

HOUSING PRICES STARTING TO DIP LOCALLY

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Halton Hills homebuyers might be starting to see housing prices level out. Megan Ethier, a realtor for Royal City Realty and based in Acton, said the post-pandemic could rein in runaway housing prices.

"We're seeing a real adjustment of a more balanced market on the horizon," Ethier said.

In March, the median sale price of homes in Halton Hills sat just over the

million-dollar mark at \$1,055,000.

In May, that median had dropped more than \$100,000 to \$940,000.

Ethier said houses were also staying on the market longer with fewer bidding wars.

"It's nice to see the market adjusting," she said. "It's better for buyers and for sellers."

While the market has become significantly harder to break into, some sellers will find few options to upgrade.

Selling while the mar-

ket is hot also means buying in the same hot market.

"Sellers end up becoming buyers - which is difficult if you want to stay in the same community," Ethier said.

Another contributing factor, aside from historically low inventory, Ethier said, could be buyer fatigue.

"Buyers are tired of the bidding wars and the prices," she said.

While housing prices may not drop to their pre-pandemic levels, Ethier said, she thinks there will be more traction in the market.

"We are still going to see more people moving to the neighbourhood because we're on the outskirts of the GTA," she said.

"People are looking to move to smaller, more rural communities."

That increase in population, Ethier said, will be great for the local economy.



Real estate agent Megan Ethier says the pandemic housing boom is starting to level off.

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