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## New Home Market

# First Quarter Starts Edge Lower

Slower population growth and a rising supply of moderately priced resale homes have reduced demand for new homes in the Hamilton Census Metropolitan Area (hereafter referred to as Hamilton). Total housing starts edged down by four per cent to 524 units in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same time period a year earlier.

Ageing baby boomers, typically associated with accumulated wealth acquired through home equity, continue to drive demand for singledetached homes. Lower prices, compared to those in many neighbourhoods in Toronto, are also attracting more buyers to the Hamilton single-detached home market. Despite the overall decline in housing starts, single-detached home starts continue to hold steady with starts coming in at 285 units in the first quarter of 2007 - just below the one per cent recorded for the same quarter a year prior.

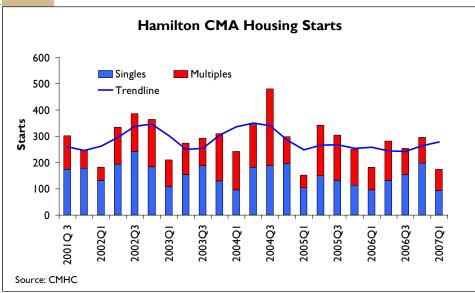
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#### Figure







Lack of land for large scale condominium developments, especially in the downtown core and Burlington, has pushed back multiple-family dwelling construction in Hamilton. Multiple-family home starts dropped by more than seven per cent to 239 units in the first quarter of this year compared to the same time period a year earlier.

There were notable declines in construction activity in popular areas like Burlington, Ancaster, Grimsby and Dundas. Judging by the sharp increase in housing starts in outlying areas of Hamilton such as Glanbrook (where housing starts more than doubled to reach 216 units), land constraints appear to have played a significant role in curtailing housing construction. Rising house prices in Burlington and Ancaster also appear to have played a role in curtailing new home buying activity and thereby sharply reducing the number of housing starts.

Price developments are another sign that Hamilton's new home market is showing signs of cooling. The average new single-detached home price fell by 19 per cent to \$345, 391 in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same time period a year earlier. The decline in the average price reflects both price decline and a greater proportion of lower-priced homes being built. Less expensive Hamilton neighbourhoods like Stoney Creek and the downtown core continue to show strong price growth. The average new singledetached home price in Stoney Creek grew by almost 9 per cent to \$335,159 and Hamilton City by eight per cent to \$329,802. Given their low price points relative to the rest

of Hamilton, there appears to be room for further price growth in the future

#### **Resale Market**

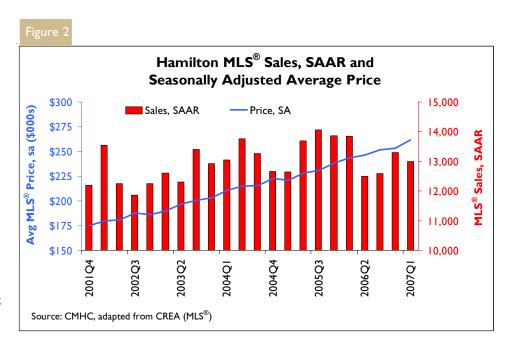
#### Sales Slowdown

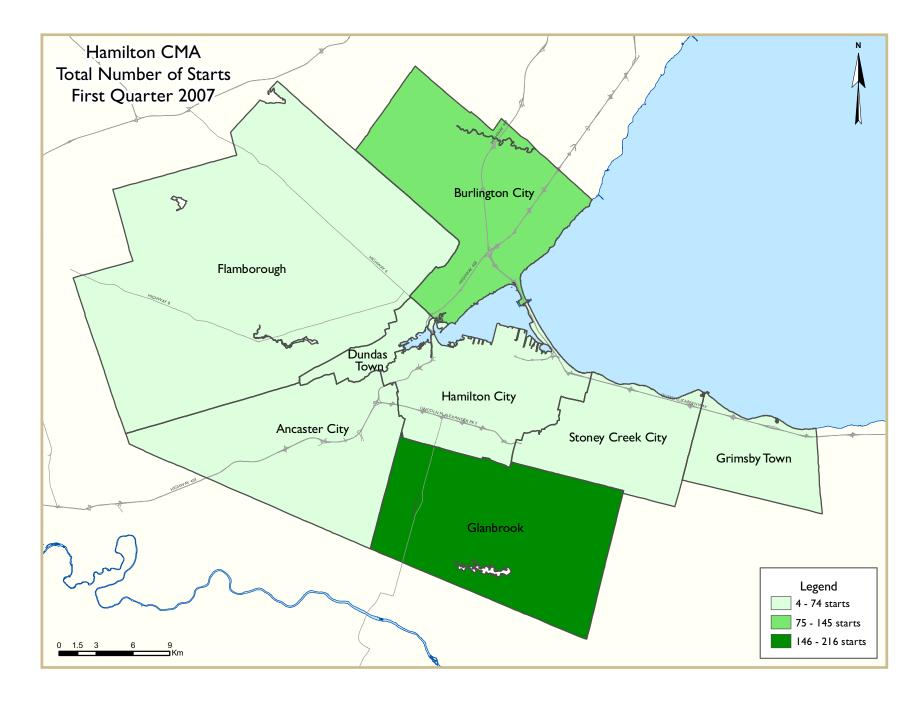
Uncharacteristically cold weather during the latter half of the first quarter appears to have slowed down sales activity in Hamilton. Total residential home sales reached 3,090 during the first quarter of 2007 – about six per cent below that of the same time period a year earlier.

