

## New detachment commander coming to Caledon OPP

There will soon be a new man at the helm of Caledon OPP.

Chief Superintendent Rose Di Marco, regional commander of the OPP Central Region (herself a former detachment commander in Caledon) and the Town of Caledon have announced that Inspector Ryan Carothers will become the new head of the local police. Inspector Tim Melanson will retire from OPP later this month. His leadership and dedication to public safety over his career was apparent to everyone he worked with and served. Melanson has been an asset to the organization for 30 years and to Caledon detachment for the last three years of his career.

Carothers has been policing in Ontario for the past 27 years, having started his career in the Milton detachment in 1990. He was the Sergeant Team Leader for one of the most successful Traffic Enforcement Teams in the history of OPP, the Highway Rangers. Throughout his career, Carothers has worked closely with both the Deputy Minister and Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services.

In 2009, he was promoted to Inspector and transferred to the Highway Safety Division as the Director of Support.

Carothers is looking forward to this move.

"I am extremely fortunate and very thrilled to take over command as the detachment commander for Caledon OPP," he said.

"I am proud to extend my congratulations to Inspector Carothers on his new position as detachment commander of Caledon OPP," Mayor Allan Thompson remarked. "Caledon will benefit from his sound experience in policing and his dedication to keeping our community safe."

"I would like to congratulate and welcome Inspector Carothers as our new detachment commander," Peel Police Services Board Chair Amrik Ahluwalia said. "The Town of Caledon will be well served."

The Regional Command Staff of the OPP Central Region has extended thanks to Thompson and Ahluwalia for their assistance in this process.

