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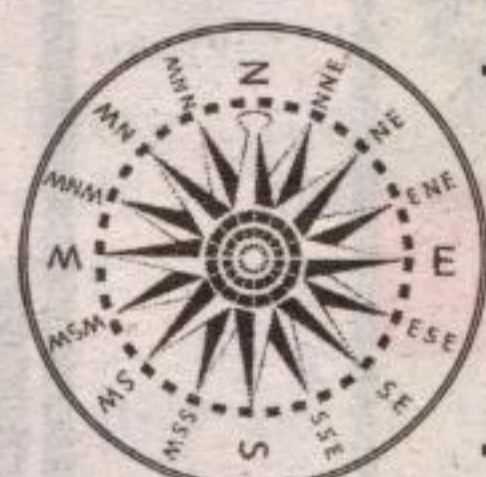
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Lack of Affordable Housing a concern in Halton

Results of Ipsos-Reid survey are in

SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

Seventy nine percent of residents in Halton Region feel that housing costs are high and believe this poses an ongoing challenge for residents of the Region. Further to this, almost one of every three Halton residents are concerned there will not be enough of a variety of available and affordable housing in Halton within the next 10 years, according to an Ipsos-Reid survey on public attitudes and perceptions about housing in Halton Region.

Ipsos-Reid, a nationally recognized public opinion research firm was engaged by Halton Region to conduct a survey on housing attitudes and experiences as part of the research

being undertaken to develop a comprehensive housing strategy for Halton. Seven hundred and fifty randomly selected telephone surveys and four two-hour focus group discussions were conducted across the Region on a number of key themes including housing issues, housing experience, renting versus owning, special needs and attitudes and opinions.

The research found that awareness of affordable housing issues was low. However, when residents were probed about the challenges faced by people in Halton, affordability and the high costs of housing became a predominant theme. Residents cited an insufficient vari-

"THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IS A SIGNIFICANT ISSUE FOR HALTON REGION"

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Proposed replacement for the Market Revenue Insurance program

A COMMENTARY BY HARRY BRANDER, ONTARIO FEDERATION OF AGRICULTURE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Having seen their sector devastated by recent falling commodity prices, leaders of Ontario's grains and oilseeds sector have developed a new risk management program to protect producers from future market collapses. Now they want producers to see their proposal and decide if it will work for them.

It's being presented at a series of six information meetings across the province as a replacement for the Market Revenue Insurance program that has expired. Developers of the new Risk Management Program believe their proposal provides a reasonable alternative to the shortfalls contained in the Canadian Agricultural Income Stabilization - CAIS - program.

Peter Tuinema, chair of the sector's safety net committee, and Brian Doidge, general manager of the Ontario Corn Producers' Association, presented details of the proposal to the June meeting of the Ontario Federation of Agriculture. Mr. Doidge said there is reluctance on the part of governments to show support for the proposal.

OFA's President Ron Bonnett said it is now time for Ontario farmers to make their case to governments. Grains and oilseeds leaders have decided what will best serve their needs, and our politicians need to do a better job of understanding these issues - rather than quickly dismissing the proposals.

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Doris Treleaven's sculptures on display at CN Tower

SUBMITTED PHOTO

Award winning artist Doris Treleaven of Limehouse is in the news again. The sculptor was recently commissioned to create four permanent sculptures at the base of the world's tallest freestanding structure, the CN Tower. The obelisk style sculptures are dressed in metal vines and leaves with stainless steel butterflies and dragonflies, and topped with a natural rock to represent nature and growth. These sculptures commemorate the four winning entries in the Schools in Bloom competition for green schoolyards. The planters with the sculptures have special plaques on them with the names of the award winning schools. Each winning school has replicas of the sculptures and awards in place in their own school gardens. Doris's studio, Metalscape is set in the countryside of Limehouse and visits are always welcomed. To contact Doris, call 519-853-9743.

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