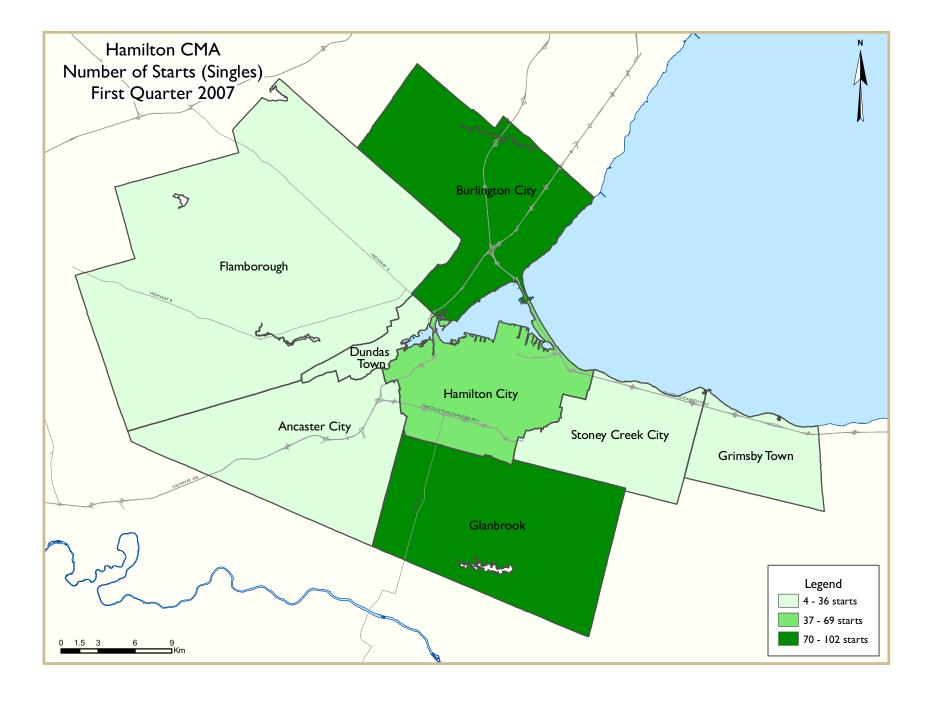
New listings have been rising steadily over last two years. Rising house prices are encouraging more people to list their homes for sale. This trend was reversed in the first quarter. New listings edged down by two per cent to 4,871 units in the first quarter of 2007 compared to the same time period a year earlier.

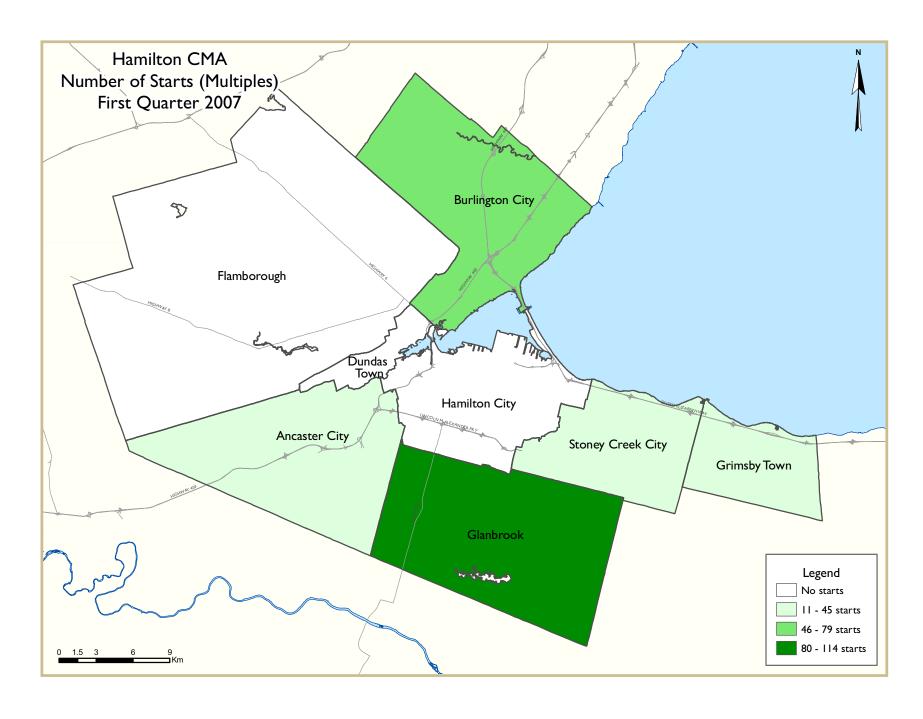
The interaction between resale home sales and new listings provides

a good indication of future price growth. A sales-to-new listings ratio (SNLR) above 55 per cent indicates a market where conditions favour sellers. In such a market, price growth tends to be above the general rate of inflation and homes sell faster. A SNLR below 45 per cent is associated with conditions that favour buyers. The Hamilton market is considered balanced if the SNLR falls in between the above two ratios. In a balanced market, house price growth tends to be in line with the general rate of inflation. Hamilton's SNLR stood at 63 per cent in the first quarter of 2007, thus placing it in sellers' market territory. Its average resale home price growth over this period reaffirms its sellers' market conditions. The average resale home price reached \$263,662 in the first guarter of 2007 or seven per cent above that recorded for the same time period a year earlier and approximately three times the general rate of inflation.









