Part of growing up was attending the annual games at Luss, Balloch and Cowal along with the usual Scottish summer festivities (fishing, dodging rain drops, day trips to Ayr, Largs and Glasgow again to dodge rain drops and work on that pale blue complexion). He went to high school in Dumbarton and after graduating high school he joined the British Military (much like many of his family) where he started his career in aviation.

During his time in the military he took up the pipes and learned to play, touring with his regiment on many occasions. He still has his chanter and pulls it out now and again.

Upon coming to Canada he worked with various helicopter companies before joining Canadian Airlines International at its Calgary overhaul facility. From there he worked with Pratt and Whitney Canada, Turbowest and Abitibi Helicopters and CAE Aviation before coming to WestJet.

Mr. Taylor joined WestJet in 1997 and became the first dedicated engine planner in 1998. From there, he has grown with the company and is now the Director of Technical Services and Purchasing within the maintenance department. He is responsible for the Rotable control group which includes; Line Replaceable components, engines, Auxiliary Power Units and landing gear; Aircraft material management, which includes stores along with shipping and receiving; Warranty control; Technical publication; Purchasing which includes the Commercial and Technical aspects and aircraft disposals.

Rob's hobbies include Soccer (Fitba'), golf, squash, rugby, reading and travel.

He has over 20 years of aviation experience and is married with 2 children.

