

Linda Denny selected to head Corporation's diagnostic imaging

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LINDA DENNY

Longtime Acton resident Linda Denny has been selected as the director of diagnostic imaging for the Northwest Hospital Corporation.

The actual merger of Etobicoke, Peel Memorial and Georgetown District Memorial Hospitals, resulting from the recommendations of the province's Health Restructuring Committee, took place in the spring. Denny was chosen for her post shortly after the new corporation was created.

The three hospitals had "very different cultures," she says, and the challenge is to bring those together in the best way.

"The greatest opportunity is seeing what works best in all three hospitals," Denny says. "Looking at our processes, seeing what we do, how we do it and why, that's what it's all about. I'm really working at getting people involved in making the change work."

An Acton resident since

her youth, Denny took her x-ray training at the Michener Institute in Toronto. First she worked at Humber Memorial Hospital, then moved to Peel Memorial in Brampton.

Around 1980 she did her ultra-sound training, again through the Michener Institute, but had to write an American exam because there was no Canadian certi-

there was no Canadian certification for practitioners.

The mother of two grown sons, Denny squeezed in courses toward her Bachelor of Health Administration degree between work, family

and career training. She finished her exams this spring, graduating just in time to have the paper qualifications to match her practical experience when she applied for her director's post.

Although she had been the director of imaging at Peel for some years, she had to apply for her position in the new Northwest Hospital Corporation.

A senior administrative team was put together first and they determined what positions were needed to operate the new corporation, Denny explained. They posted the jobs internally, then interviewed applicants in mid May.

Denny said staff was pleased to find only a handful of jobs were posted externally.

"It was gratifying to find (the senior management team) recognized all the

work we did within the three campuses," she says. "You always try to do your best but you don't know how well you're succeeding. They looked at the calibre of staff they had internally and felt they had strong leadership and people within the organization so they only had to post the positions within the three hospitals."

Denny and a candidate from Etobicoke were equally qualified for the directorship so she was "relieved, surprised and very happy" when she received the call saying she had been selected.

It's 10 years since Denny was actually on the floor working with patients. Her

job now is working with her staff to create the most efficient system possible for her department. While she did not know either Georgetown or Etobicoke prior to amalgamation, both hospitals have very good staffs. She works with the head of radiology to identify needs within the three hospitals and presents these needs to the senior team.

It is her job, with advice from her staff of 140, to decide on what new staff, new technology, new equipment and/or additional training is needed to ensure the hospitals can live up to their part of the hospital's mission statement.

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Two of the motorcycles will be assigned to the Pub-

lic Safety Unit at Headquarters while the other three will be available to other Halton stations.

Grid-lock and the amount of traffic volume in Halton Region often makes it difficult for police to get to situations where they need to clear traffic or respond to emergencies in a police car. A motorcycle, on the other hand, is more versatile at getting to difficult places.

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