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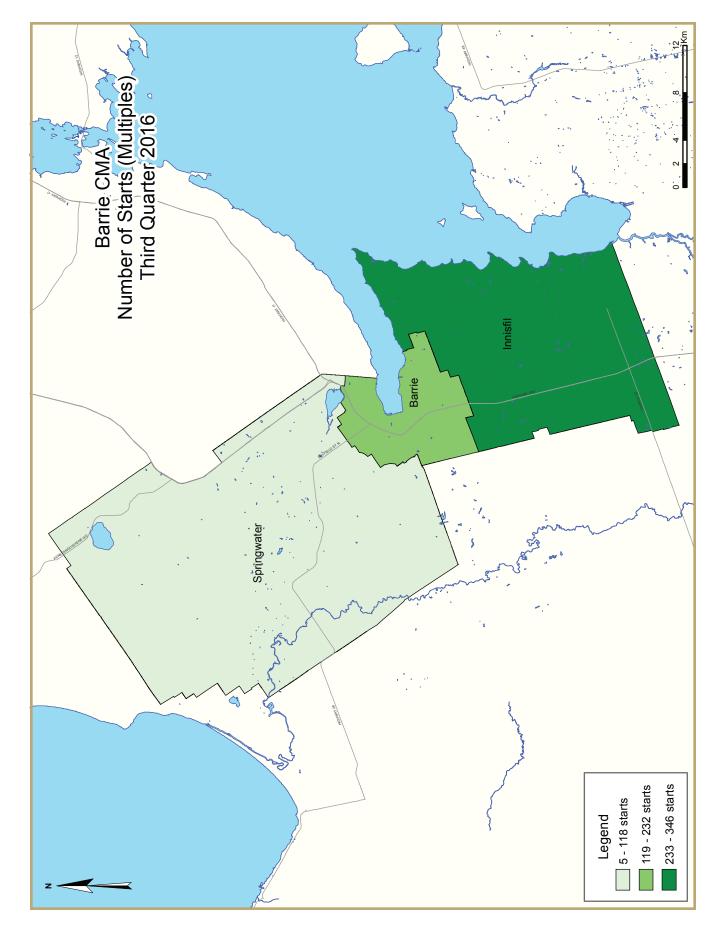
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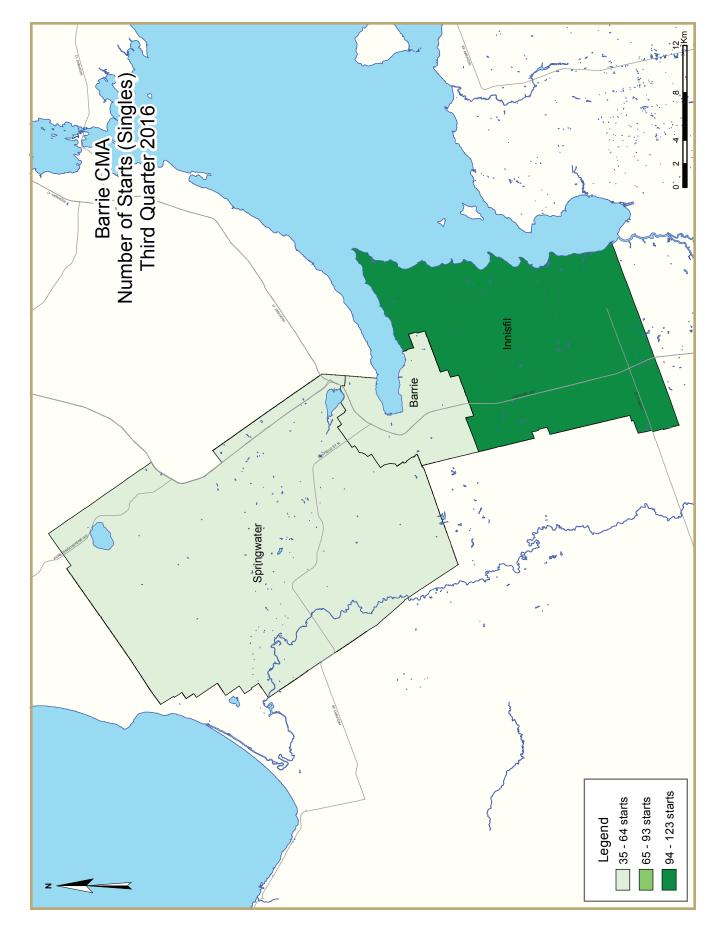
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