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**The Great Pumpkin is Coming!  
Have a Wonderful  
and Safe Halloween!**

See colouring contest on page 4.

It is important to make your home safe for little ghouls and goblins.

Remove objects around the outside of your house that could cause children to trip or fall.

Turn on your outdoor lights to increase visibility and let trick-or-treaters know they can visit.

**Happy Halloween!**



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**Less than half the picture** by Richard Bercuson



**One day...**

There's a significant problem with expressing feelings of illness and fatigue, as in being sick and tired. Unless you have magical powers, are supremely well-connected, or have a mega bank account with which to buy your way through life, being sick and tired of anything is more frustrating than making sense of why, for instance, during the lockdown, certain Dolarama aisles were cordoned off. How did Covid know not to infiltrate those aisles?

The only exception is if you're sick and tired of being sick and tired, a medical issue.

However, if you live anywhere near

Winchester Road, need to access it, turn off it, or - heaven forbid - walk across or along it, you understand where this is going. I am sick and tired of it, useless as those emotions may be.

One day, there will be blood. A moron behind the wheel, impatient with the driver in front unable to turn left off that infernal byway, will veer onto the so-called sidewalk, the one with the sloped curb, and strike someone. Because waiting an additional 20 seconds will be an inconvenience.

One day, a perfectly innocent driver trying to get to an appointment by turning onto or off this danger strip will be struck head on by a cowboy-driven speeding truck.

One day, a teen or a couple of kids or a parent and stroller will be

smushed trying to hoof it across Winchester because it's quicker than walking all the way to the only light and crosswalk between Anderson and Baldwin.

One day, yet another driver will weave around the sunken manholes on the west side of the newly named Too-Narrow Horse Bridge and slam into another driver planning to do the same.

One day, during rush hour, a road rage incident will result in injuries because someone was being polite or stubborn or riding a bumper or honking while not moving. That in itself should be a road infraction: \$100 fine for honking in halting traffic.

I get that Winchester is a regional road that slices through Whitby roads, which likely accounts for years of dithering on when it will be fixed. I've long since ceased caring to hear the excuses. Winchester

ranks among the most dangerous roads I've experienced. This includes a couple in Ottawa that were annually ranked among Ontario's worst. It may even be worse than Montreal's dreaded Decarie "Expressway" where changing lanes or trying to exit are considered death defying feats.

The bridge, the potholes, the dearth of lights and crosswalks, the sloped sidewalk curbs and lack of speed limit compliance have made it a veritable death trap in waiting.

Undoubtedly this column will elicit official reasons and excuses, not to mention plans and promises, pointing to impending changes. So, like our messaging to the province about highways 412 and 418, perhaps the BTC should take a similar approach to Winchester.

How's this for starters? Region, Town: Fix Winchester. Why? Because one day...

**What You Need To Know This Week:**

**Have Your Say: New Whitby Civic Recreation Complex Change Rooms**

Whitby, good news - the Whitby Civic Recreation Centre Complex is getting a new family change room and renovated Men's and Women's change rooms. Get a sneak peak at the proposed design and have your say now through November 1. [ConnectWhitby.ca/CRC](http://ConnectWhitby.ca/CRC)

**Celebrating Youth Awards**

Do you know a young community leader between the ages of 12 to 18 who works hard to help make Whitby the best it can be? Nominate them by Friday, November 5, 2021. Thank you to Elexicon Energy and Fieldgate Developments for sponsoring the awards. [whitby.ca/YouthEvents](http://whitby.ca/YouthEvents)



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**It's Small Business Week**

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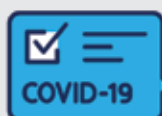
**Get Involved In Waste Reduction Week**

October 18 to 24 is Waste Reduction Week. Get involved by playing our waste sorting game, scheduling a community cleanup, attending a webinar, or downloading the Whitby Waste Buddy app to view your waste collection schedule and learn how to dispose of waste correctly. For more ways to get involved, visit [whitby.ca/News](http://whitby.ca/News)



**Doing Some Fall Clean-Up?**

Leaf and yard waste is picked up every other week on the same day as your garbage collection. Acceptable waste includes: brush, leaves, branches, garden trimmings, pumpkins, fallen fruit and more: [whitby.ca/Waste](http://whitby.ca/Waste)



**Proof of Vaccination Required To Enter Town Recreation Facilities**

Residents are reminded that proof of vaccination is now required to be shown by everyone 12 years of age and older to enter a Town recreation facility. Learn more: [whitby.ca/GetActive](http://whitby.ca/GetActive)

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The members of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 152, would like to thank our Veterans and their families. We pay tribute to our Comrades who have served, and who continue to serve, so we may have our freedom today.

