

Region may take part in revised affordable housing program

Making Province aware of interest in getting involved

The Region is letting the Province know it's conditionally interested in participating in the newly-revised Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.

Halton council approved the move at a recent meeting, and directed staff to report back on the details of the program once they're announced.

To date, the Region has been allocated \$10.1 million under the program to be used to build 120 new units of affordable housing and provide rent subsidies for 90 units.

"Regional council applauds the Province for addressing the issue of affordable housing in Halton," said Regional Chairman Joyce Savoline.

"We believe that adequate, affordable housing and support programs are the keys to stabilizing families and eliminating homelessness."

The allocation of funds under the Province's Affordable Housing Program will be one of the tools considered by regional council in the development of Halton's comprehensive housing strategy.

The strategy will examine needs and supply across the continuum of housing types for all incomes and all stages of life — from emergency shelters and government-assisted housing to private sector affordable housing.

The housing strategy steering committee has consulted with the community and, based on these findings, has developed a vision, mission and strategic objectives for the document.

The committee has created five staff teams to undertake further analysis in quantifying the need and drafting the strategy.

Local municipal staff and key stakeholders will be consulted as the work plans progress. It's anticipated that the strategy will be presented to council early next year.

"Housing is a basic human need and an essential building block for having stable families and communities," noted Ms Savoline.

"When people are well-housed, their family life is more stable, leading to better opportunities for good health and better outcomes for children. An investment in housing is an investment in a healthy Halton community."

Presentations on education Tuesday

The Halton District School Board's (HDSB) special education advisory committee will host an evening of presentations on current educational topics Tuesday.

The event will feature talks by Annie Kidder from People for Education, an organization dedicated to the ideal of a fully publicly-funded education system, and HDSB Associate Director of Education Barry Finlay who'll speak about boys and literacy. Mr. Finlay is also the chair of the Ministry of Education's boys' literacy advisory team.

Member organizations of the special education advisory committee will be there as well with displays representing educational services and support organizations for parents and guardians.

Displays will open at 6:30 p.m. and presentations will start at 7 p.m. at the Percy W. Merry Centre, 263 Britannia Rd.

Meet new board director

Local residents will have a chance to meet the Halton District School Board's new director of education November 22.

Wayne Joudrie will be at Milton District High School from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. to chat with parents and members of the public about educational issues.

Those unable to attend can still share their ideas and comments through the board's Web site at www.hdsb.ca starting tomorrow by clicking on the 'director's dialogue' button.