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#### **SYMBOLS**

- n/a Not applicable
- \* Totals may not add up due to co-operatives and unknown market types
- Percent change > 200%
- Nil or zero
- Amount too small to be expressed
- SA Monthly figures are adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation

Tal	Table I: Housing Activity Summary of Hamilton CMA											
		Fi	rst Quar	ter 2007								
			Owne	rship			D	1				
		Freehold		С	ondominiun	n	Ren	itai	- 14			
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*			
STARTS												
QI 2007	285	0	134	0	92	13	0	0	524			
Q1 2006	287	42	126	0	66	20	0	4	545			
% Change	-0.7	-100.0	6.3	n/a	39.4	-35.0	n/a	-100.0	-3.9			
Year-to-date 2007	285	0	134	0	92	13	0	0	524			
Year-to-date 2006	287	42	126	0	66	20	0	4	545			
% Change	-0.7	-100.0	6.3	n/a	39.4	-35.0	n/a	-100.0	-3.9			
UNDER CONSTRUCTION												
QI 2007	861	12	509	I	327	493	8	136	2,347			
QI 2006	737	124	481	0	407	622	104	252	2,727			
% Change	16.8	-90.3	5.8	n/a	-19.7	-20.7	-92.3	-46.0	-13.9			
COMPLETIONS												
QI 2007	401	6	165	6	116	0	24	57	775			
Q1 2006	328	64	79	4	119	118	14	0	726			
% Change	22.3	-90.6	108.9	50.0	-2.5	-100.0	71.4	n/a	6.7			
Year-to-date 2007	401	6	165	6	116	0	24	57	775			
Year-to-date 2006	328	64	79	4	119	118	14	0	726			
% Change	22.3	-90.6	108.9	50.0	-2.5	-100.0	71.4	n/a	6.7			
COMPLETED & NOT ABSOR	BED											
QI 2007	47	6	18	0	39	25	I	48	184			
QI 2006	39	5	29	0	15	20	20	0	128			
% Change	20.5	20.0	-37.9	n/a	160.0	25.0	-95.0	n/a	43.8			
ABSORBED												
QI 2007	407	7	162	6	85	0	27	110	804			
QI 2006	326	75	74	4	115	118	0	0	712			
% Change	24.8	-90.7	118.9	50.0	-26.1	-100.0	n/a	n/a	12.9			
Year-to-date 2007	407	7	162	6	85	0	27	110	804			
Year-to-date 2006	326	75	74	4	115	118	0	0	712			
% Change	24.8	-90.7	118.9	50.0	-26.1	-100.0	n/a	n/a	12.9			

Source: CM HC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

Table I.I: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket First Quarter 2007										
			Owne	rship			ъ			
		Freehold		С	ondominiun	า	Ren	tal		
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*	
STARTS							11011			
New City of Hamilton										
QI 2007	209	0	94	0	64	0	0	0	367	
QI 2006	194	6	54	0	18	20	0	0	292	
Hamilton City										
QI 2007	45	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	
QI 2006	28	4	0	0	0	20	0	0	52	
Stoney Creek City										
QI 2007	20	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	50	
QI 2006	41	0	36	0	0	0	0	0	77	
Ancaster City										
QI 2007	18	0	0	0	14	0	0	0	32	
Q1 2006	22	0	0	0	18	0	0	0	40	
Dundas Town										
QI 2007	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Q1 2006	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	
Flamborough										
Q1 2007	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	
Q1 2006	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	
Glanbrook										
QI 2007	102	0	64	0	50	0	0	0	216	
Q1 2006	85	2	18	0	0	0	0	0	105	
Burlington City										
Q1 2007	70	0	29	0	28	13	0	0	140	
Q1 2006	85	36	65	0	48	0	0	0	234	
Grimsby Town										
QI 2007	6	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	17	
Q1 2006	8	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	19	
Hamilton CMA										
Q1 2007	285	0	134	0	92	13	0	0	524	
Q1 2006	287	42	126	0	66	20	0	4	545	

 $Source: CM\,HC\ (Starts\ and\ Completions\ Survey, M\ arket\ Absorption\ Survey)$ 

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			Owne				Ren	tal				
		Freehold		C	Condominiun	n			Total*			
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total			
UNDER CONSTRUCTION												
New City of Hamilton												
QI 2007	626	10	345	I	257	233	0	28	1,500			
QI 2006	489	72	314	0	303	149	75	90	1,492			
Hamilton City												
QI 2007	112	4	6	I	0	119	0	28	270			
Q1 2006	100	66	28	0	56	107	75	90	522			
Stoney Creek City												
QI 2007	46	2	91	0	74	0	0	0	213			
QI 2006	83	0	163	0	59	0	0	0	305			
Ancaster City												
Q1 2007	86	0	80	0	98	10	0	0	274			
Q1 2006	91	0	43	0	115	0	0	0	249			
Dundas Town												
Q1 2007	9	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	71			
Q1 2006	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27			
Flamborough												
Q1 2007	43	0		0	0	0	0	0	43			
Q1 2006	56	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	58			
Glanbrook												
Q1 2007	324	4	168	0	85	42	0	0	623			
Q1 2006	132	4	80	0	73	42	0	0	331			
<b>Burlington City</b>												
Q1 2007	217	2		0		260		108	818			
Q1 2006	220	52	160	0	104	473	29	158	1,196			
Grimsby Town				,								
Q1 2007	18	0		0	0	0	0	0	29			
Q1 2006	28	0	7	0	0	0	0	4	39			
Hamilton CMA												
QI 2007	861	12	509	I	327	493	8	136	2,347			
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	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*	
COMPLETIONS										
New City of Hamilton										
QI 2007	337	6	104	6	40	0	0	57	550	
QI 2006	245	28	55	0	44	62	0	0	434	
Hamilton City										
Q1 2007	54	4		0	0	0	0	57	121	
QI 2006	69	18	29	0	13	0	0	0	129	
Stoney Creek City										
Q1 2007	29	0	13	0	7	0	0	0	49	
Q1 2006	41	0	26	0	6	0	0	0	73	
Ancaster City										
Q1 2007	52	0	28	6	24	0	0	0	110	
Q1 2006	38	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	63	
Dundas Town										
Q1 2007	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	
Q1 2006	12	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	74	
Flamborough										
Q1 2007	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	
Q1 2006	17	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	
Glanbrook										
QI 2007	184	0	57	0	9	0	0	0	250	
Q1 2006	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	
Burlington City										
Q1 2007	54	0	61	0	76	0	24	0	215	
Q1 2006	71	36	24	4	54	56	14	0	259	
Grimsby Town										
Q1 2007	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	
Q1 2006	12	0	0	0	21	0	0	0	33	
Hamilton CMA										
QI 2007	401	6		6	116	0	24	57	775	
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		Freehold	3,,,,,	•	Condominium	า	Ren	ital			
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*		
COMPLETED & NOT ABSOR	BED										
New City of Hamilton											
QI 2007	34	5	17	0	5	0	0	0	61		
QI 2006	26	4	20	0	12	0	0	0	62		
Hamilton City											
QI 2007	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
QI 2006	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3		
Stoney Creek City											
QI 2007	30	I	17	0	4	0	0	0	52		
QI 2006	23	I	20	0	8	0	0	0	52		
Ancaster City											
QI 2007	I	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	ı		
Q1 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Dundas Town											
QI 2007	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Q1 2006	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Flamborough											
QI 2007	I	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	5		
Q1 2006	1	I	0	0	0	0	0	0	2		
Glanbrook											
QI 2007	0	0	0	0	I	0	0	0	I		
Q1 2006	1	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	5		
<b>Burlington City</b>											
QI 2007	4	I	- 1	0	34	25	I	48	114		
QI 2006	5	I	- 1	0	3	20	20	0	50		
Grimsby Town											
QI 2007	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9		
QI 2006	8	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	16		
Hamilton CMA											
QI 2007	47	6	18	0	39	25	1	48	184		
Q1 2006	39	5	29	0	15	20	20	0	128		

