Thanks! We interviewed you as part of a McMaster research study about your neighbourhood. You said you would like to see a copy of the results... so here are some highlights.

**ABOUT THE STUDY**

Our research team at McMaster, led by Dr. Jim Dunn, is working with the City of Hamilton’s Neighbourhood Action Strategy Office. In 2014, we interviewed residents in Hamilton to help us understand what residents liked about their neighbourhood, what they would change and how living there affects their health and daily lives.

Study invitation letters were sent to a randomly selected sample of residential addresses (both houses and apartments). The survey was conducted with one resident per household. Residents were eligible to complete the survey so long as they were 18 years of age or older and regularly lived at the residence being surveyed. The survey was voluntary and confidential.

- We talked to 300 residents aged 18 and over.
- On average, respondents had been living in their neighbourhood for 13 years and living in their current dwelling for 11 years.
- 90% reported that they were either ‘very satisfied’ or ‘satisfied’ with their residence overall, and 92% with the neighbourhood overall.
- 99% felt safe in the neighbourhood during the day. At night, they felt less safe in the neighbourhood.
- 77% would like to stay in their neighbourhood for years to come.
- 94% described the people in their neighbourhood as ‘friendly’ or ‘very friendly’.
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31% felt that services for youth was important but lacking in their neighbourhood.

82% felt that the people in their neighbourhood could be trusted.

81% agreed that the people in their neighbourhood want the same things from the neighbourhood.

LITTER was deemed a ‘somewhat or serious problem’ by 55% of respondents.

When asked if there was anything that makes it difficult to participate in community events and organizations, the top four responses were:
1. Busy with work
2. Lack of interest
3. Health reasons/mobility concerns
4. Lack of time

People we surveyed were asked: “What do you think are the TWO most important things that would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?” Here’s what we heard most often, with the number of responses in brackets.

1. Better or more communication within the neighbourhood [31]
2. Improvement to infrastructure [28]
3. A general sense of community [26]
4. More and/or better cafes, restaurants & bars [26]
5. Resources for children & youth [24]

Neighbourhood Engagement Matching Grants Program

The City of Hamilton’s Neighbourhood Action Strategy has a new program that provides one-time funds to support community initiatives. This program is available across the whole city. The program is designed to involve the community and build connections across neighbourhoods. If you have a project idea, you can apply for funds up to a maximum of $1000.

For more information, visit www.hamilton.ca/community-funding-programs

HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dr. James Dunn and staff at McMaster University are doing the research study this report is based on. If you have any questions, please contact us.

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