



## A 'wheely' fun time

Ken and Fran Gill of Springport, Michigan tour some of the vintage Massey-Harris tractors from the comfort of their own mini tractor and trailer during the North American Massey Expo — the largest of its kind in either Canada or the United States — held at Country Heritage Park June 27 to 30.

Photo by GRAHAM PAINE

## Ministry to put \$200G toward biotech strategy to develop outlining corridor

The Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation has announced that it has approved funding in the amount of up to \$200,000 through the Biotechnology Cluster Innovation Program to develop the Regional BioSciences Innovation Plan for Hamilton and the Regions of Halton and Niagara.

The proposal for funding was submitted by the Golden Horseshoe Bio-Innovation Consortium, a partnership of the business and science communities in the City of Hamilton and the regions of Halton and Niagara, McMaster University and its

affiliated hospitals and research institutes, Brock University, Mohawk College, Sheridan Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning, and Niagara College.

The funding, matched by the consortium, will enable the development of a regional biosciences strategy and innovation plan for Hamilton, Halton and Niagara regions.

"Supporting the growth of biotechnology in Halton is important to our continued economic prosperity and diversity," said Joyce Savoline, chair of Halton regional council.

"By participating in this initiative, we hope the benefits of partnering with educational institutions, businesses and neighbouring municipalities will contribute to the development of a biotechnology strategy in Ontario," said John Ayling, Halton's director of business development.

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