

RESIDENT PROSPECTUS

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you belong here.

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live in the middle of everywhere



IN MOST SMALL TOWNS,
YOU CAN EXPECT TO
ENJOY THE SLOWER
SIDE OF LIFE.

The Town of Minto is located in the north-western boundary of Wellington County, and is composed of the former Towns of Harriston and Palmerston, the former Village of Clifford, and surrounding rural area of the former Minto Township.

When you move to Minto, you're only an hour from the major centres of southern Ontario – including Kitchener-Waterloo and Guelph – and popular recreational areas along the eastern shore of Lake Huron and southern Georgian Bay.

An hour from the city, and an hour to the beach. What more could you ask for?

DISTANCE TO TOWN OF MINTO OFFICE, HARRISTON

BRAMPTON 109 KM	PORT ELGIN 82KM
GUELPH 70KM	SOUTHAMPTON 85KM
KITCHENER-WATERLOO 76 KM	GODERICH 87KM
MISSISSAUGA 128 KM	SAUBLE BEACH 100KM

Jean and Christopher thought they were making a temporary move to Palmerston for better jobs. Five years and two kids later, they're still here.

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White's Junction Trail,
Palmerston



Nicole moved from the GTA to be with boyfriend Derrick in Palmerston, and loves her friendly new home town.

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Palmerston Lions Heritage Park

Which Minto
community does
your family belong in?
This guide will give you
our insider take on the
best features of Clifford,
Harriston, Palmerston!



BUT IN MINTO, WE HUSTLE HARD
TO CREATE COMMUNITIES
WHERE EVERYONE FEELS LIKE
THEY'RE HOME.



The Almomhammad family
escaped war in Turkey,
and love the peace and
quiet of rural Harriston.
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WE THINK YOU SHOULD
TOTALLY MOVE HERE.

part of every Minto community

WHAT SETS MINTO APART?
THESE ARE JUST SOME OF THE
DIFFERENCES YOU CAN FEEL.



Members of the Minto Pride Committee organize inclusive events for the LGBTQ2S+ community and allies

BELONGING

Our community is enriched by the diversity and lived experience of the people who call Minto home. Everyone is welcome here.

LOCALLY LOYAL
Minto didn't invent the idea of supporting local small businesses – but it's one of the unspoken and most fiercely demonstrated core values of our community.



The Minto Makers' Market happens several times each year



VOLUNTEER POWER

An army of volunteers across all three communities deliver exceptional programming and experiences for residents and visitors. If you want to find your people in Minto, volunteering is the easiest way.

GREEN SPACE GALORE

With parks, playgrounds and more than 19km of trails that run through each community, getting outside is easier – and a lot more fun – in Minto.



White's Junction Trail, Palmerston

SUPER FAST FIBRE

Minto's urban areas are serviced by high speed fibre-optic internet to homes and businesses, and boast some of Ontario's fastest internet speeds.



REVITALIZED DOWNTOWNS

The heart of every small town is its main street. That's why we've rebuilt all three Minto main streets from the ground up with infrastructure improvements and placemaking additions like outdoor furniture, public art, landscaping and lighting.

Downtown Harriston Street Party

get more for your mortgage

THERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Whether you're looking for a new build, established neighbourhood, or the country property of your dreams, Minto's communities offer a broad selection of housing types, styles and amenities to suit every stage of your life.



A calmer lifestyle drew retirees Sheila and Tony Stroud, and their special needs son Mark, to Harriston.

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HOW THE TOWN OF MINTO CAN HELP PAY YOUR MORTGAGE

The Town of Minto permits accessory dwellings – such as “granny flats” and basement apartments. The Town also has a strong demand for rental units.

As a homeowner, this means you can create an income property that could make your mortgage payments more affordable.



Marla and Pete Bradford moved their lives and their business – The Barrel House – from Picton to Clifford.

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work where you live

Minto has a job opportunities across a broad range of sectors – from agriculture and administration, to manufacturing and digital marketing – with opportunities in every field at every level.

And with one of the lowest unemployment rates in Ontario, Minto is a great place to start, advance – or even retire from – your career.