Branch 152 would like to thank the residents of Brooklin, Myrtle, Ashburn, and surrounding communities for your continued support throughout the Poppy Campaign. Monies raised are put into a trust fund and is used to help Veterans and their families, our youths through bursaries and school awards, and helping others in our communities when needed. Without your help we would not be able to make this program possible.

**STATEMENT OF POPPY ACCOUNT**

Opening Balance October 1, 2021	\$51,043.44
Income From Poppy Campaign & Donations	\$30,739.77
	\$81,783.21
<b>Disbursements</b>	
Poppy Campaign Supplies & Expenses	\$3,584.23
School Awards (Poppy Poster & Essay Contest)	\$1,235.00
Accessibility Maintenance	\$183.26
Donations - Air Cadets / Sea Cadets	\$6,000.00
Donations - Veterans Transition Programs	\$12,000.00
Donations	
- Homeless Veterans (Leave The Streets Behind)	\$10,000.00
Donations - Operation Service Dogs	\$5,000.00
Donations - Veterans - Other	\$16,500.00
	\$54,502.49
Total	\$54,502.49
Balance as of September 30, 2021	\$27,280.72

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# Brooklin veteran John Patterson

By Jennifer Hudgins



Flight Officer John (Jack) French Patterson was one of the brave men and women who brought honour to Brooklin through his service during World War 2. He joined the R.C.A.F. in Toronto in January, 1941, and trained in Brandon and Montreal and received his wings on January 18, 1942 while stationed in MacDonald, Manitoba after which he was sent to an operational training unit for four weeks to prepare him for front-line duties.

Patterson quickly rose in rank. He was promoted from Aircraftman Second Class to Sergeant before being sent overseas in February of that year. During his first tour of operations he made 12 flights from the British Isles over German occupied territory. He made 20 more when stationed for six weeks at Gibraltar and in the Middle East. He returned to England in April, 1943, where he instructed aircrew cadets and furloughed in Canada, spending some of the time in Brooklin.

### Wounded in action

Patterson was promoted to Pilot Officer on November 7, 1943 and to Flying Officer in May 1944. He returned to England in June to start

his second tour of operations. On September 25, 1944, after his sixth bombing raid over German occupied territory in France, Patterson was seriously wounded flying back to England. He recovered in an English hospital and was demobilized in 1945.

Born in Brooklin on April 30, 1915, Patterson was the fifth child of Ernest and Edna Patterson, owners of the Brooklin Creamery. Educated at the Brooklin Continuation School at the corner of Baldwin and Winchester, he worked in the family dairy prior to his enlistment. He married Anna Isobel Grant in 1945 and they made their home at 60 Winchester Road. After the war, with career choices limited due to battle wounds, he became a fine carpenter, working out of a shop in his backyard while Anna was a nurse at the Brooklin Medical Clinic at 2 Princess Street.

### Active volunteer

For 15 years Patterson volunteered as secretary of the Mount Zion Lodge and he was chairman of the Groveside Cemetery Board for many years. He was also a member of the Brooklin and Oshawa Duplicate Bridge clubs, where he served as Director for the Brooklin club and was a life master. His photo hangs in the Brooklin Legion. He played on the Brooklin Lacrosse Club and

later become its secretary. He died at home on Tuesday, June 9, 1981. Two days later, Brooklin residents showed their respect when they crowded into the Carson Funeral Home Chapel at 79 Baldwin Street. His wife passed away in 2009. The couple are buried at

Groveside.

John Patterson's Veterans Banner is hung on Baldwin at Way Street. This youtube link tells his story. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YprdZ\\_vpSIU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YprdZ_vpSIU)



John Patterson and his mother Edna

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The Halloween-themed experience will feature your favourite animals, themed stations, podcasts and, of course, some candy along the way! Also, this year, we are adding an option to purchase a ticket for a less-fortunate family that can't afford one. Whether visitors are coming and can spare the cost of an

extra ticket or they can't make it but could help another family get here, we ask they consider purchasing a ticket for a family in need and give them an unforgettable Halloween experience.