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	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
ABSORBED							TOW		
New City of Hamilton									
QI 2007	337	5	102	6	40	0	0	0	490
Q1 2006	238	39	48	0	41	62	0	0	428
Hamilton City									
Q1 2007	52	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	63
Q1 2006	70	17	29	0	13	0	0	0	129
Stoney Creek City									
Q1 2007	27	0	П	0	7	0	0	0	45
Q1 2006	32	0	19	0	3	0	0	0	54
Ancaster City									
Q1 2007	52	0	28	6	24	0	0	0	110
Q1 2006	39	0	0	0	25	0	0	0	64
Dundas Town									
Q1 2007	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Q1 2006	13	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	75
Flamborough									
Q1 2007	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15
Q1 2006	16	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	38
Glanbrook									
Q1 2007	187	0	57	0	9	0	0	0	253
Q1 2006	68	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68
Burlington City									
Q1 2007	60	2	60	0	45	0	27	110	304
Q1 2006	75	36	24	4	51	56	0	0	246
Grimsby Town									
Q1 2007	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10
Q1 2006	13	0	2	0	23	0	0	0	38
Hamilton CMA									
Q1 2007	407	7		6	85	0	27	110	804
Q1 2006	326	75	74	4	115	118	0	0	712

 $Source: CM\,HC\ (Starts\ and\ Completions\ Survey, M\,arket\ Absorption\ Survey)$ 

Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type First Quarter 2007													
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total													
Submarket	QI 2007	QI 2006	QI 2007	QI 2006	QI 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	QI 2007	QI 2006	% Change		
New City of Hamilton	209	194	0	6	158	72	0	20	367	292	25.7		
Hamilton City	45	28	0	4	0	0	0	20	45	52	-13.5		
Stoney Creek City	20	41	0	0	30	36	0	0	50	77	-35.1		
Ancaster City	18	22	0	0	14	18	0	0	32	40	-20.0		
Dundas Town	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	-42.9		
Flamborough	14	- 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	- 11	27.3		
Glanbrook	102	85	0	2	114	18	0	0	216	105	105.7		
Burlington City	70	85	0	36	57	113	13	0	140	234	-40.2		
Grimsby Town	6	8	0	0	11	7	0	4	17	19	-10.5		
Hamilton CMA	285	287	0	42	226	192	13	24	524	545	-3.9		

Та	Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type  January - March 2007													
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total														
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%			
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	Change			
New City of Hamilton	209	194	0	6	158	72	0	20	367	292	25.7			
Hamilton City	45	28	0	4	0	0	0	20	45	52	-13.5			
Stoney Creek City	20	41	0	0	30	36	0	0	50	77	-35.1			
Ancaster City	18	22	0	0	14	18	0	0	32	40	-20.0			
Dundas Town	4	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	7	-42.9			
Flamborough	14	- 11	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	- 11	27.3			
Glanbrook	102	85	0	2	114	18	0	0	216	105	105.7			
Burlington City	70	85	0	36	57	113	13	0	140	234	-40.2			
Grimsby Town	6	8	0	0	- 11	7	0	4	17	19	-10.5			
Hamilton CMA	285	287	0	42	226	192	13	24	524	545	-3.9			

Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market First Quarter 2007												
		Ro	w			Apt. &	Other					
Submarket	Freeho Condor		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental					
	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	QI 2007	QI 2006	QI 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006				
New City of Hamilton	158	72	0	0	0	20	0	0				
Hamilton City	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0				
Stoney Creek City	30	36	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Ancaster City	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Dundas Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Flamborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Glanbrook	114	18	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Burlington City	57	113	0	0	13	0	0	0				
Grimsby Town	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	4				
Hamilton CMA	226	192	0	0	13	20	0	4				

Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  January - March 2007												
	Row Apt. & Other											
Submarket	Freeho Condo	old and minium	Rei	ntal	Freeho Condoi		Rer	ntal				
	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006				
New City of Hamilton	158	72	0	0	0	20	0	0				
Hamilton City	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0				
Stoney Creek City	30	36	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Ancaster City	14	18	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Dundas Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Flamborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Glanbrook	114	18	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Burlington City	57	113	0	0	13	0	0	0				
Grimsby Town	11	7	0	0	0	0	0	4				
Hamilton CMA	226	192	0	0	13	20	0	4				

Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market First Quarter 2007												
Freehold Condominium Rental Total*												
Submarket	Q1 2007	Q1 2006										
New City of Hamilton	303	254	64	38	0	0	367	292				
Hamilton City	45	32	0	20	0	0	45	52				
Stoney Creek City	50	77	0	0	0	0	50	77				
Ancaster City	18	22	14	18	0	0	32	40				
Dundas Town	4	7	0	0	0	0	4	7				
Flamborough	14	- 11	0	0	0	0	14	11				
Glanbrook	166	105	50	0	0	0	216	105				
Burlington City	99	186	41	48	0	0	140	234				
Grimsby Town	17	15	0	0	0	4	17	19				
Hamilton CMA	419	455	105	86	0	4	524	545				

Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market  January - March 2007												
Freehold Condominium Rental Total*												
Submarket	YTD 2007	YTD 2006										
New City of Hamilton	303	254	64	38	0	0	367	292				
Hamilton City	45	32	0	20	0	0	45	52				
Stoney Creek City	50	77	0	0	0	0	50	77				
Ancaster City	18	22	14	18	0	0	32	40				
Dundas Town	4	7	0	0	0	0	4	7				
Flamborough	14	П	0	0	0	0	14	П				
Glanbrook	166	105	50	0	0	0	216	105				
Burlington City	99	186	41	48	0	0	140	234				
Grimsby Town	17	15	0	0	0	4	17	19				
Hamilton CMA	419	455	105	86	0	4	524	545				

Tabl	Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type													
First Quarter 2007														
	Sin	gle	Se	mi	Row		Apt. & Other							
Submarket	Q1 2007	QI 2006	QI 2007	QI 2006	QI 2007	Q1 2006	QI 2007	QI 2006	QI 2007	QI 2006	% Change			
New City of Hamilton	343	245	6	28	144	99	57	62	550	434	26.7			
Hamilton City	54	69	4	18	6	42	57	0	121	129	-6.2			
Stoney Creek City	29	41	0	0	20	32	0	0	49	73	-32.9			
Ancaster City	58	38	0	0	52	25	0	0	110	63	74.6			
Dundas Town	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	62	4	74	-94.6			
Flamborough	14	17	2	10	0	0	0	0	16	27	-40.7			
Glanbrook	184	68	0	0	66	0	0	0	250	68	**			
Burlington City	54	75	14	44	147	84	0	56	215	259	-17.0			
Grimsby Town	10	12	0	0	0	21	0	0	10	33	-69.7			
Hamilton CMA	407	332	20	72	291	204	57	118	775	726	6.7			

Table	Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type  January - March 2007														
	Sing	gle	Semi		Ro	w	Apt. &	Other							
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%				
	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	2007	2006	Change				
New City of Hamilton	343	245	6	28	144	99	57	62	550	434	26.7				
Hamilton City	54	69	4	18	6	42	57	0	121	129	-6.2				
Stoney Creek City	29	41	0	0	20	32	0	0	49	73	-32.9				
Ancaster City	58	38	0	0	52	25	0	0	110	63	74.6				
Dundas Town	4	12	0	0	0	0	0	62	4	74	-94.6				
Flamborough	14	17	2	10	0	0	0	0	16	27	-40.7				
Glanbrook	184	68	0	0	66	0	0	0	250	68	**				
Burlington City	54	75	14	44	147	84	0	56	215	259	-17.0				
Grimsby Town	10	12	0	0	0	21	0	0	10	33	-69.7				
Hamilton CMA	407	332	20	72	291	204	57	118	775	726	6.7				

Table 3.2: Comp	Table 3.2: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market  First Quarter 2007													
		Ro	w			Apt. &	Other							
Submarket	Freehold and Condominium		Rental Freehold and Condominium		Ren		Rer	ital						
	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	Q1 2007	Q1 2006						
New City of Hamilton	144	99	0	0	0	62	57	0						
Hamilton City	6	42	0	0	0	0	57	0						
Stoney Creek City	20	32	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Ancaster City	52	25	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Dundas Town	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0						
Flamborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Glanbrook	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Burlington City	133	70	14	14	0	56	0							
Grimsby Town	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0						
Hamilton CMA	277	190	14	14	0	118	57	0						

Table 3.3: Cor	mpletions by		cet, by Dw ry - Marc		pe and by	Intended	d <b>M</b> arket		
		Ro	w			Apt. &	Other		
Submarket	Freeho Condo		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condoi		Rental		
	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	
New City of Hamilton	144	99	0	0	0	62	57	0	
Hamilton City	6	42	0	0	0	0	57	0	
Stoney Creek City	20	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Ancaster City	52	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Dundas Town	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	
Flamborough	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Glanbrook	66	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Burlington City	133	70	14	14	0	56	0	0	
Grimsby Town	0	21	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Hamilton CMA	277	190	14	14	0	118	57	0	

