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Town wants MVA debate re-opened

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

At today's (Wednesday) Halton council meeting Acton and Georgetown politicians will try to have the controversial market value assessment (MVA) issue re-opened until the financial implications of the move are known.

Regional Council approved the new property tax system in a close vote last month. Halton Chairman Peter Pomeroy had to cast the deciding vote when council was deadlocked 12-12. Halton Hills and Oakville politicians voted against the tax, while those in Burlington and Milton voted for it.

With a region-wide market value assessment system, homes with equal value will be taxed at the same rate, regardless of where in Halton they are located. In Acton, 86 per cent of homeowners will pay, on average, about \$151 more each year. Sixty eight per cent of industrial tax payers would pay

more and 80 per cent of commercial tax payers would see a decrease.

In a unanimous recorded vote last Tuesday, Halton Hills Council voted to ask Halton Region to reconsider its approval of MVA.

A letter from the Town appears in the correspondence on today's Regional Council agenda but there is no guarantee it will be looked at again. The letter, outlining the Town's resolution, could be received for information, meaning no action would be taken or it could be received for a report or action.

To re-open the vote, a councillor who voted for MVA would have to request that it be brought back for more debate and that reconsideration motion would require support from two-thirds of Regional Council.

Acton Councillor Rick Bonnette thinks there is a chance that may

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Churchill Road Fire Station opens

BY FRANCES NIBLOCK

There was pomp, pageantry and row on row of polished brass buttons at the official opening of the new \$1 million Churchill Road Fire Station on Saturday.

The equipment bay of the new facility was jammed to capacity with proud fire fighters, their friends and families, elected officials and curious citizens. The Acton Citizen Band entertained the standing-room-only crowd as the Acton Legion Branch 197 marched in the Colours and members of the Area 1

brigade.

In his greetings, Mayor Russ Miller told the crowd that the town is fortunate to have the impressive new facility.

"This community will be well-served by the volunteer fire fighters working out of this new building. It's been a long time coming. We were very fortunate to get this excellent location and today we are all very proud."

The 109-year history of fire fighting in Acton was recounted by

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RIGHT THIS WAY: Piper Valerie Cunningham led the procession of curlers into the Acton Curling Club to officially kick off the season at the Omm Pah Pah Bonspiel on Saturday. (Mike Albano photo)

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