

Newmarket one of the best places to live in Canada

NEWMARKET, Ontario, May 5, 2010 – According to *MoneySense Magazine*'s recently released [Best Places to Live](#) national survey, Newmarket is one of Canada's most desirable residential communities. Ranking 15th out of 179 Canadian cities and towns, Newmarket topped the list as the best place to live in York Region.

"For many years, the Town has taken proactive steps to build a thriving, livable community. While we have always known that Newmarket is a special community with an enviable quality of the life, the *MoneySense* survey confirms this with hard data and raw facts. It's great to see our community recognized in this way," says Mayor Tony Van Bynen.

The survey is based on data from 179 Canadian cities and towns with populations over 10,000 people. Communities were [rated](#) based on climate, prosperity, access to healthcare, home affordability, crime rates and lifestyle.

The Town scored particularly well in the prosperity category with Newmarket ranking fourth out of all communities for discretionary income, and 13th for household income. In addition, the town's low crime rate positioned Newmarket as the sixth safest community in the country.

"As a well-balanced community, Newmarket offers everything from affordable housing to premium healthcare," says Regional Councillor John Taylor. "These results help to portray Newmarket as the thriving town it has grown to be, and sends the message that Newmarket is anything but a bedroom community."

While *MoneySense* has conducted the survey for the past five years, the 2010 survey is the first to include Newmarket. In year's past, Newmarket was lumped in with the Greater Toronto Area (GTA), but this year *MoneySense* separated out suburbs of at least 50,000 people for the first time. Other York Region communities evaluated by the survey include Vaughan (ranked 55), Richmond Hill (ranked 97) and Markham (ranked 118).

As stated on *MoneySense*'s website, "We don't give any marks for alpine scenery, sandy beaches, charming heritage buildings or other qualities that attract tourists. Instead, we focus on things we can quantify with hard data. We look at climate, because good weather really does make a city more livable. We concentrate on practical matters that are important for a person's long-term happiness... We look for cities that show healthy growth, but aren't sprawling out of control."

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Top 15 places to live in Canada*

1. Ottawa-Gatineau
2. Kingston
3. Burlington
4. Fredericton
5. Moncton
6. Repentigny
7. Brandon
8. Victoria
9. Winnipeg
10. Levis
11. Lethbridge
12. London
13. Laval
14. Halifax
- 15. Newmarket**

*According to *MoneySense*

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