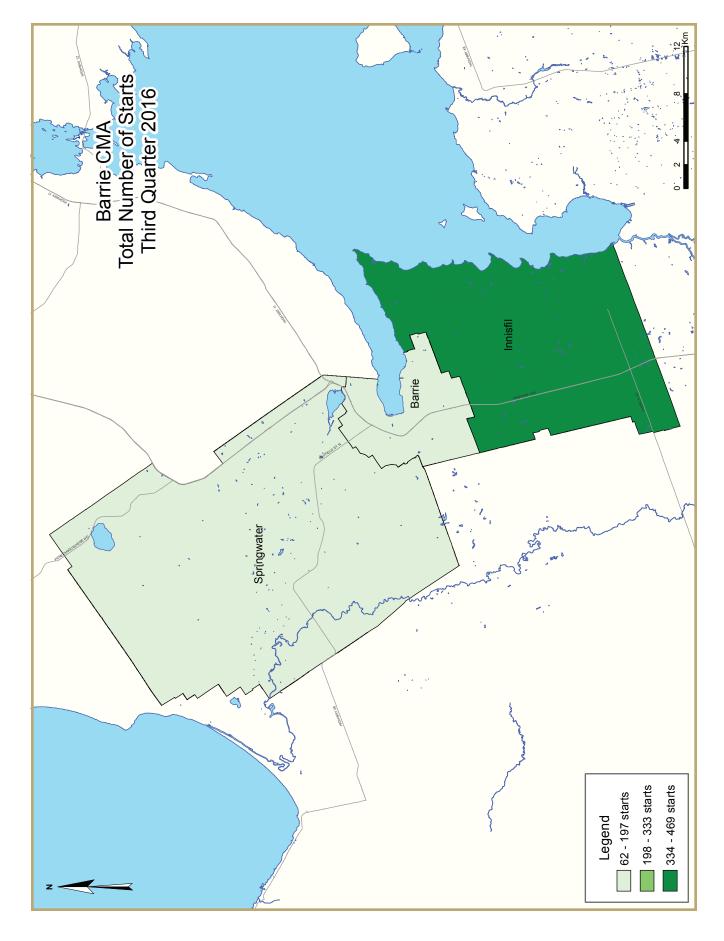
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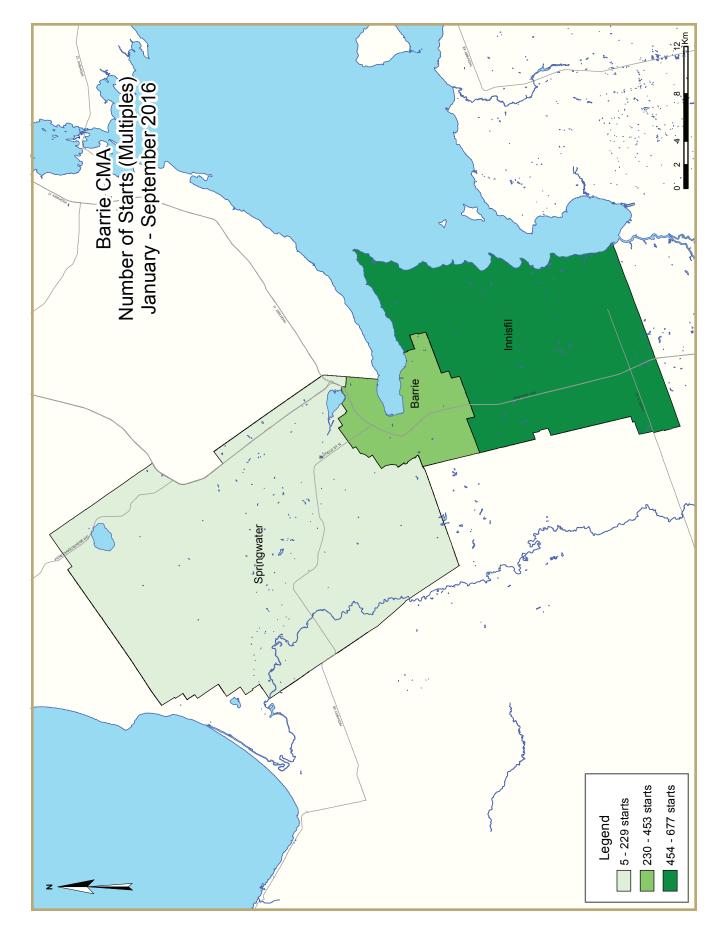
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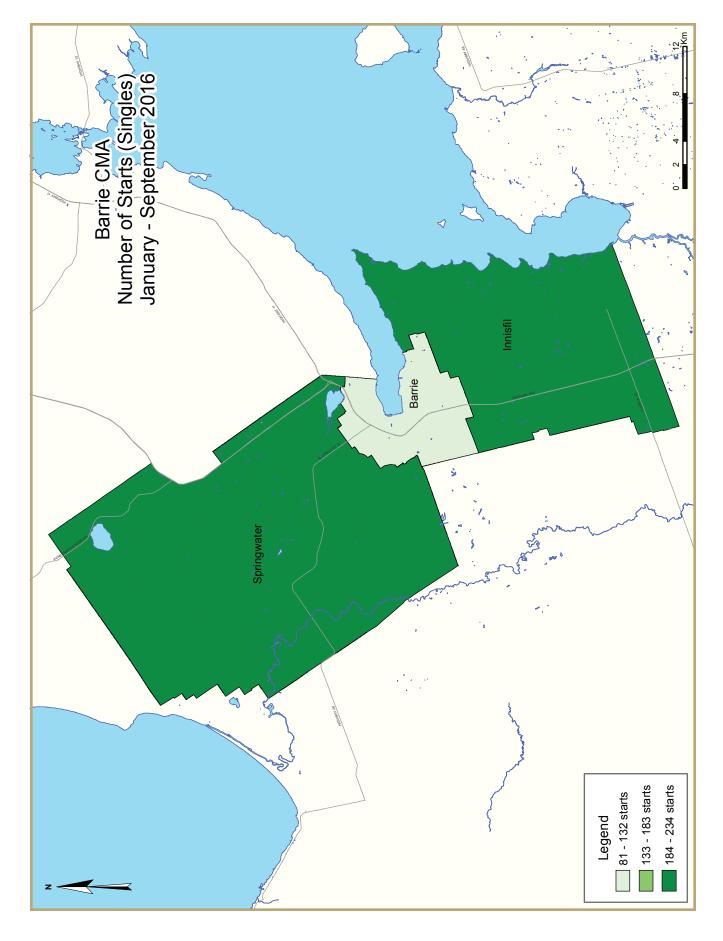