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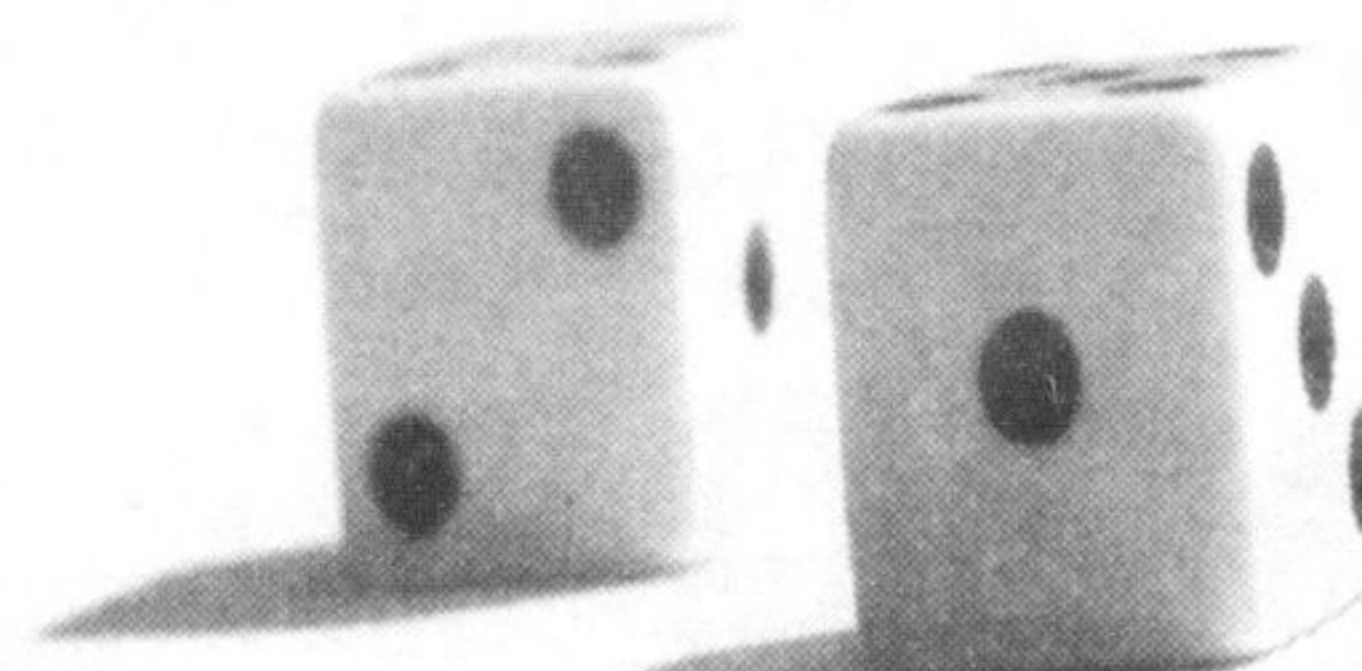
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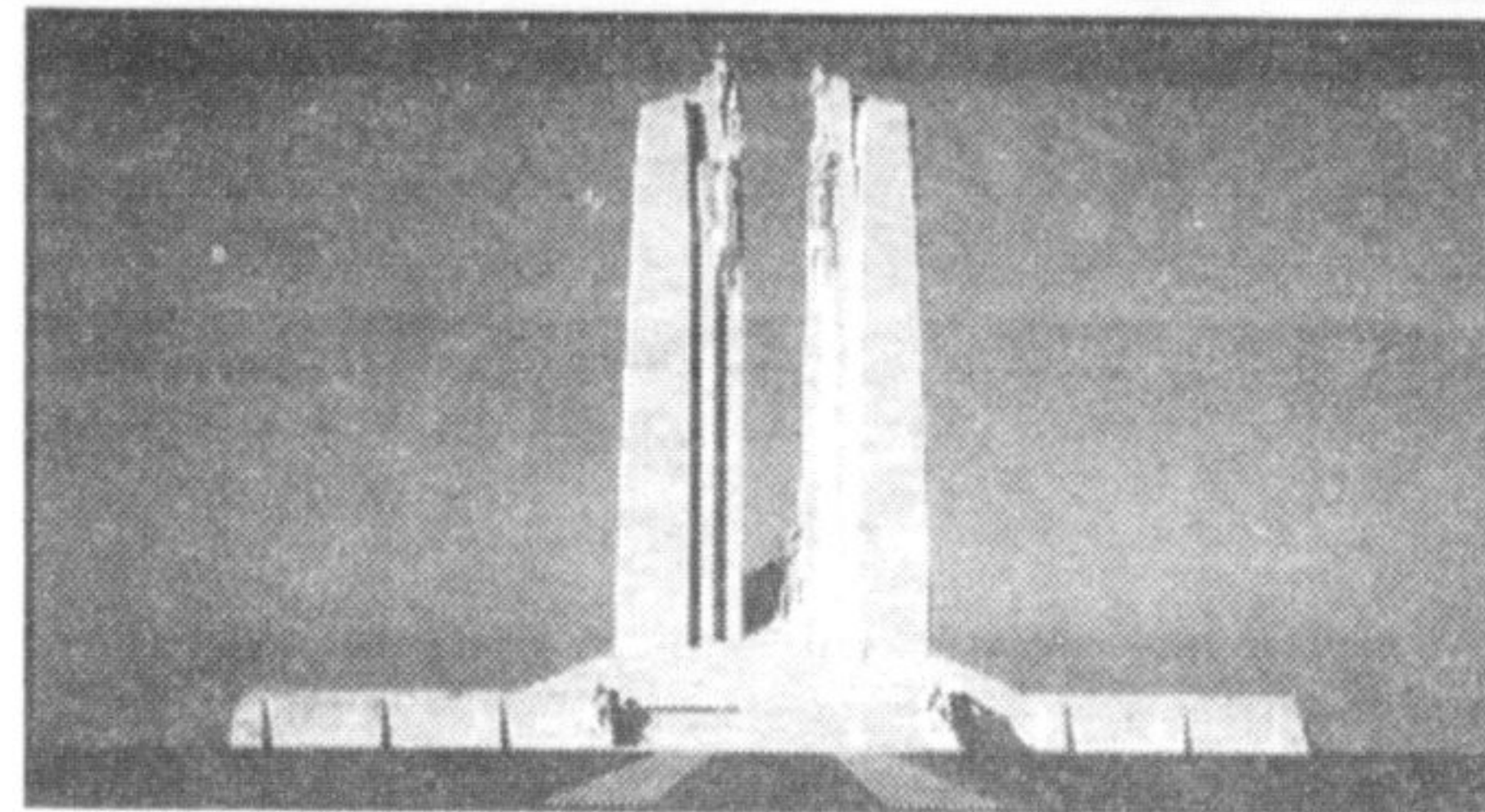
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