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Morton the Yes man at referendum debate

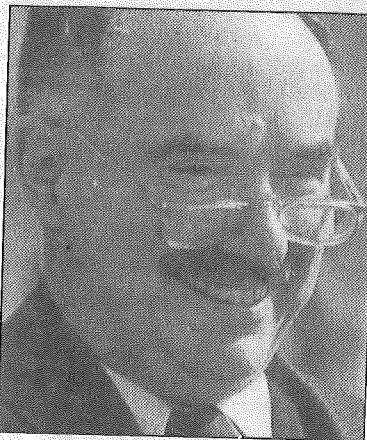
The Peel Multicultural Council (PMC) is holding an information session for its members and the public Tuesday night on the Charlottetown constitutional accord.

Dr. Desmond Morton, a noted Canadian historian, author, and media commentator on the constitution will be representing the Yes forces in the debate. A representative of the No side has not yet been confirmed.

At its most recent meeting, PMC's board of directors passed a resolution supporting the accord, despite the concerns of some members that the protection of minorities might be weakened under the pact.

Board member Satwinder Gosal says there was concern expressed that the Canada Clause doesn't recognize the Charter of Rights as a fundamental tenet of citizens' rights. But during debate, a consensus emerged that other provisions in the document will provide protection for minorities.

The Charlottetown package satisfies earlier concerns expressed by PMC in briefs it submitted. Gosal said the equal and effective Senate, the right of self-government for abo-



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original peoples, and the distinct society clause for Quebec all improve the Meech Lake deal, which was rejected two years ago.