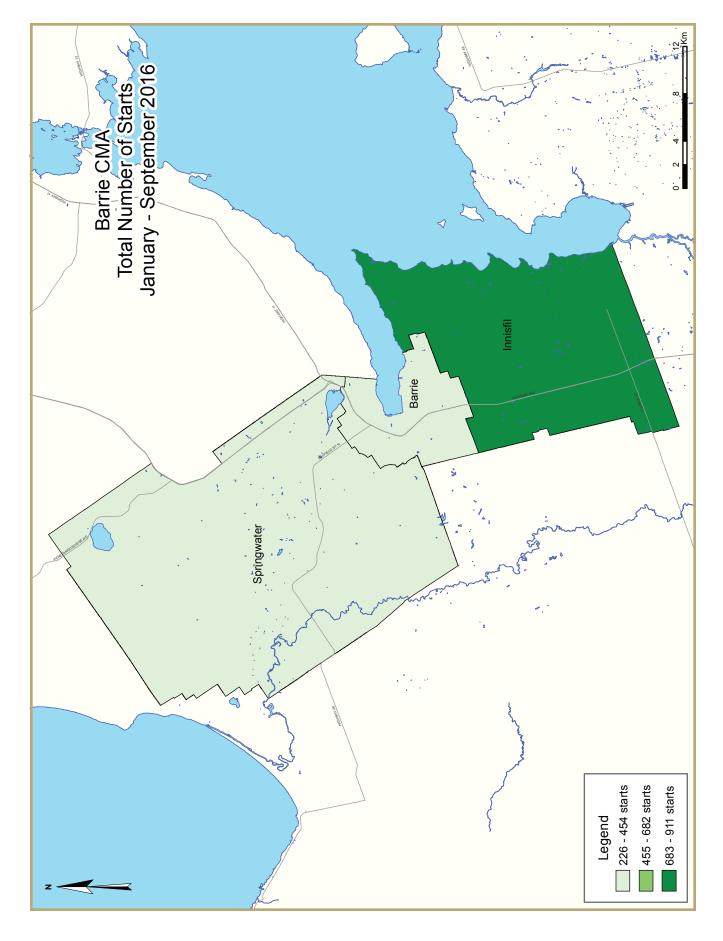












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SYMBOLS

- n/a Not applicable
- * Totals may not add up due to co-operatives and unknown market types
- ** Percent change > 200%
- Nil
- -- Amount too small to be expressed
- SA Monthly figures are adjusted to remove normal seasonal variation

