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A diminished social life is one of the most difficult aspects of age related hearing loss. Many people avoid drawing attention to their hearing loss by having fewer social contracts when it becomes difficult understanding what is being said. The result is an altered and lonely existence that family and friends may mistake for dementia.

Learning new strategies to cope with hearing loss could go a long way to restoring confidence and improving communication. The Hearing Clinic recommends the following: Inform people of the hearing loss so they may modify their speech; eliminate background noise; watch the speaker carefully and sharpen natural lip-reading abilities; ask the speaker to repeat what was said if necessary, and above all else; have your hearing thoroughly tested and properly fit with one of today's modern hearing instruments. Contact The Hearing Clinic if you or someone you know needs assistance.

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Fletcher named new deputy chief for Halton Police

Halton Regional Police has filled its vacancy for deputy chief.

Insp. Andrew Fletcher, a 23-year veteran of the Halton force, was named deputy chief of operations, effective Jan. 1.



ANDREW FLETCHER

His promotion fills the vacancy created following the promotion of Gary Crowell to Halton's chief last May.

Fletcher, who's 41, said he's proud to accept the new and challenging position.

"I look forward to adding my skills to the already strong senior management team in providing the citizens of Halton and the members of the Halton Regional Police Service with the high quality service that they have come to expect and deserve," he said.

A Burlington resident since joining the force in 1984, Fletcher will be in charge of front-line operations.

Mike Kingston is the deputy chief in charge of administrative responsibilities.

Crowell said he's pleased with Fletcher's selection and looks forward to working with the incoming deputy chief as the police service continues to provide effective and efficient community-based policing services.

The Halton Regional Police Services Board chair said an internal/external search was made and board members were impressed with the skills, experience and commitment of all the candidates.

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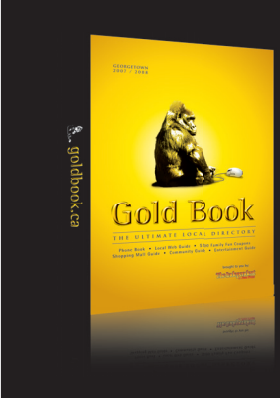
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