

Retiring to the Niagara Area

Here's what people are saying about Niagara's dynamic active Adult Lifestyle neighbourhoods.

"The area enjoys a benign climate compared to points north, thanks to the moderating influences of Lake Ontario, Lake Erie and the escarpment. Usually residents enjoy spring several weeks earlier than people in Toronto and warm autumn lingers several weeks longer." - Toronto Star, October 19, 2002

"This area is the hub for everything. There are so many hooks to attract our friends to come and visit. It seems there is always an event going on to plan around. The proximity to major hospitals was also a factor in our decision."

- John Esser, moved from Markham

"For what we paid here, you could probably afford, what, a flat in Toronto?" - Angela Murdoch, purchased two-storey home in Niagara Falls

"We saw this place (Niagara-on-the-Lake) and then fell in love with the whole area. We moved here a year ago July and one of the first things I wanted to prove was that you could play golf year round. I managed at least one game for every month of the year, except February."

- Bob and Anne Wills, moved from Brampton

"Coming from Oakville after 40 years, I feel like I'm in the country here. We love the lack of traffic. Just down the road you're into gardens and fruit lands and orchards."

- Ken and Susan White, purchased townhouse in Niagara Falls, Toronto Star, June 29, 2002

"There's so much potential (in the Region of Niagara). If you want to live on the lake, you can live on the lake. If you want to live on the river (Niagara River), you can live on the river. If you want to live in the hills with the escarpment and the beautiful valleys like Fonthill, you can."

- Randy Armstrong, Niagara Home Builders' Association

"In Niagara we are surrounded by different bodies of water. My husband and I continually find ourselves just going for drives to enjoy the countryside. It seems like you can drive 10-15 minutes and be almost anywhere in Niagara."

- Anne Bell, moved from Toronto to Welland

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Several key findings from "A Competitive Analysis of Niagara's Business Opportunities Associated with Adult Lifestyle: A Demographic Perspective" were:

- 1. Niagara ranks first among 43 Canadian Census Metropolitan Areas in households headed by a person 55 years or older and ranks fourth in household heads 45 and older.
- 2. Ontario will account for about half of Canada's population growth over the next two decades.
- 3. Niagara's population is projected to increase by 25,000 between 2001 and 2011 and by 57,000 between 2011 and 2021.
- 4. Most of the growth in Niagara's population will occur among those between the ages of 43 and 67.

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