

#### THE SURVEY INCLUDES QUESTIONS ON:

## Housing & Physical Environment

- Dwelling & neighbourhood satisfaction
- Services & amenities
- Neighbourhood problems
- · Economic development

#### Community

- Neighbourhood engagement
- Priority concerns

# Safety & Security

- How safe residents feel in their home and in their neighbourhood
- Fire safety

### Civic Engagement

- · Volunteer activities
- Engagement with local government

#### Health

- · Access to healthcare
- · Physical activity
- Social support

#### Employment, Education, & Demographics

- Income and living costs
- Education level
- · Ethnicity and languages







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# The City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy

is an innovative and complex approach to community development that is intended to improve the lives of Hamilton residents. Research and evaluation is an important part of this work. Researchers are working with the Neighbourhood Action Strategy to find out more about residents' views and priorities, how well the planning and neighbourhood projects are going, what might need to be changed along the way, and what kind of impact the strategy has on residents.

The **Hamilton Neighbourhoods Study** is one component of this research and evaluation. The main aim of our study is to measure the impact of the Neighbourhood Action Strategy on outcomes including health, civic engagement, and safety & security in the neighbourhoods.



The survey is being done with residents in six of the eleven neighbourhoods where the Neighbourhood Action Strategy is taking place: Beasley, Keith, McQueston, Rolston, Stinson and Stipley. We sent study invitation letters to a randomly selected sample of residential addresses (both houses and apartments) in each neighbourhood. Participants in the survey complete a baseline interview, and are contacted again for a follow-up interview 2 years later.

Our survey is voluntary, and confidential. We conduct a survey with one resident per household. Any resident of the household is eligible to complete the survey so long as they are 18 years of age or older, and they regularly live at the residence being surveyed. We have interpretation assistance available if needed, and all participants receive a cash honorarium as a thank-you for their time.

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