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# Town in top 50 of best places to live

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We're number 37!

Although it doesn't have the same ring as, 'We're number one', according to MoneySense, Halton Hills ranks 37th in the magazine's Best Places to Live 2012 list.

Ottawa took first place followed by Burlington and Kingston as Ontario communities swept the top three spots in the list of 190 Canadian

communities. Halton's other municipalities—

Oakville and Milton— were 17th and 78th respectively. The worst-rank-

ing place is the GTA is Brampton. Dead last on the

Dead last on the list of Canada's Best Places to Live 2012 is New Glasgow, N.S.,

two spots below Kawartha Lakes, Ont. Canada's Best Places to Live 2012 compiles, weighs and ranks 190 cities and towns in Canada by 22 separate categories using municipal data and information from Statistics Canada and other sources.

A total of 105 points was up for grabs. Each category was allotted a number of points depending on the importance of the category. For example, employment statistics are worth 10 points while sales taxes are worth 1 point. Some categories are further broken into subcategories.

For example, the crime category is determined by statistics in the subcategories of violent crime, crime severity and total crime.

The top city in each category received the maximum number of points, and the rest of the cities received descending incremental points based on their ranking.

Here's how Halton Hills ranked in some of the categories (out of 190).

Percentage of people who walked/ biked to work: 161st.

Affordable housing: 159th.

Household income: 12th Discretionary in-

come: 38th New cars (2009-2011 model year vehi-

cles as a per cent of total vehicles as per Canadian Demographics): 54th

Population growth: 22nd Low crime: 3rd

- Doctors per 1,000: 110th
- Weather: 42nd
- Jobless rate: 63rd
- Culture: 74th

For more information on Money-Sense's list visit www.moneysense. ca/2012/03/20/canadas-best-places-tolive-2012/

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