Tickets are \$25 per carload and must be pre-purchased, at: [https://starticketing.com/tktweb/event\\_view?eventCode=RWA](https://starticketing.com/tktweb/event_view?eventCode=RWA)

Please contact Ross Ste-Croix at [ross.ste-croix@windreachfarm.org](mailto:ross.ste-croix@windreachfarm.org) for further questions or details.

**412-418 Tolls...  
Still there.**



# A 100th Birthday for Brooklin Court War Vet

On Oct. 7, Stewart Bray turned 100. A resident of the Court at Brooklin, Bray had the Legion's Colour Guard attend along with various dignitaries.

The Royal Hamilton Light Infantry online magazine "The Riley" wrote this about him in last June's issue:

"He went overseas in World War 2 and saw extensive combat until a wound sent him home in 1945. Corporal Stewart Bray is one of only two known wartime Rileys remaining with us. He joined the army on January 20th, 1943 and was posted to the RHLI in February, 1944.

"I was farming before the war," Mr.

Bray told The Riley. "We had five farms in what is now the north end of Oshawa. My son still farms part of one today.

"We landed July 1st, 1944. We landed on the Mulberry artificial harbour – we didn't even get our feet wet! I was with 16 Platoon, in "D" Company."

His first battle was Verrières Ridge, attacking entrenched German forces that had already repelled numerous assaults, causing huge Canadian casualties.

"Man, did they ever paste us with artillery fire! But we went 4 or 5 miles, right through the German lines." His

platoon dug in just south of an old church. "It was sure hard digging in that shale rock!" he said. The Rileys held on for a week, and gained the reputation of never giving ground, once taken, thanks to the efforts of Bray and his fellow soldiers.

After Verrières, the Rileys, along with most of the Canadian Army, were shifted all over northwestern Europe. "I think I walked half-way across France!" Mr. Wray joked, but added how much they liked it when they got a "lift" in the Kanga-

roos. He was on foot when his war ended.

"Near Bruges, around Dunkirk, I got it," Mr. Bray recounted. "14 guys were ahead of me in a field, about 3 a.m., and BANG! – I got it. Land mine. It wounded the guy in front of me too." He noted that of the platoon he landed with, only six were left when he got wounded.

He was sent back to the UK for treatment for his shattered right foot, then Canada, and he was discharged in June, 1945. He