The North Wellington Jobs & Housing Portal gives you easy access to the most up-to-date job postings and real estate listings in Minto.

VISIT NWJOBSANDHOUSING.CA

Do you run your own show?

You're in great company!
Nearly 20% of Minto residents are also local business owners.

Learn why Minto isn't just where your family belongs: it's where your business belongs too.



COMMUTING TO HQ?

Decompress on the road less travelled. It's a pleasant drive to many of southwestern Ontario's largest cities – like Kitchener, Waterloo, and Guelph – from Minto, where you can retreat at the end of your day.

WORK REMOTELY

You can rely on some of Ontario's fastest internet speeds to help you Zoom in and get things done. And if you're craving a little water cooler chat, we've got you covered with flexible coworking space at LaunchIt to work remotely or run your business.



LaunchIt Business
Exploration Centre

what's it like to ~~live~~ belong here?



RELAXED. FRIENDLY. AND THERE'S ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO.

Minto has a vibrant community life, with a full roster of stores, services and amenities to help you create the life you've always dreamed about.

We find every reason to celebrate with a jam-packed line up of year-round community events, plus activities, entertainment and extracurriculars for your down time.

They're the best way to make new friends and meet families like yours.



Aaron and Taylor Keunen returned to their Minto roots to grow their businesses and family.
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After 15 years of city apartment living, Cliff and Alicia bought their first home in Clifford.
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YES, LIKE THE BIG RED DOG @CLIFFORDCONNECTS

Well known for its restaurants, green spaces, and several unique shopping destinations – including antiques, home decor, and a gallery – Clifford's strong sense of community and dedicated volunteer base make it a stand out among other small communities.

DO YOU BELONG IN CLIFFORD?

- You have a young family, or you're retired and want a slower pace
- You're sporty and want access to lots of recreational amenities (Clifford has sports fields, trails, and a variety of municipally-run indoor fitness programs)
- You commute to Grey, Huron or Bruce County



These Booths Were Made for Talking!™ Public Art in Clifford

Harriston



Empty-nesters Cindy and John found their new home halfway to their cottage.

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Mural in downtown Harriston

WHERE ELSE CAN YOU TAKE A SELFIE WITH A GIANT ICE CREAM CONE?

@HARRISTONRISING

Harriston is the heart of Minto, located in the middle of the municipality, halfway between Clifford and Palmerston.

A grass roots, community revitalization has been underway in recent years, bringing together businesses, residents, service clubs, and local talent. Harriston has a little bit of everything – and something for everyone.

DO YOU BELONG IN HARRISTON?

- You love the arts and culture (Harriston has an art gallery, live theatre guild, cinema and Carnegie library)
- You have school aged kids and want to be within walking distance of an elementary school
- You commute to southern Wellington County (Elora, Fergus, Guelph)



The Minto Farmers' Market runs Saturdays from June to September at the Palmerston Railway Heritage Museum



Jennifer and Nikola got lost on an afternoon drive – and just couldn't stop visiting Palmerston.

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Palmerston

AKA "PALM BEACH"
@ALLBOARDPALMERSTON



At the junction of fascinating history and vibrant community spirit, Palmerston honours its railway heritage in creative and collaborative ways. Recent new housing developments have rapidly grown the community, attracting new businesses and downtown revitalization.

DO YOU BELONG IN PALMERSTON?

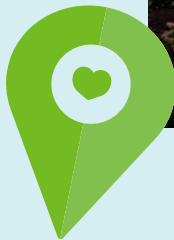
- You appreciate local history and walkable communities (you'll love Lions Heritage Park!)
- You desire a French immersion elementary educational program for your kids
- You have teenagers – walk to Norwell District High School and The Grove youth hub
- You commute to Waterloo Region





**YOU'RE GOING TO LOVE LIVING HERE.
REACH OUT, AND WE'LL HELP YOU WITH
EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO MOVE (EXCEPT PACKING).**

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**CURIOS ABOUT LIFE AS A MINTONIAN?
CONNECT WITH US ONLINE AND MEET YOUR FUTURE NEIGHBOURS.**

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