

Local voters follow provincial trend

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 evenly split 49.8 per cent in favor, 49.5 per cent opposed to the deal.
 The slight Yes-side lead was sparked by the Greater Metro Toronto Area's support for the accord. Throughout the area surrounding Toronto polls had the Yes side slightly in front.
 In Halton Region, the Milton-Oakville riding more than 72,000 cast their ballots with 59.4 per cent in favor of the accord and 40.0 per cent opposed. In Burlington, more than 51,500 ballots netted the Yes side 56.5 per cent of the vote while 42.9 per cent came down on the No side.

"I think it indicates that there's a

Councillors want closer look at MVA

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 "The genie is out of the bottle. Now, we have to find out how to put it back," Bird said. He also warned that any gains achieved by Burlington through implementation of the new tax system will be "short-lived."

While there'll be a tax shift of \$4 million from Burlington to Oakville if the system goes ahead next year, Bird predicted Burlington won't fare as well when MVA is based on 1992 market values in four years' time.

If the new system is adopted for the 1993 taxation year, it will be based on 1988 market values. That has aroused the concern and ire of Bonnette and other Halton Hills' councillors who argue that the 1988 assessment figures are inflated, particularly with respect to Halton Hills where there was little residential growth four years ago.

Bonnette said 68 per cent of all industries in Halton Hills will see a tax increase if MVA is implemented. In addition, 86 per cent of all Acton homeowners will face a moderate tax increase under the new system.

Bonnette said he favors deferral of MVA for "another year or two" until its consequences have been more thoroughly investigated. "At least, then, taxpayers will be mentally prepared (for a change)," he reasoned.

lot of dissatisfaction with the fact that the vote was even called," said a member of the public watching the poll results.

"The no side really reflects that. I read parts of it and I don't fully understand it myself. I think a lot of people that voted don't fully understand it," he added.

Another man reflected that "I thought the yes might have been a little higher."

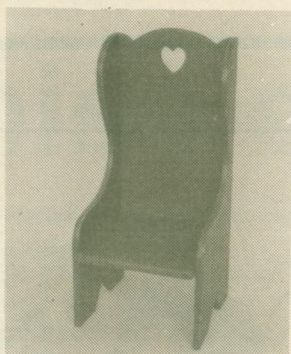
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Yes: 33,650 57.3%
No: 24,781 42.2%
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