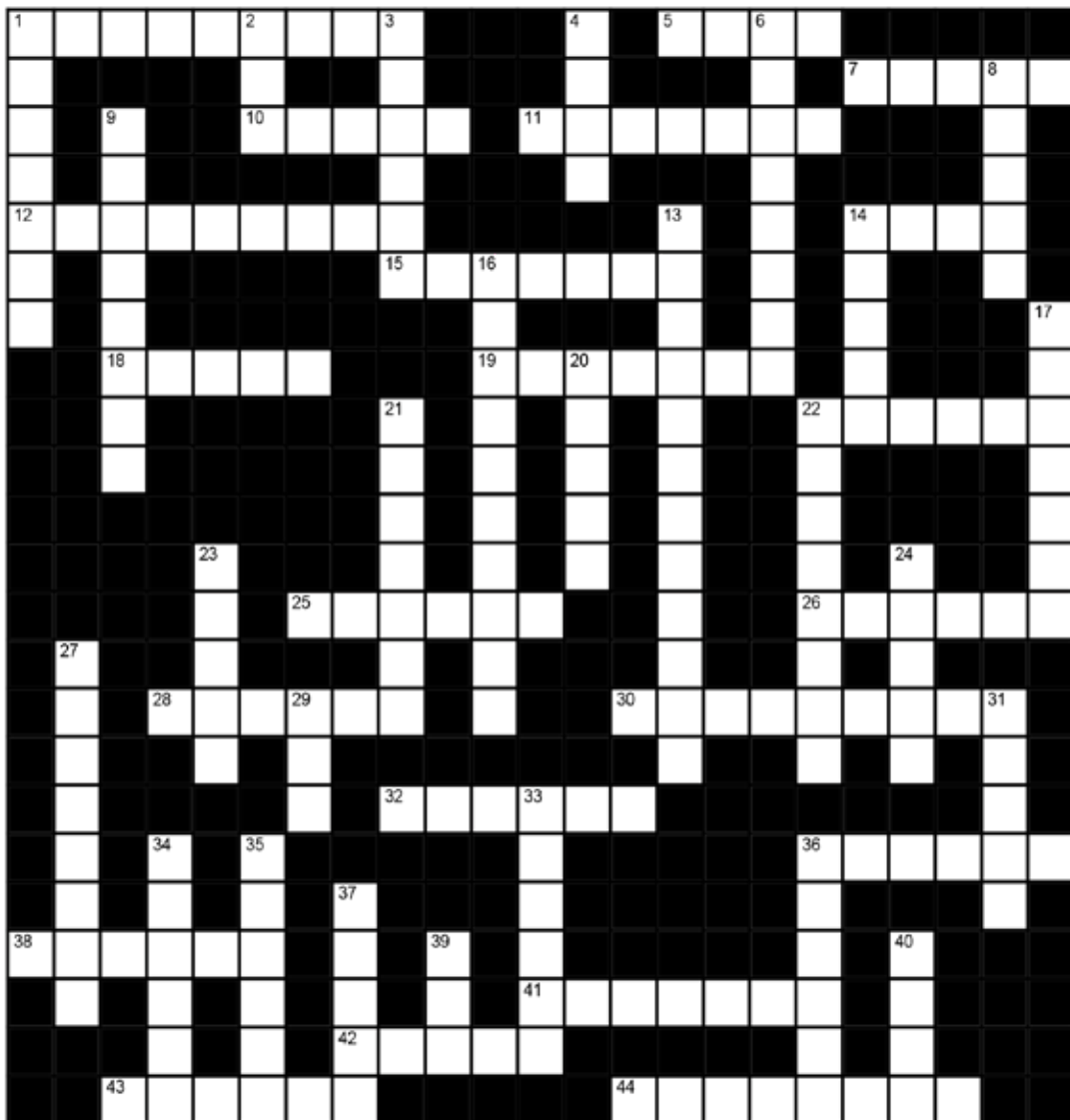
was granted a 35% pension for his injuries. "My first cheque was for \$26.35," he noted.

Post-war, he has made three trips back to France, the last being in 2000 when the RHLI plaques at Woensdrecht and Verrières Ridge were dedicated. He's there in the photos, with comrades old and new.

Mr. Bray farmed in Raglan but also worked at GM in Oshawa. He and his wife June, whom he met in hospital in September 1945 while being treated for arthritis, raised seven children.



## Brooklin Bafflers: by Liz Lowe Crossword



### Across

- 1 An effigy in the shape of a man (9)
- 5 A covering to conceal the face (4)
- 7 An evil spell (5)
- 10 \_\_\_\_\_ or treat (5)
- 11 Frankenstein's creation (7)
- 12 Marker for a grave. (9)
- 14 Banshee's cry (4)
- 15 Fictional vampire (7)
- 18 Like "The X-Files" (5)
- 19 'It's the Great \_\_\_\_\_, Charlie Brown' (7)
- 22 Tremble convulsively (6)
- 25 Apparition (6)
- 26 Sharp piercing cry. (6)
- 28 Reanimated dead body (6)
- 30 A final resting place (9)
- 32 Dracula's bed (6)
- 36 1996 movie, 'A psycho killer targets a past victim's daughter' (6)
- 38 Witch's brew (6)
- 41 Inhabited by apparitions (7)
- 42 Hamlet's father, e.g. (5)
- 43 A sensation of things crawling on your skin (6)
- 44 Lycanthrope (8)

### Down

- 1 A ghostly appearing figure (7)
- 2 Witch's familiar (3)
- 3 By the pricking of my thumbs, something \_\_\_\_\_ this way comes. (6)
- 4 Owl's call. (4)
- 6 Halloween costume (8)
- 8 Bony skeleton of the head (5)
- 9 A tract of land used for burials (8)
- 13 A lamp carved from a pumpkin (4,8)
- 14 A female sorcerer (5)
- 16 A ghostly appearing figure (10)
- 17 A male witch (7)
- 20 Boris Karloff searches for his long lost love in 'The \_\_\_\_\_' (5)
- 21 A corpse that rises at night to drink the blood of the living (7)
- 22 Indicating evil intent (8)
- 23 Witch's transportation (5)
- 24 Candy (5)
- 27 A pot used by witches to brew potions (8)
- 29 Dracula, at times (3)
- 31 Apprehension (5)
- 33 A sudden scare (6)
- 34 Web crawler (6)
- 35 1958 movie 'Bell, Book and \_\_\_\_\_' (6)
- 36 Shade within clear boundaries (6)
- 37 Unclear (5)
- 39 Ghost exclamation (3)
- 40 Bay (4)