Table 3	Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market First Quarter 2007													
Submarket	Freehold		Condor	ninium	Ren	ıtal	Total*							
Submarket	QI 2007	Q1 2006	QI 2007 QI 2006		Q1 2007 Q1 2006		Q1 2007	Q1 2006						
New City of Hamilton	447	328	46	106	57	0	550	434						
Hamilton City	64	116	0	13	57	0	121	129						
Stoney Creek City	42	67	7	6	0	0	49	73						
Ancaster City	80	38	30	25	0	0	110	63						
Dundas Town	4	12	0	62	0	0	4	74						
Flamborough	16	27	0	0	0	0	16	27						
Glanbrook	241	68	9	0	0	0	250	68						
Burlington City	115	131	76	114	24	14	215	259						
Grimsby Town	10	12	0	21	0	0	10	33						
Hamilton CMA	572	<del>4</del> 71	122	241	81	14	775	726						

Table 3	Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market  January - March 2007													
Culturandes	Free	hold	Condo	minium	Rer	ntal	Total*							
Submarket	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	YTD 2007	YTD 2006						
New City of Hamilton	447	328	46	106	57	0	550	434						
Hamilton City	64	116	0	13	57	0	121	129						
Stoney Creek City	42	67	7	6	0	0	49	73						
Ancaster City	80	38	30	25	0	0	110	63						
Dundas Town	4	12	0	62	0	0	4	74						
Flamborough	16	27	0	0	0	0	16	27						
Glanbrook	241	68	9	0	0	0	250	68						
Burlington City	115	131	76	114	24	14	215	259						
Grimsby Town	10	12	0	21	0	0	10	33						
Hamilton CMA	572	471	122	241	81	14	775	726						

	Table	e <b>4: A</b> l	osorbe	ed Sin	gle-D	etache	ed Uni	its by	Price	Range	<u> </u>		
						arter 2							
							2007						
			#200	000		Ranges	#200	000					
Submarket	< \$20	00,000	\$200 \$249	,000 - 9,999	-	,000 - 9,999		,000 - 9,999	\$350,0	000 +	Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)		(.,	(.,
New City of Hamilton													
QI 2007	7	2.0	71	20.7	99	28.9	65	19.0	101	29.4	343	299,000	319,444
QI 2006	3	1.3	27	11.3	83	34.9	56	23.5	69	29.0	238	302,995	340,097
Year-to-date 2007	7	2.0	71	20.7	99	28.9	65	19.0	101	29.4	343	299,000	319,444
Year-to-date 2006	3	1.3	27	11.3	83	34.9	56	23.5	69	29.0	238	302,995	340,097
Hamilton City													
QI 2007	2	3.8	4	7.7	12	23.1	15	28.8	19	36.5	52	337,450	329,802
Q1 2006	2	2.9	- 11	15.7	25	35.7	23	32.9	9	12.9	70	299,000	305,147
Year-to-date 2007	2	3.8	4	7.7	12	23.1	15	28.8	19	36.5	52	337,450	329,802
Year-to-date 2006	2	2.9	11	15.7	25	35.7	23	32.9	9	12.9	70	299,000	305,147
Stoney Creek City													
QI 2007	0	0.0	- 1	3.7	12	44.4	8	29.6	6	22.2	27	305,900	335,159
QI 2006	0	0.0	5	15.6	14	43.8	6	18.8	7	21.9	32	287,900	311,588
Year-to-date 2007	0	0.0	I	3.7	12	44.4	8	29.6	6	22.2	27	305,900	335,159
Year-to-date 2006	0		5	15.6	14		6	18.8	7	21.9	32	287,900	311,588
Ancaster City													
QI 2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	3.4	7	12.1	49	84.5	58	396,000	412,321
QI 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	2		4		33	84.6	39	419,000	486,022
Year-to-date 2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	2		7	12.1	49	84.5	58	396,000	412,321
Year-to-date 2006	0		0	0.0	2		4		33	84.6	39	419,000	486,022
Dundas Town		5.5		0.0	_	J				0		111,000	,
QI 2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	75.0	0	0.0	ı	25.0	4		
QI 2006	0	0.0	0	0.0	3		2	15.4	8	61.5	13	350,000	355,003
Year-to-date 2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	3		0	0.0	I	25.0	4		
Year-to-date 2006	0		0	0.0	3		2	15.4	8	61.5	13	350,000	355,003
Flamborough		0.0	J	0.0		20.1		13. 1		01.0	, ,	330,000	333,003
QI 2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	13.3	13	86.7	15	495,000	518,800
Q1 2006	i	6.3	ı	6.3	2	12.5	2	12.5	10	62.5	16	397,450	400,988
Year-to-date 2007	0		0	0.0	0		2	13.3	13	86.7	15	495,000	518,800
Year-to-date 2006	1		I	6.3	2		2		10	62.5	16	397,450	400,988
Glanbrook		0.5		0.5		12.5		12.5	10	02.3	10	377, 130	100,700
QI 2007	5	2.7	66	35.3	70	37.4	33	17.6	13	7.0	187	264,490	269,923
Q1 2006	0		10	14.7	37		19	27.9	2	2.9	68	288,995	288,624
Year-to-date 2007	5		66	35.3	70		33	17.6	13	7.0	187	264,490	269,923
Year-to-date 2006	0		10	14.7	37		19	27.9	2	2.9	68	288,995	288,624
Burlington City	J	0.0	10	17.7	37	54.4	17	27.7		2.7	00	200,773	200,024
QI 2007	0	0.0	9	15.0	0	0.0	9	15.0	42	70.0	60	384,995	490,905
Q1 2006	0		l	1.3	7		8	10.1	63	79.7	79	492,990	695,421
Year-to-date 2007	0		9	15.0	0		9	15.0	42	70.0	60	384,995	490,905
Year-to-date 2006	0		l l	13.0	7		8	10.1	63	70.0	79	492,990	695,421
Grimsby Town	U	0.0	1	1.3	/	0.9	o	10.1	63	17.1	19	774,770	07J, <del>4</del> ZI
QI 2007	0	0.0	0	0.0	ı	10.0	5	50.0	1	40.0	10	341,900	362,300
	0			7.7	1 3		6	46.2	4	23.1			
Q1 2006			I						4		13	305,900	362,131
Year-to-date 2007	0		0	0.0	ا د	10.0	5	50.0		40.0		341,900	362,300
Year-to-date 2006	0	0.0	I	7.7	3	23.1	6	46.2	3	23.1	13	305,900	362,131

	Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range First Quarter 2007													
	Price Ranges													
Submarket	<b>Submarket</b> < \$200,000			000 - 1,999	\$250, \$299		\$300, \$349		\$350,000 +		Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)	
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)		ττιες (ψ)	(4)	
Hamilton CMA														
Q1 2007	7	1.7	80	19.4	100	24.2	79	19.1	147	35.6	413	309,500	345,391	
Q1 2006	3	0.9	29	8.8	93	28.2	70	21.2	135	40.9	330	325,000	426,028	
Year-to-date 2007	7	1.7	80	19.4	100	24.2	79	19.1	147	35.6	413	309,500	345,391	
Year-to-date 2006	3	0.9	29	8.8	93	28.2	70	21.2	135	40.9	330	325,000	426,028	

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

Table 4.	Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units  First Quarter 2007												
Submarket	Q1 2007	Q1 2006	% Change	YTD 2007	YTD 2006	% Change							
New City of Hamilton	319,444	340,097	-6.1	319,444	340,097	-6.1							
Hamilton City	329,802	305,147	8.1	329,802	305,147	8.1							
Stoney Creek City	335,159	311,588	7.6	335,159	311,588	7.6							
Ancaster City	412,321	486,022	-15.2	412,321	486,022	-15.2							
Dundas Town		355,003	n/a		355,003	n/a							
Flamborough	518,800	400,988	29.4	518,800	400,988	29.4							
Glanbrook	269,923	288,624	-6.5	269,923	288,624	-6.5							
Burlington City	490,905	695,421	-29.4	490,905	695,421	-29.4							
Grimsby Town	362,300	362,131	0.0	362,300	362,131	0.0							
Hamilton CMA	345,391	426,028	-18.9	345,391	426,028	-18.9							

Source: CM HC (Market Absorption Survey)

		Tab	le 5: MLS		ntial Act uarter 20	_	-lamilton			
		Number of Sales <sup>1</sup>	Yr/Yr² (%)	Sales SA <sup>1</sup>	Number of New Listings	New Listings SA <sup>1</sup>	Sales-to- New Listings SA <sup>2</sup>	Average Price <sup>1</sup> (\$)	Yr/Yr² (%)	Average Price <sup>1</sup> (\$) SA
2006	January	786	9.9	1,121	1,510	1,600	70.1	241,340	10.2	244,841
	February	1,149	15.5	1,197	1,531	1,574	76.0	242,647	10.4	240,819
	March	1,358	9.9	1,142	1,919	1,575	72.5	251,357	10.4	245,965
	April	1,198	-7.3	1,050	1,742	1,542	68. I	248,367	9.8	2 <del>44</del> ,273
	May	1,385	-2.5	1,057	1,892	1,471	71.9	252,948	9.0	249,451
	June	1,234	-14.6	1,019	1,721	1,453	70.1	250,347	5.0	245,455
	July	1,074	-9.1	1,039	1,503	1,483	70.1	243,299	6.8	245,544
	August	1,101	-14.8	1,034	1,593	1,545	66.9	253,659	12.3	255,456
	September	1,042	-8.6	1,074	1,652	1,547	69.4	248,787	7.7	253,967
	October	1,103	0.3	1,112	1,529	1,554	71.6	249,244	6.3	253,472
	November	972	-11.7	1,084	1,181	1,540	70.4	251,164	5.7	247,991
	December	657	1.5	1,130	641	1,530	73.9	248,046	7.6	258,297
2007	January	786	0.0	1,069	1,545	1,553	68.8	255,753	6.0	261,10 <del>4</del>
	February	1,031	-10.3	1,080	1,465	1,514	71.3	272,953	12.5	265,497
	March	1,273	-6.3	1,099	1,861	1,552	70.8	261,021	3.8	259,212
	April									
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	October									
	November									
	December									
	Q1 2006	3,293	11.8		4,960			245,927	10.3	
	Q1 2007	3,090	-6.2		4,871			263,662	7.2	
	YTD 2006	3,293	11.8		4,960			245,927	10.3	
	YTD 2007	3,090	-6.2		4,871			263,662	7.2	

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Source: CREA

 $<sup>^2\!</sup>Source$ : CM HC, adapted from M LS® data supplied by CREA

			T		Econom		itors			
		Inter	est Rates		NHPI, Total.	CPI, 1992	Han	nilton Labour Ma	ırket	Average
		P&I Per \$100,000	Mortag (% I Yr. Term		Hamilton CMA 1997=100	=100 (Ontario)	Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Weekly
2006	January	658	5.80	6.30	138.3	130.0	375.7	5.9	68.3	760
	February	667	5.85	6.45	138.7	129.6	376.7	5.9	68.4	768
	March	667	6.05	6.45	139.4	130.7	377. I	5.6	68.2	776
	April	685	6.25	6.75	140.2	131.0	376.0	5.6	67.9	793
	May	685	6.25	6.75	140.2	131.6	375.8	5.6	67.8	795
	June	697	6.60	6.95	141.2	131.3	375.6	5.7	67.8	794
	July	697	6.60	6.95	143.4	130.9	374.3	5.8	67.6	784
	August	691	6.40	6.85	144.1	131.1	371.3	6.2	67.3	783
	September	682	6.40	6.70	144.1	130.3	369.3	6.4	67.0	780
	October	688	6.40	6.80	144.5	130.2	367.4	6.5	66.6	781
	November	673	6.40	6.55	145.0	130.5	365.4	6.4	66.2	776
	December	667	6.30	6.45	145.3	130.6	365.4	6.1	65.9	768
2007	January	679	6.50	6.65	145.6	130.4	365	6.4	66.0	759
	February	679	6.50	6.65	146.6	131.7	365.9	6.3	66. l	751
	March	669	6.40	6.49		133.0	368.2	6.6	66.7	753
	April									
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	October									
	November									
	December									

