

Voters like accord here

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quarters on Lakeshore Road.

"We're not at all ashamed of a 60/40 split in view of what the rest of the country is showing," said Yes Committee co-chair Judy Alexander.

"We'd estimated an 80 per cent turnout and a 90 per cent 'Yes' vote. We got half of what we wanted. We got a 60 per cent 'Yes', not a bad showing locally," she said.

"We're really pleased with the good turnout, it's a source of a lot of satisfaction," said Ms Alexander. "People got involved, they learned a lot, it bodes well for the political process. It means good things for the political process in the future."

Ms Alexander said the Accord was by its nature a compromise and there were dozens of reasons to vote 'no'. "We believed none was significant to the compromise the Accord represented," she said.

"I think the numbers of possible objections undermined the 'Yes' vote," Ms Alexander said.

"All we could do was campaign so that Oakville-Milton would get the best 'Yes' vote it could and bring Ontario numbers up," she said.

The first of 270 Oakville-Milton polls reported results from seniors' centres on Referendum night and they showed a strong 'Yes' vote.

Milton bucks trend

After the first 10 polls had reported the 'Yes' vote was 1,182 to 857 'No's.

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That trend continued throughout the evening with the final tally at 42,883 Yes and 28,901 No.

"We've been running consistently 60 per cent 'Yes', 40 per cent 'No'," said Mr. Lewis.

Trends around the riding from poll results listed showed Yes vote wins in southeast and southwest Oakville with rarely a No poll reported.

The northerly Glen Abbey, River Oaks and Iroquois Ridge communities also showed strong Yes results with again, the odd poll going No.

Local seniors centre polls reported large Yes votes while the central Oakville core showed polls with a heavier No influence, however predominantly Yes.

All advanced polls and the returning office poll tallied strong Yes votes.

In Milton however the split was more pronounced with the northern part of the Oakville-Milton riding showing some definite No preferences. Of 43 Milton polls, at least 14 reported No votes and three reported tie votes.

Of the 217 Oakville polls approximately 16 voted No while numerous others reported some very close votes.

Jelinek says 'no' vote will spark separatists

By DIANE HART
Special to The Champion

Fires of separatism in Quebec are going to be set as a result of the failure of the Constitutional Accord, according to Federal Revenue Minister Otto Jelinek.

"They will be set by the separatists. You've just heard that from Lucien Bouchard 20 minutes ago," said Mr. Jelinek.

The visibly disappointed Oakville-Milton MP spoke at the local headquarters in Oakville as votes rolled in pointing to the failure of the Accord.

"I'm surprised and disappointed and disheartened," said Mr. Jelinek in a later interview, calling the Accord a definite improvement over the status quo.

"It was a dramatic improvement lost in favour of perfection," said Mr. Jelinek, later saying that everyone else was getting more in the deal.

"Everyone said 'Not enough'. Western Canada

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