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## Brooklin Town Crier



The Brooklin Town Crier was started in 2000 by long-time local resident Rhonda Mulcahy. Its purpose then, as it is today, was to bring the community together by announcing events and raising awareness of local issues. It began as a small mail out with a few listings and community advertisers. As Brooklin grew, so, too, did the paper in both size and distribution. Prior to the onset of online news, the page counts rose to 24. However, as the industry changed, the paper did as well, shrinking to the current, more economical size.

(It should be noted that the BTC is one of the few independently owned community newspapers in Ontario.)

Editor Richard Bercuson joined in 2016 and oversees the editorial component. A retired teacher, he has written extensively for newspapers and magazines and is also an award-winning fiction writer. In his "spare" time, he is Technical Coordinator for the Whitby Girls Hockey Association. He and his wife moved to Brooklin to be close to children and grandchildren. Earlier this week he became a grandfather for the 8th time! We congratulate him on his latest family addition and eagerly await to see how long until he gets her on skates. (Editor's note: Three years)

One of the paper's favourite focuses is to highlight Brooklin's children. For instance, this summer we featured youths who had started their own businesses during COVID. Those kids sure are keeping busy since.

We also pay special attention to our se-

niors. In this edition, we happily profile a 100th birthday at the Court at Brooklin. (see left hand page) How great is that? Happy Birthday Stewart Bray!

Our biggest annual feature has been missing the last two years: The Brooklin Spring Fair edition. We hope we can bring it back along with the Fair next June. As a community, we celebrate our longest running event with pride. In more recent years the fair volunteers have outdone themselves by bringing in stellar entertainment and re-focusing on the area's agricultural roots. While we have always loved the fair, there was a sense of forward growth on the horizon and now we will wait to see what that can be.

Our next edition will feature Remembrance Day. It will promote the poppy fund and we will offer sponsor ads around the day's information. We annually proudly sponsor a wreath at the cenotaph in Brooklin and are always in attendance.

We would be remiss if we did not mention our great columnists. Liz, Leanne, Jennifer and Sheree who provide us with all sorts of recipes, puzzles, children's stories and Brooklin history. If you or anyone you know has a desire to take on a column in the paper or write a feature, we are open to ideas.

We know the pandemic has changed many lives and we are working to keep our sense of community alive through this paper. What stories do you have to tell? Please reach out to Richard ([editorofBTC@gmail.com](mailto:editorofBTC@gmail.com)) with your ideas.

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## Plant-Based Eating by Sheree Nicholson



### Flax Facts

After years of relative anonymity, the nutritional powerhouses we call flaxseeds are proving to be a functional food and should be included in any plant-based diet. They're rich in omega-3 fatty acids, phytoestrogens, fibre, and protein and contain antioxidants, healthy fats, fibre, protein, and a wide variety of vitamins and minerals. Studies show that they may help fight heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and cancer. It's easy to incorporate them into everyday meals and snacks.

Flax is most commonly used in its whole food form. However, flax is sometimes taken as a supplement and sold as flax oil. You'll find two main types of flaxseeds in stores: golden and brown. While the most obvious difference between them is their colour, the main nutritional difference is in the makeup of their overall oil content. Brown flax seeds have about 8% more of the omega-3 fatty acids than golden flax seeds.

#### Even small amounts help

Whole flaxseeds are tiny. Even a small serving of flaxseeds contains a considerable amount of nutrition. Just one tablespoon of whole flaxseed contains one gram of protein, three grams of fibre, a variety of B vitamins, around 10% of your

daily needs for magnesium, manganese, and phosphorus, and a sizable amount of omega-3 fatty acids. Adding even a small amount of flaxseeds to your meals is beneficial.

Flax meal, or ground flaxseeds, makes it easier for your body to digest and absorb the nutrients found in flaxseeds. You can purchase pre-ground flaxseeds, but these are more prone to oxidation and go rancid more quickly than whole flaxseeds. You buy ground flax meal and store it in the freezer to improve its shelf life, and try to eat one to two tablespoons per day. You can sprinkle them on all kinds of dishes, including cereals and smoothies. However they do act as a binding agent, so you may have to

add more fluid to your smoothie or oatmeal to compensate.

