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**Hamilton Gives Way but Stays Near Top of Ontario’s Top Investment Towns 2014**

**June 3rd, Langley, BC** - The Real Estate Investment Network (REIN) released the 2014 edition of its *Top Ontario Investment Towns* report today. The 140-page report analyzes the current and future prospects for real estate investment opportunities in the province over the next decade and shows Hamilton as a still-strong contender despite its drop from first to second place.

With a rise in building permit values and an exploding population has shifted to city from steel-town to investors dream. Its prime location, being only a short drive from Toronto, leaves this to be a desired location for people looking to keep a job in the city while living outside of the hustle and bustle. In addition to this, Hamilton is a short distance away from two border crossings, owner of the busiest port out of ports in the Great Lakes, international rail lines, and the Lester B. Pearson International Airport, making it an attractive hub for businesses large and small.

Despite its continuous opportunity growth as an investment community, the rise in housing prices has decreased cash-flow opportunities within the city. This has accounted for its drop from the top-spot on this year’s Top Ontario Investment Towns.

The top Ontario communities in REIN’s 2014 rankings are:

1) Kitchener & Cambridge
2) Hamilton
3) Barrie
4) Waterloo
5) Brampton

6) Ottawa

7) Vaughan
8) Durham Region (Whitby, Pickering, and Ajax)
9) Toronto
10) Milton

11) Orillia

**About the Top Ontario Investment Towns report**

The Top Ontario Investment Towns report was first published in 2004 in response to growing demand from investors to know the province’s best locations for cash flowing properties. The report is released every second year and provides investors with comprehensive information on which areas of the province will outperform over the next decade. The communities listed in REIN’s report have been ranked according to their long-term investment potential, not short-term speculative market runs. Many sources are consulted in order to provide real estate investors with the most comprehensive information, including Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation, Multiple Listing Service (MLS), Statistics Canada, Regional Real Estate Boards, and local economic development offices. Additionally, real estate investors and REALTORS© who were well acquainted with particular cities and towns were consulted to provide ‘real time’ and ‘on the street’ experiences. **The entire report is available for download free of charge on the company’s website at [www.topontariotowns.com](http://www.topontariotowns.com).**

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