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Ontarians support home RRSP extension program Ontario Realtors' study shows

An overwhelming majority of Ontarians support an extension to the RRSP Home Buyers Plan, according to research sponsored by Ontario Realtors.

In a survey conducted by Opinion Search Inc., 89 per cent of Ontarians said they want the federal government to extend the plan that allows home buyers to borrow from their RRSPs towards the purchase of a home. Under the plan, individuals may borrow up to \$20,000 from their RRSP for home purchase. Introduced in 1992, the program is slated to end in February, 1994.

"It is quite encouraging that people across Ontario support the goals of this plan," said Jamie Edwards, President of the Ontario Real Estate Association. "With a shaky recovery under way, now is not the time to let the RRSP program expire. In fact, we need more programs to help people buy a home. We urge whichever party forms the next government to extend the plan," Edwards added.

Ontario Realtors just launched their own effort to stimulate home buying: a job loss mortgage insurance plan called "Always Home". The comprehensive protection package is aimed at boosting consumer confidence by providing home buyers with insurance that will cover their mortgage

payments for a full 12 months in the event of involuntary job loss or layoffs.

"This is the best time in over 20 years to buy a home. With low interest rates, low house prices, and the five-per-cent down payment option, the housing market is finally beginning to pick up," Edwards said.

The survey shows that all segments of the population are in favor of the proposal however, there is even more support in low to moderate income households.

The survey was sponsored by the Ontario Real Estate Association. The Association represents 40,000 real estate brokers and salespeople who are members of Ontario's 48 real estate boards.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
The Regional Municipality of Halton Department of Public Works is interested in establishing a **Public Liaison Committee** for the Class Environment Assessment **DECEMBER 1, 1993**

As part of the Public Consultation program for the Class Environmental Assessment for Additional Water Supply for the Georgetown Urban Area, the Region of Halton is forming a Public Liaison Committee. This Public Liaison Committee will provide an opportunity for public participation and information exchange with the Technical Agencies Committee on this proposed project.

In order to achieve representation from across the community, membership of the Public Liaison Committee will be selected by the Regional staff and should include representatives from community and environmental groups, business persons and citizens-at-large. The Public Liaison Committee will meet at least six times in the evenings over the course of the project. If you are a Georgetown resident and interested in serving on this Public Liaison committee, please submit a letter outlining your interest to the address noted below by **November 24, 1993**. Only applicants who submit a written letter will be considered for this committee. All candidates for the Public Liaison Committee will be contacted by November 26 by Regional staff.

If you are interested in learning more about this project, you are invited to attend the first meeting of the Public Liaison Committee on **December 1, 1993 at 7 p.m.** in the Town of Halton Hills Civic Centre Committee Room. Observers are welcome.

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