Finally, flax eggs are used to replace real eggs in plant-based baking. The recipe below works perfectly in cookies. I recently used it as an egg replacement in brownies and they turned out great. I've used them in making banana bread, oatmeal cookies and most recently brownies using flax eggs, all with great success.

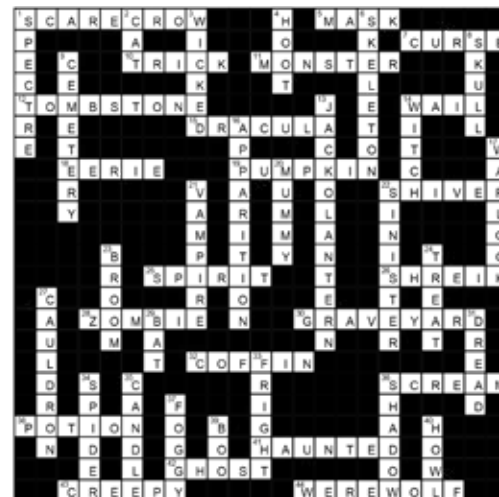
#### Flax Egg Recipe (from bobsredmill.com)

- 1 Tbsp Flaxseed Meal or Golden Flaxseed Meal
- 3 Tbsp Water

Combine one tablespoon of flax-

seed meal and three tablespoons of water and allow to sit for about 5 minutes. Add this ingredient to your recipe as you would an egg.

**Sheree's hack:** Store flax products or oil in your refrigerator to increase their shelf life.



## Region Seeks Pandemic Stories

During the COVID-19 pandemic, our community has remained #DurhamStrong through our resilient spirit. It has changed the way we work, communicate, and live. Yet, everyone has faced different struggles and triumphs.

As Durham Region looks to the future - and economic and community recovery - we are calling on residents to share their unique experiences with us on a new, interactive platform: [durham.ca/PandemicStories](http://durham.ca/PandemicStories).

Get involved by sharing your sto-

ry so we can connect and build community recovery and healing. You can write a story, share a photo, video or artwork; and connect with other members of the community to learn about their pandemic experiences.

This project aligns with Durham Region's Recovery Framework and Action Plan and is supported by the Regional Recovery Task Force, which includes representatives from Lakeridge Health, the Whitby Chamber of Commerce and the not-for-profit sector.

"As we have all faced the same storm of the pandemic, everyone's experience has been a little different," says John Henry, Durham Regional Chair and Chief Executive Officer. "Some of us have faced major challenges such as losing a loved one to COVID-19, changes in employment status, or difficulty finding housing. Some of us have learned new skills, embraced new technology to stay connected, and found new appreciation for the small joys in life. One thing for sure is that our collective experiences will shape our generation, and our Region, for years to come."

# MARKETING YOUR HOME FOR ALL IT IS WORTH!

## TIGHT MARKET SUSTAIN STRONG PRICE GROWTH

September marked the transition from the slower summer market to the busier fall market in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA). Every year, we generally see an uptick in sales, average selling price and listings after Labour Day. Sales increased relative to August and were also at the third-highest mark on record for the month of September. The average selling price was up both month-over-month and year-over-year.

Compared to last year, market conditions tightened noticeably, with sales representing a substantially higher share of listings, and a significantly lower number of new listings across the board.

The total number of sales was down 18 percent from 2020's record September result, in large part due to the lower number of new listings, which were down 34 percent from the same time last year.

"Demand has remained incredibly robust throughout September with many qualified buyers who would buy a home tomorrow provided they could find a suitable property. With new listings in September down by one third compared to last year, purchasing a home for many is easier said than done. The lack of housing supply and choice has reached a critical juncture. Bandid policies to artificially suppress demand have not been effective. This is not an issue that can be solved by one level of government alone. There needs to be collaboration federally, provincially, and locally on a solution," said Kevin Crigger, TRREB President.



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"Price growth in September continued to be driven by the low-rise market segments, including detached and semi-detached houses and townhouses. However, competition between buyers for condo apartments has picked up markedly over the past year, which has led to an acceleration in price growth over the past few months as first-time buyers re-entered the ownership market. Look for this trend to continue," said Jason Mercer, TRREB Chief Market Analyst.

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