

Craig Walkington was a long-time resident of Nova Scotia and lived in Halifax for over 30 years before moving to Labrador City in 2021.

Craig has a long history of service with the Royal Canadian Navy, having joined the Naval Reserve in Saint John, NB in 1977. Throughout his career he held a number of key leadership and headquarters appointments. He represented Canada at many international military policy and procedures development fora, and he created and chaired one such group for the Pacific and Indian Oceans.

From 2002 to 2005 he was Commanding Officer of HMCS SCOTIAN, one of Canada's Naval Reserve Divisions that is located in Halifax. Most notably during his military career, he was the Canadian Naval Centennial Coordinator for Maritime Forces Atlantic from 2008 to 2011, during which time he planned, coordinated, and executed many commemorative and celebratory events highlighted by the June 2010 International Fleet Review presided over by Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Craig was the RCN's lead planner for the Royal Tour in 2010 and was part of the Province of Nova Scotia's Royal Tour Planning Committee. For his efforts he was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal by the Governor General of Canada. Additionally, Craig was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal in recognition of his service to the Crown.

After a 38-year, Craig retired from the Royal Canadian Navy in August 2015, having attained the rank of Captain(Navy) in 2003. From November 2015 to September 2021 Craig served as the Communications Advisor to the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia. In this capacity, he was responsible for all communications, including social media, speech writing and media contact for the Sovereign's representative in Nova Scotia. He was also the Deputy Private Secretary to the Lieutenant Governor, where he managed a number of awards and projects. Craig retired from his position at Government House and was awarded the Government House Gold Medal in recognition of his service to the Crown in Nova Scotia.

Craig was an active community volunteer in a number of organizations in Halifax. He was Chair of the Halifax Community Investment Fund Society, Secretary/Treasurer of the Nova Scotia International Tattoo Foundation Board, and from 2014 to 2018 he was the Chair of the Halifax Explosion 100th Anniversary Special Advisory Committee. In October 2008 he was awarded the Province of Nova Scotia Democracy 250 Medallion for his community volunteerism. Craig holds bachelor degrees from the University of New Brunswick in Arts (History) and Business Administration (Marketing). He is a graduate of the National Security Programme (NSP 4) of the Canadian Forces College.