<sup>&</sup>quot;P & I" means Principal and Interest (assumes \$100,000 mortgage amortized over 25 years using current 5 year interest rate)

Source: CM HC, adapted from Statistics Canada (CANSIM), CREA (MLS®), Statistics Canada (CANSIM)

<sup>&</sup>quot;NHPI" means New Housing Price Index

<sup>&</sup>quot;CPI" means Consumer Price Index

<sup>&</sup>quot;SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

#### **METHODOLOGY**

#### **Starts & Completions Survey Methodology**

The Starts and Completions Survey is conducted by way of site visits which are used to confirm that new units have reached set stages in the construction process. Since most municipalities in the country issue building permits, these are used as an indication of where construction is likely to take place. In areas where there are no permits, reliance has to be placed either on local sources or searching procedures.

The Starts and Completions Survey is carried out monthly in urban areas with population in excess of 50,000, as defined by the 2001 Census. In urban areas with populations of 10,000 to 49,999, all Starts are enumerated in the last month of the quarter (i.e. four times a year, in March, June, September and December). In these centres with quarterly enumeration, Completion activity is modelled based on historical patterns. Monthly Starts and Completions activity in these quarterly locations are statistically estimated at a provincial level for single and multi categories. Centres with populations below 10,000 are enumerated on a sample basis, also in the last month of each quarter (i.e. four times a year, in March, June, September and December).

The Starts and Completions Survey enumerates dwelling units in new structures only, designed for non-transient and year-round occupancy.

Mobile homes are included in the surveys. A mobile home is a type of manufactured house that is completely assembled in a factory and then moved to a foundation before it is occupied.

Trailers or any other movable dwelling (the larger often referred to as a mobile home) with no permanent foundation are excluded from the survey.

Conversions and/or alterations within an existing structure are excluded from the surveys as are seasonal dwellings, such as: summer cottages, hunting and ski cabins, trailers and boat houses; and hostel accommodations, such as: hospitals, nursing homes, penal institutions, convents, monasteries, military and industrial camps, and collective types of accommodation such as: hotels, clubs, and lodging homes.

#### **Market Absorption Survey Methodology**

The Market Absorption Survey is carried out in conjunction with the Starts and Completions Survey in urban areas with populations in excess of 50,000. When a structure is recorded as completed, an update is also made as units are sold or rented. The dwellings are then enumerated each month until such time as full absorption occurs.

# STARTS AND COMPLETIONS SURVEY AND MARKET ABSORPTION SURVEY DEFINITIONS

A "dwelling unit", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as a structurally separate set of self-contained living premises with a private entrance from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, or stairway inside the building. Such an entrance must be one that can be used without passing through another separate dwelling unit.

A "**start**", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as the beginning of construction work on a building, usually when the concrete has been poured for the whole of the footing around the structure, or an equivalent stage where a basement will not be part of the structure.

The number of units "under construction" as at the end of the period shown, takes into account certain adjustments which are necessary for various reasons. For example, after a start on a dwelling has commenced construction may cease, or a structure, when completed, may contain more or fewer dwelling units than were reported at start.

A "completion", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as the stage at which all the proposed construction work on a dwelling unit has been performed, although under some circumstances a dwelling may be counted as completed where up to 10 per cent of the proposed work remains to be done.

The term "absorbed" means that a housing unit is no longer on the market (i.e. has been sold or rented). This usually happens when a binding contract is secured by a non-refundable deposit and has been signed by a qualified purchaser. The purpose of the Market Absorption Survey is to measure the rate at which units are sold or rented after they are completed, as well as collect prices.

#### **DWELLING TYPES:**

A "Single-Detached" dwelling (also referred to as "Single") is a building containing only one dwelling unit, which is completely separated on all sides from any other dwelling or structure. Includes link homes, where two units may share a common basement wall but are separated above grade. Also includes cluster-single developments.

A "Semi-Detached (Double)" dwelling (also referred to as "Semi") is one of two dwellings located side-by-side in a building, adjoining no other structure and separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

A "Row (Townhouse)" dwelling is a one family dwelling unit in a row of three or more attached dwellings separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

The term "Apartment and other" includes all dwellings other than those described above, including structures commonly known as stacked townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, double duplexes and row duplexes.

#### **INTENDED MARKET:**

The "intended market" is the tenure in which the unit is being marketed. This includes the following categories:

Freehold: A residence where the owner owns the dwelling and lot outright.

**Condominium (including Strata-Titled):** An individual dwelling which is privately owned, but where the building and/or the land are collectively owned by all dwelling unit owners. A condominium is a form of ownership rather than a type of house.

Rental: Dwelling constructed for rental purposes regardless of who finances the structure.

#### **GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS:**

A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a large urban area (known as the urban core). The census population count of the urban core is at least 10,000 to form a census agglomeration and at least 100,000 to form a census metropolitan area. To be included in the CMA or CA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree on integration with the central urban area, as measured by commuting flows derived from census place of work data. CMAs and CAs contain whole municipalities or Census Subdivisions.

A "Rural" area, for the purposes of this publication, is a centre with a population less than 10,000.

All data presented in this publication is based on Statistics Canada's 2001 Census area definitions.

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