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The recent Acton Cancer Society Fall Fashion Show at the Acton Legion was a great success. All proceeds went to the local branch to pay for programs and patient services. Here, Megan Burke and Taryn Donoghue show off some of the fashions supplied by Elizabeth's Fashions and Victoria Lane. (Jim Warrington photo)

Acton ready for Yes-No vote

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

By tonight (Wednesday) each and every home in Acton should have been enumerated for the Monday, Oct. 26 referendum on the Constitution. On that date eligible voters will be asked to vote Yes or No to the question, "Do you agree that the Constitution of Canada should be renewed on the basis of the agreement reached on Aug. 28, 1992."

Enumerators began knocking on doors in Halton Peel Friday morning, making a list of each and every eligible voter in the riding.

Don McMillan, Halton Peel returning officer, said 26 enumerators were hired in Acton. "Their names were submitted by the Liberal and Conservative parties to us. It's a funny thing — some of the

names were on both lists," McMillan laughed in a interview Friday. "They work by polls, going to each home and listing all citizens over the age of 18."

Enumerators are paid 62 cents for the first 200 names they get and 93 cents for any over 200. They are also paid for their training time and for mileage."

The budget in Halton Peel for this enumeration is about \$70,000.

The names gathered by the enumerators are then turned into voter's lists and for this referendum it will be done by computer for the first time.

Anyone who has not been enumerated can call the return office at 873-6855. McMillan said there will be a revision period starting tomorrow.

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Higher Regional taxes for Acton

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

A majority of Acton residents and businesses will face tax hikes because of new Regional property tax system approved by Halton Council.

Town treasurer Ray King said it is too soon to know what the impact will be because he has not been given any figures by Regional finance officials. King said the treasurers of Halton's four municipalities will be meeting within weeks to learn details of the new tax scheme.

With market value assessment

(MVA) regional property taxes will be assessed based 1988 market values. The plan will be phased in over four years and updated that often as well.

Of the total tax bill the average citizen in Halton pays each year, about 15 to 18 per cent is for Regional purposes, and that is the amount that will be affected by the shift to the new tax system. In all, 86 per cent of Acton residents and businesses will pay higher taxes.

One of them is Olev Richling of Peel Street, who complains his taxes

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