

# York Region Rolls Out 2015 - 2019 Strategic Plan

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YORK REGION - Written every four years in order to coincide with York Region council terms, York Region's Strategic Plans are developed as a means of working towards the longer-term goals set out in Vision 2051 – a forward-looking road map that aims to tackle region-wide issues such as intensification, housing affordability, and environmental sustainability.

Now finalized and available to the general public, the region's 2015 to 2019 Strategic Plan builds upon the success of a 2011-2015 plan that accomplished more than 90 per cent of its objectives.

The full plan itself outlines a broad variety of "Key Regional Performance Measures" – essentially, concrete means towards achieving the region's more abstract "Strategic Objectives" (for example, "protecting public health" or "managing traffic congestion").

Of the performance measures set out in the plan, a large percentage deal with improving not only neighbourhood housing, but also infrastructure and safety - all of which stand to benefit York Region homeowners (and prospective buyers!) over the long-term. These include:

- Increasing the percentage of medium and high density homes within York Region's total housing stock. (Objective: increasing the region's range of "available and affordable" housing.)
- Increasing the percentage of business engagements resulting in business retention, expansion, and attraction. (Objective: Fostering an environment that attracts, grows, and maintains businesses.)
- Increasing the number of Rapidway lane kilometres, and increasing the percentage of new development located in "Regional Centres and [transit] corridors." (Objective: managing traffic congestion.)
- Implementation of an "Active Transportation Network," including increasing the number of bike lane and paved shoulder kilometres throughout the region. (Objective: making York Region's communities "more welcoming and inclusive.")



Reporting on the plan's progress is built into the region's annual budgeting process, and will largely be focused on the "Top Community Indicators" - quantifiable measures of success - that inform the plan's development. These include (by way of example) indicators such as average household income, average travel time, percentage of labour force who also live in the region, and more.

"(The Plan) provides a common focus and a set of priorities for the organization to ensure we continue to meet our community's evolving needs," said Chief Administrative Officer Bruce Macgregor in an accompanying statement.

"It communicates the direction the organization is taking, and supports the longer-rage vision for the Region through a framework that guarantees excellence in the areas of Economic Vitality, Healthy Communities, Sustainable Environment, and Good Government."

For more information on the role and activities of the York Regional Government, we recommend visiting their official web site at www.york.ca.



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August 2015

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## Sales and Average Price Up in August

TORONTO, September 4, 2015 – Toronto Real Estate Board President Mark McLean announced that Greater Toronto Area REALTORS® reported 7,998 residential transactions through the TREB MLS® System in August 2015. This result represented a 5.7 per cent increase compared to 7,568 sales reported in August 2014. On a GTA-wide basis, sales were up for all major home types.

The annual growth rate in new listings was greater than the annual growth rate in sales, but active listings at the end of August were still down compared to last year. This suggests that sellers' market conditions remained in place, especially where low-rise home types like singles, semis and townhouses were concerned.

"Buyers in the GTA remain confident in their ability to purchase and pay for a home over the long term. They see ownership housing as a quality investment that has historically produced positive returns while at the same time providing owners with a place to live in their chosen community," said Mr. McLean.

Both the MLS® Home Price Index (HPI) Composite Benchmark and the average selling price for all home types combined were up substantially in August compared to the same period in 2014, with both increasing by approximately 10 per cent year-over-year.

"A record year for home sales continued to unfold in August as competition between buyers exerted upward pressure on selling prices. It was encouraging to see annual growth in new listings outstrip annual growth in sales, but we will need to see this for a number of months before market conditions become more balanced," said Jason Mercer, TREB's Director of Market Analysis.

### Sales & Average Price By Major Home Type August 2015

	Sales		Average Price			
	416	905	Total	416	905	Total
2015						
Detached	756	2,913	3,669	\$1,017,652	\$733,577	\$792,111
Semi - Detached	231	565	796	\$662,968	\$492,428	\$541,919
Townhouse	315	931	1,246	\$524,136	\$451,311	\$469,721
Condo Apartment	1,475	643	2,118	\$406,587	\$319,764	\$380,228

#### HISTORIC ANNUAL STATISTICS

Year	Sales	Average Price
2004	83,501	\$315,231
2005	84,145	\$335,907
2006	83,084	\$351,941
2007	93,193	\$376,236
2008	74,552	\$379,347
2009	87,308	\$395,460
2010	85,545	\$431,276
2011	89,096	\$465,014
2012	85,496	\$497,130
2013	87,049	\$522,958
2014	92,783	\$566,626

\*For historic annual sales and average price data over a longer time frame go to: http://www.torontorealestateboard.com/market\_news/market\_watch/historic\_stats/pdf/TREP\_historic\_statistics.pdf

#### 2014 MONTHLY STATISTICS

January	4,103	\$526,965
,	4,103	\$320,903
February	5,696	\$552,859
March	8,052	\$558,019
April	9,660	\$578,354
May	11,013	\$584,946
June	10,132	\$569,174
July	9,152	\$550,625
August	7,568	\$546,482
September	8,001	\$574,424
October	8,513	\$587,906
November	6,476	\$577,502
December	4,417	\$556,311
Annual	92,783	\$566,626

#### 2015 MONTHLY STATISTICS

January	4,318	\$552,925	
February	6,299	\$596,550	
March	8,889	\$613,884	
April	11,256	\$636,091	
May	11,652	\$649,741	
June	11,932	\$639,613	
July	9,854	\$609,308	
August	7,998	\$602,607	
September	-	-	
October	-	-	
November	-	-	
December	-	-	
Year to Date	72,198	\$620,353	



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Thank you Dan & Bonnie.

Zebina & Peter Mustin 60 Chadwick Cres, Bayview Hill

2015年9月

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As per MLS Sep 2015

Dan & Bonnie 在替我們買房和賣房,賣出和買進的過程中遠遠超出我們的想象期望。Dan是一位資深的談判專家。他的策略和談判技巧不僅售出了高於叫價的價錢也大大的超出了我們的期盼。在購買我們的新家時的價錢也低於叫價和我們的預算。Dan & Bonnie在定價,室內裝潢、擺設及展示家園上的專業能力成就了一個極高速并有效的銷售過程。我們已經沒法再要求比他們做的更多了。

感谢你們 Dan & Bonnie.

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