	Table I: Housing Starts (SAAR and Trend)										
Third Quarter 2016											
Barrie CMA ^I	Anr	nual	٦	1onthly SAA	R	Trend ²					
	2014	2015	July 2016	Aug. 2016	Sept. 2016	July 2016	Aug. 2016	Sept. 2016			
Single-Detached	550	695	720	783	565	706	711	690			
Multiples	598	321	1,512	١,668	2,844	698	942	1,400			
Total	1,148	1,016	2,232	2,451	3,409	1,404	1,653	2,090			
	Quarter	ly SAAR		Actual			YTD				
	2016 Q2	2016 Q3	2015 Q3	2016 Q3	% change	2015 Q3	2016 Q3	% change			
Single-Detached	712	733	178	215	20.8%	440	536	21.8%			
Multiples	792	2,008	19	502	2542.1%	92	975	959.8%			
Total	1,504	2,741	197	717	264.0%	532	1,511	184.0%			

Source: CMHC

^I Census Metropolitan Area

 2 The trend is a six-month moving average of the monthly seasonally adjusted annual rates (SAAR)

Detailed data available upon request

1	Table I.I:		-		y of Barri	e CMA			
		Th	ird Quar	ter 2016					
			Owne	rship			Ren		
		Freehold		C	Condominium	ı	Ken	tai	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS									
Q3 2016	215	4	81	0	0	413	0	4	717
Q3 2015	178	6	8	0	5	0	0	0	197
% Change	20.8	-33.3	**	n/a	-100.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	**
Year-to-date 2016	536	10	182	0	0	779	0	4	1,511
Year-to-date 2015	440	10	51	0	31	0	0	0	532
% Change	21.8	0.0	**	n/a	-100.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	184.0
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
Q3 2016	541	12	185	0	55	949	0	32	۱,774
Q3 2015	388	14	54	0	24	124	6	108	718
% Change	39.4	-14.3	**	n/a	129.2	**	-100.0	-70.4	147.1
COMPLETIONS									
Q3 2016	152	0	0	0	0	16	0	76	244
Q3 2015	131	0	12	0	13	96	6	0	258
% Change	16.0	n/a	-100.0	n/a	-100.0	-83.3	-100.0	n/a	-5.4
Year-to-date 2016	472	6	20	0	0	64	14	76	652
Year-to-date 2015	345	2	68	0	57	184	6	56	718
% Change	36.8	200.0	-70.6	n/a	-100.0	-65.2	133.3	35.7	-9.2
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORB	ED								
Q3 2016	29	2	0	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	34
Q3 2015	33	2	0	0	3	7	n/a	n/a	45
% Change	-12.1	0.0	n/a	n/a	-100.0	-57.1	n/a	n/a	-24.4
ABSORBED									
Q3 2016	155	0	0	0	I	17	n/a	n/a	173
Q3 2015	122	0	12	0	13	102	n/a	n/a	249
% Change	27.0	n/a	-100.0	n/a	-92.3	-83.3	n/a	n/a	-30.5
Year-to-date 2016	475	6	24	0	3	67	n/a	n/a	575
Year-to-date 2015	344	0	74	0	59	202	n/a	n/a	679
% Change	38.1	n/a	-67.6	n/a	-94.9	-66.8	n/a	n/a	-15.3

