



# TREB: Housing options are as diverse as the city we live in

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As residents of Canada's largest city we are fortunate to have a wide variety of housing options available to us. Regardless of whether life on a farm or the waterfront appeals to you, the Greater Toronto Area has something to offer for everyone.

As multi-faceted as the region itself, The Toronto Real Estate Board's 30,000 REALTORS® have unique assets ideally suited to helping you find your next home.

You're likely to find for example, condominium apartment or commercial property specialists working in downtown Toronto's C01 district. In this area REALTORS® can advise you on the specific amenities available in downtown condominium communities, what you can expect to pay in maintenance fees and whether parking spaces can be leased.

By contrast, a REALTOR® who practices in the northern most reaches of the GTA, in areas like Cookstown, can advise you on the details of septic systems and well water on rural properties.

The area between Toronto and rural Cookstown is incredibly vast and accordingly, the REALTORS® throughout the north 905 districts can offer advice on everything from buying a condominium apartment in Markham to a horse farm in King. From enclaves located in wooded settings to homes overlooking golf courses, your REALTOR® can guide you through the north 905 districts' many beautiful options.

The GTA is known internationally for its diversity of cultures, employment options and housing types and Mississauga, a city within our city, really epitomizes these features. Here you'll find REALTORS® with experience in everything from 905 condominium living near Square One to executive waterfront properties in Oakville/Burlington to lovely starter homes near the escarpment in Milton.

In the 905 Region's east districts you will also find many beautiful areas like Pickering's Frenchman's Bay, homes in Whitby that are within minutes of ski slopes and a community built around a marina in Newcastle. Many wonderful options are available in the communities and rural properties east of Toronto and you can count on a REALTOR® to advise you on the many specifics, from zoning allowances to school ratings to varying municipal property tax rates.

Your REALTOR® can also advise you on new home construction developments, which are plentiful in all three of the regions that comprise the picturesque 905 districts, where rolling hills are dotted with small lakes.

No matter what type of lifestyle appeals to you, you can count on your Greater Toronto REALTOR® to identify your many options and counsel you on with regard to all of the considerations when helping you find your next perfect home.

For more information on the many available options visit [www.TorontoRealEstateBoard.com](http://www.TorontoRealEstateBoard.com) where you'll find GTA listings, plain language real estate forms, mortgage and land transfer tax calculators and more.

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