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New Halton police chief is officially sworn in



Gary Crowell is officially sworn in as Halton's new police chief.

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By Howard Mozel
SPECIAL TO THE CHAMPION

The swearing-in of a new police chief is so full of formal pomp and ceremony it might be easy to lose sight of the person behind the badge.

At Monday's transfer of command of Halton Regional Police to Chief Gary Crowell, however, the human element was as obvious as all the gold braids, bagpipes and military precision.

A case in point involved the presentation of the Chief's Badge by Crowell's son Mark, a detective constable with Waterloo Regional Police — a reciprocal gesture, since Mark received his badge from his father when he was sworn in as a police officer five years ago.

"It was very emotional," said Crowell after the ceremony concluded.

The human factor also got its due when guest speakers like Regional Chair Joyce Savoline stressed not only Crowell's track record of leadership, but also his many other qualities — from his decisiveness to political acumen — that will serve him well in his new role.

"It's such a special day today," said Savoline, who made a point of mentioning Crowell's "special love" for his community.

The ceremony, held in the Halton Regional Council Chambers, was attended by police officers from a spec-

trum of jurisdictions (OPP, RCMP, Peel), area politicians, past and present Halton Regional Police Services Board members plus Crowell's family, close friends and more.

Even former Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding was on hand. (Later, at Crowell's request, Harding was surprised by the singing of Happy Birthday, led by the Halton Regional Police Chorus.)

Front and centre, of course, was recently-retired Chief Ean Algar, who offered Crowell some advice, but also praised his successor as a "friend and confidant" and a man of "strong moral character."

"I know you'll continue to make the service proud," said Algar.

The event began with the entry of the day's VIPs led by Pipe Major Allan Eaton, the presentation of the Service Colours and a rendition of O Canada sung by Const. Geraldine DeFoe.

Then Halton Regional Police Services Board Chair Kenneth

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Catholic trustees say no to regional campus

By Howard Mozel
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Dissension was never so silent Tuesday as the Halton Catholic District School Board (HCDSB) voted to effectively quash its participation in the proposed joint Halton Regional Campus.

In a meeting that was at times confusing and frustrating — not to mention a little surreal — most trustees on both sides of the issue were neither passionate nor particularly vocal

about their respective stands.

In fact, the evening was mired more in procedural wrangling than by trustees clearly articulating positions, something that was especially true of those opposed to the plan.

For example, Burlington Trustee Bob Van de Vrande — who has long been opposed, but always only vaguely outlined his reasons why — presented two motions, the first of which was to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) hammered out between all four partners in the project. (This

isn't a binding agreement, but an expression of the participants' intent to proceed with the Halton Regional Campus.)

When it came time to call the question, however, Van de Vrande voted against his own motion, as did trustees Rev. David Wilhelm (Milton), Joanne Matters (Burlington) and Irene McCauley (Halton Hills). Trustees who voted in favour were the three Oakville trustees, Alice Anne LeMay, Ed Viana and David Goch, and Chair Al Bailey (Burlington).

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