

# New commander likes a challenge

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Halton Hills has a new district police commander who is looking forward to the challenges of his new position.

Richard Kivell became Halton Regional Police's new District Commander for District 1 on Jan. 1 and said he looks forward to going to work every morning because there is always a new challenge.

"I don't have problems; I have challenges," Inspector Kivell said. He added that a lot of life's

Thursday. He added that was 20 years ago and doesn't happen anymore.

The Burlington town police became the Burlington City Police and then became part of the Halton Regional Police Force.

While the organization was changing so was Inspector Kivell. During his 20 year career he has been a sergeant of the youth bureau, worked in the crime prevention and identification units, was a staff sergeant in community relations and has also headed a

platoon from October of 1986 to February of 1988. "Moving around gives you more of a well-rounded view of the job," he said.

Inspector Kivell is a big believer in a positive attitude and he said when people ask him how he is, he responds with great or fantastic.

Participation also plays a major role in the way he works. He does not want to spend a lot of time behind his desk. He wants to bring the community's perception of crime and his own perception of crime together. Inspector Kivell said. He hopes to accomplish this through the use of the open house concept. The open house will bring people into his office until the community room is fully constructed, he said.

He wants to get the community involved and said, "You can not police from inside a police car with the windows rolled up." He believes in getting other people involved at all levels within the community and force. During his time spent running an Information Services Bureau he was only one of six non-civilians in the unit which had over 70 people working in it.

"Through participation you heighten opportunity for a successful conclusion," he said.

Police revolver competitions is one of the hobbies Inspector Kivell enjoys participating in. He is a member of a revolver club within the force that meets weekly in Niagara Falls.

Inspector Kivell said he likes baseball and, in fact, his family is very much into the game. "I like baseball, but my wife (Karen) loves baseball." His two sons, Shawn, 18, and Jefferson, 16, are also heavily involved in baseball.

"They're goal directed which is something they get from their father's side," Inspector Kivell said.

Not everything he does is competitive. "I prefer just to compete with myself," he said, talking about his daily run.

Inspector Kivell is also a member of a police choir that does 25 to 30 engagements a year. They mostly cater to seniors, he said. Inspector Kivell said if they can get enough choir members together they will do an engagement which is always free.



Inspector Richard Kivell has recently taken over the Halton Regional Police's District One command. As you can tell by his shoes, when the Commander isn't commanding, he's ready to run and plan. (Herald photo)

# CVCA will allow

## Pomeroy's new addition

Halton Regional Chairman Peter Pomeroy won the approval of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority and can now add a balcony to his Norval home.

