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Chief Harding bids farewell as 370 laud his leadership

By **BELINDA SUTTON**
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JIM HARDING was showered with gifts at a retirement party and praised as an outstanding, progressive police leader — one of Ontario's finest.

Mr. Harding, 59, was honoured last Friday for his 14 years as chief of the Halton Regional Police Service.

"Jim, through your efforts you have moved policing forward into a new era," said Barry Quinn, a Burlington regional councillor and chair of the board overseeing Halton police.

"You have exercised a leadership which we have come to respect and admire."

About 370 police employees, politicians, judges, lawyers and other community members turned out for the \$35-a-plate dinner at Le Dome Banquet Hall in Oakville.

Mr. Harding, a Burlington resident, retired from a 38-year police career December 31. He has since begun a new job as head of investigative services for the province's Special Investigations Unit, which probes shootings by police.

At his retirement party, 17 former colleagues, friends and other officials took the podium to speak about Mr. Harding's progressive leadership style and innovative contributions to the field of policing.

"In almost 30 years of law and justice practice, I've known a great many fine and devoted police officers of all ranks," said Clare Lewis, the province's former police complaints commissioner, who will soon head up the new Ontario



Former Halton Regional Police Chief James Harding was presented with a ceremonial sword with all of the coats of arms of Halton municipalities engraved on the blade. The presentation was made by Constable Donna Whittaker, who recently became an officer in Halton.

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"None have exceeded Jim Harding as an example of the best that policing has to offer."

Mr. Harding was a member of a provincial task force on race relations and policing which was chaired by Mr. Lewis in 1988, and reconvened in 1992.

Hamilton-Wentworth police Chief Bob Middaugh, a former deputy chief of Halton police, also praised Mr. Harding.

"I'm really honoured this evening to be one of the people who gets to say something about my (former) boss, who I think is a truly great leader in any field and one of the greatest police leaders in the world."

Oakville-Milton MP Bonnie Brown told Mr. Harding, "You brought us not just a vision of better policing, but a vision of a better community."

"You reached out and you engaged leaders, individuals and groups in the community to come together to attack problems... like

violence against women and racism."

Amid the praise, Mr. Harding was jokingly razzed about stern talks he sometimes gave his officers. Mr. Harding's nickname, based on the initials of his full name William I for James Harding (WIJH), is "the widge" and officers receiving lectures from the former chief were said to be "widge-ized."

"To be widge-ized means going through a discussion process with the chief, usually a one-way process," Chief Middaugh joked as the crowd burst into laughter.

The conversation usually went from a soft and gentle tone to a sometimes louder noise "that left the other person in this process more than a little apprehensive," Chief Middaugh said.

"But one thing was clear, they knew exactly how the chief felt."

Staff Superintendent Ean Algar teased Mr. Harding about a tree the chief used to admire outside his office window at the former Halton

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Turf Tips



SPRING LAWN CARE

Early spring lawns can appear straw-coloured and dead. If the grass seems very dense and matted, you can help by giving the lawn a good, vigorous raking. Remove the piles of material and add them to your compost pile. This raking opens up the turf to allow light, water and fertilizer penetration. It stimulates the grass plant and makes the lawn look much better.

If your lawn is very sparse and you have had serious problems with crabgrass in previous years, you may wish to apply a crabgrass control. This material must be applied very early in the spring because it stops the crabgrass roots as they begin to grow. After a crabgrass control has been applied, the soil surface should not be disturbed in any way. Raking or digging will destroy the effectiveness of the crabgrass control material.

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