GREATER HAMILTON...
GREATER HEALTH CARE

Together...
We’ve got it all together!
Greater Hamilton has world standing in health care. In a unique cooperative system with common goals, the hospitals, university, community college, health professionals and district health council provide rationalized and regionalized services and joint educational and research programs.

Five hospitals provide acute and chronic care. Chedoke-McMaster Hospitals' McMaster Division is the regional referral centre for high-risk pregnancy and neonatal intensive care, and the regional centre for gastrointestinal disease, genetics, orthopedics, rheumatology, pediatric trauma, dermatology, sexuality, and infertility. Its Chedoke Division is the regional rehabilitation centre for people under 65 and has a Regional Children's Centre to treat learning, behavioral, and communicative disorders.

Hamilton Civic Hospitals' Henderson General Division is the site of the Hamilton Regional Cancer Centre, and a large maternity unit. Its Hamilton General Division is the regional centre for cardiac catheterization, open heart surgery, multiple trauma, neurosurgery, and burns.

St. Joseph's Hospital is the regional centre for chest, head and neck surgery; its regional Nephrology Program treats kidney disease and high blood pressure, and does renal dialysis and kidney transplants. The Firestone Regional Chest and Allergy Unit specializes in respiratory disorders and allergies.

St. Peter's Hospital specializes in hospital care for those 65 and over, providing programs in general chronic care, respite care, palliative care, major medical care, reactivation, ambulatory and non-ambulatory psychogeriatrics, and Day Hospital. A chirocare service is offered to the general community.

Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital is the centre for the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of people with complex psychiatric diseases, providing specialized programs not available in the general hospital setting.

The community based Hamilton Program for Schizophrenia provides social and vocational rehabilitation for those suffering from schizophrenia.

The Hamilton Health Sciences Laboratory Program is a unique co-operative service enabling each hospital to access specialized testing in addition to routine laboratory services.

McMaster University and Mohawk College offer education in medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy and health technologies.

A network of over 300 non-profit groups provides a broad range of services to families in Greater Hamilton. For example, the Department of Health Services offers Public Health Nursing and Inspection, Dentistry, Child and Adolescent Services, Immunization Clinics, and is a Teaching Health Unit.

When non-Hamiltonians think of Greater Hamilton most of them envision that little stretch of land, the view they have when crossing the Skyway Bridge . . . where the steel companies are . . . our industrial area. Hamilton-Wentworth is, historically, an industrial-based community and Hamiltonians are proud of it! But Greater Hamilton has so much more to offer! Take a look . . .
In this beautiful region, a wide variety of affordable housing is available. On the average, housing in Greater Hamilton costs about 30% less than other major communities, such as Toronto. In our community, real estate has always been a very stable investment. The housing choice in Greater Hamilton is as unique as the blend of industry, nature and culture found in the community. For those wanting to be close to downtown, there is an abundance of restored, architecturally interesting housing of every variety, as well as new highrise condominium projects.

On top of the escarpment, or in Stoney Creek, Ancaster or Dundas, are residential areas featuring larger lots and generally more modern housing away from the hustle and bustle of the business sector, but still only a ten to fifteen minute drive from downtown.

For that truly rural setting, Glenbrook and Falmouth offer everything from rural residential properties to large agricultural farms, all within a short drive from the city.

From a real estate standpoint, from apartment accommodation to new housing subdivisions, Greater Hamilton has everything you could wish for.

Greater Hamilton is served by three boards of education. The Hamilton Board operates the public educational system within the city. The Wentworth County Board operates the public school system in all other areas of the Region. The Separate School Board functions throughout the entire Region.

Each Board offers different programmes. For instance, several schools offer total French Immersion beginning in kindergarten. Special education classes offer a range of services for children who are developmentally handicapped through to those who are gifted.

The several private schools include Hillfield-Strathallan College, Calvin Christian School and the Hamilton Hebrew Academy.

Post-secondary education is also available. McMaster University has six Faculties: Business, Engineering, Health Sciences, Humanities, Science and Social Sciences. Mohawk College diploma programs range from one to three years.
There’s lots to do in Greater Hamilton in your leisure time. Football fans will enjoy the Tiger Cat games; golfers can enjoy almost twenty golf courses; there are lots of beaches and indoor pools for year-round water fun, especially the world class Wet and Wild wave action pool! Harness racing, horseback riding and skating are just a few of the organized neighborhood sports activities for every member of the family — regardless of age. Sailors will love our harbour, and pilots our airport.

An internationally recognized orchestra, an opera company, several amateur and semi-professional theatre groups, choirs and a broad range of other cultural and ethnic organizations create an interesting and vibrant “after hours” scene.

The Art Gallery of Hamilton is the fourth most important in the country, running activities and changing exhibits on almost a weekly basis; Hamilton Place attracts world-class performers and shows; the Convention Centre hosts a wide variety of consumer shows; the Royal Botanical Gardens boasts over 2,000 acres of flower gardens and forest. The list is almost endless — and oh yes — Hamilton is the official Country and Western capital of Canada.

**SPORTS AND RECREATION**

**SHOPPING**
Major malls and specialty shopping districts serve the needs of the Region’s shoppers. Greater Hamilton also boasts an

**SPOUSAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES**
Located in the geographic centre of the Golden Horsehoe, Greater Hamilton offers numerous employment possibilities for spouses. The city itself has a wide range of industrial, commercial, health, education and social service employment opportunities and the available job market stretches far beyond its boundaries. Excellent highways radiate in all directions from Hamilton, making commuting to nearby centres such as St. Catharines, Caledonia, Brantford, Guelph, Burlington, Oakville and Toronto a viable option.

**CLIMATE**
Greater Hamilton is situated in Ontario’s unofficial “banana belt”, enjoying long and warm summers and relatively mild winters with just enough snow to make winter sports possible.

**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**
Getting around is no problem. The Region’s modern and efficient public transportation system includes a fleet of city buses, for those who wish to travel to and from Toronto, GO Transit buses operate all day long.

old-fashioned Farmers’ Market downtown, filled with the best the local farms and fields have to offer.
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Hamilton Psychiatric Hospital • (416) 388-2511
St. Joseph's Hospital • (416) 522-4941
St. Peter's Hospital • (416) 549-6525