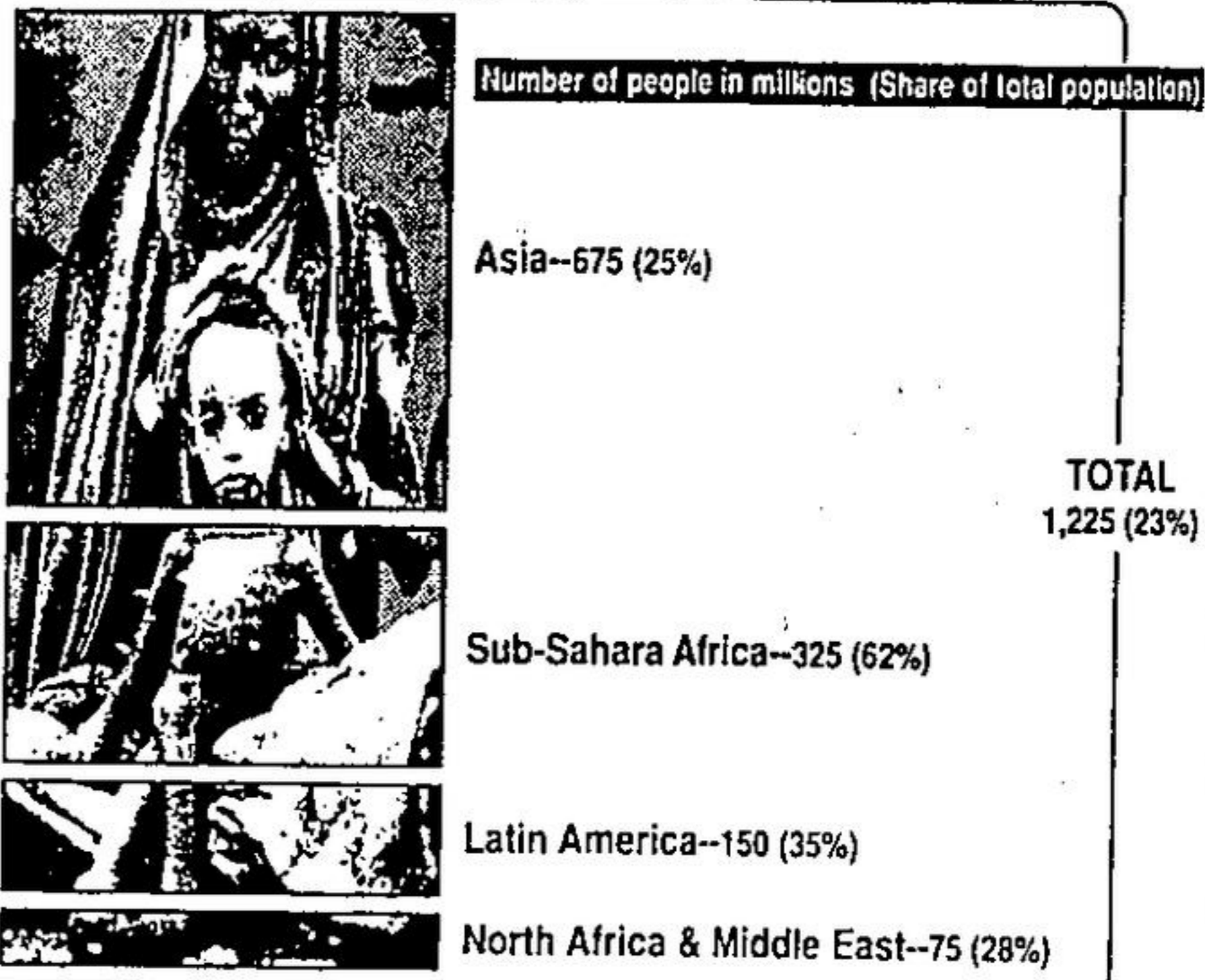
Mr. Pomeroy appeared at a Dec. 8 meeting of the CVCA, asking for an amendment to the protection act that won't allow additions to his Adamson Street property.

The CVCA first advised rejecting Mr. Pomeroy's application to build

a 108-square foot balcony because they felt it could not be protected from flooding. Mr. Pomeroy's property is located on a Credit River bank.

But after hearing the Norval resident speak, and agree to a study of storm conditions on the property, the CVCA turned around the staff level decision and voted to give Mr. Pomeroy his balcony.

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"challenges" can be solved by thinking and planning. He does this during what he calls quiet time. Inspector Kivell's quiet time comes during his daily run and gives him the opportunity he needs to think and plan.

Inspector Kivell will not be changing the force's operations too much. The major change will be an open house on the fourth Tuesday of every month, starting this month on Jan. 23, at 11 Division on Guelph Street. "I happen to be very proud of this force." He said he particularly likes the way the police treat the people with a high degree of fairness in the Halton Hills community.

The police must recognize their most important resource is the people because nothing can be accomplished without their help, Inspector Kivell said.

Inspector Kivell started his career when he was 18 but noted, "I had visions of becoming an accountant" in high school. He applied for the Burlington town police because two of his friends has joined the O.P.P. and were enjoying the work. He applied for a job on a Tuesday and was accepted on the

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