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

	Table 1.2:		Activity hird Quar		y by Subr	narket			
		11	Owne						
		Freehold	O Wild	•	Condominium		Ren	tal	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
STARTS							Row		
Barrie City									
Q3 2016	35	4	3	0	0	144	0	0	186
Q3 2015	32	6	8	0	5	0	0	0	51
Innisfil Town									
Q3 2016	123	0	77	0	0	269	0	0	469
Q3 2015	123	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	123
Springwater Town									
Q3 2016	57	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	62
Q3 2015	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23
Barrie CMA		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Q3 2016	215	4	81	0	0	413	0	4	717
Q3 2015	178	6	8	0	5	0	0	0	197
UNDER CONSTRUCTION				-	-		-	-	
Barrie City									
Q3 2016	70	12	24	0	55	440	0	28	629
Q3 2015	49	12	28	0	24	124	6	108	351
Innisfil Town	17	12	20	Ű	21	121	U	100	551
Q3 2016	245	0	160	0	0	509	0	0	914
Q3 2015	213	2		0	0	0	0	0	319
Springwater Town	271	2	20	U	U	U	U	Ŭ	517
Q3 2016	226	0	1	0	0	0	0	4	231
Q3 2015	48	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	48
Barrie CMA	0	U	U	U	0	U	U	U	U
Q3 2016	541	12	185	0	55	949	0	32	1,774
Q3 2015	388	12	54	0	24	124	6	108	718
COMPLETIONS	300	14	54	0	24	124	0	100	/10
Barrie City									
Q3 2016	16	0	0	0	0	16	0	76	108
Q3 2015	45	0	12	0	13	96	6	0	108
Innisfil Town	45	0	12	U	13	70	0	0	172
	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50
Q3 2016 Q3 2015	50 64	0		0	0	0		0	50 64
Springwater Town	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
	01	^	^	^	0		0	^	0/
Q3 2016	86	0		0		0		0	
Q3 2015	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	22
Barrie CMA	150	•	-	•			A		0.4.4
Q3 2016	152	0		0	0	16		76	
Q3 2015	131	0	12	0	13	96	6	0	258

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

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			Owne				_		
		Freehold		(Condominium		Ren	tal	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORB	ED								
Barrie City									
Q3 2016	3	2	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	5
Q3 2015	9	2	0	0	3	0	n/a	n/a	14
Innisfil Town									
Q3 2016	17	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	17
Q3 2015	11	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	11
Springwater Town									
Q3 2016	9	0	0	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	12
Q3 2015	13	0	0	0	0	7	n/a	n/a	20
Barrie CMA									
Q3 2016	29	2	0	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	34
Q3 2015	33	2	0	0	3	7	n/a	n/a	45
ABSORBED									
Barrie City									
Q3 2016	16	0	0	0	I	16	n/a	n/a	33
Q3 2015	41	0	12	0	13	99	n/a	n/a	165
Innisfil Town									
Q3 2016	54	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	54
Q3 2015	63	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	63
Springwater Town									
Q3 2016	85	0	0	0	0	I	n/a	n/a	86
Q3 2015	18	0	0	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	21
Barrie CMA									
Q3 2016	155	0	0	0	I	17	n/a	n/a	173
Q3 2015	122	0	12	0	13	102	n/a	n/a	249

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey, Market Absorption Survey)

Table 1.3: History of Housing Starts of Barrie CMA 2006 - 2015											
			2006 - 2 Owne								
		Freehold			Condominium	ı	Ren	tal			
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	Total*		
2015	695	10	51	0	80	104	0	76	1,016		
% Change	26.4	66.7	-31.1	n/a	42.9	-66.2	n/a	-50.6	-11.5		
2014	550	6	74	0	56	308	0	154	1,148		
% Change	-8.6	0.0	-38.3	n/a	115.4	**	-100.0	**	28.8		
2013	602	6	120	0	26	88	19	30	891		
% Change	27.0	0.0	25.0	n/a	-65.3	-27.3	137.5	**	13.9		
2012	474	6	96	0	75	121	8	2	782		
% Change	33.9	**	65.5	n/a	**	-54.3	n/a	0.0	11.7		
2011	354	I	58	0	20	265	0	2	700		
% Change	-19.9	-75.0	-44.8	n/a	-28.6	**	n/a	-93.5	2.6		
2010	442	4	105	0	28	72	0	31	682		
% Change	51.4	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-20.0	n/a	-31.1	59.7		
2009	292	0	0	0	0	90	0	45	427		
% Change	-66.0	-100.0	-100.0	n/a	-100.0	-75.4	n/a	**	-69.8		
2008	858	12	I 40	0	30	366	0	10	1,416		
% Change	15.0	-14.3	-21.3	n/a	**	**	n/a	n/a	44.5		
2007	746	14	I 78	0	5	37	0	0	980		
% Change	-23.3	-46.2	107.0	n/a	-78.3	n/a	n/a	-100.0	-16.2		
2006	972	26	86	0	23	0	0	62	1,169		

	Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type Third Quarter 2016											
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total												
Submarket	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	% Change	
Barrie City	35	32	4	6	3	13	144	0	186	51	**	
Innisfil Town	123	123	0	0	77	0	269	0	469	123	**	
Springwater Town 57 23 0 0 0 5 0 62 23										169.6		
Barrie CMA 215 178 4 6 80 13 418 0 717 197												

Т	Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type January - September 2016												
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total													
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%		
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	Change		
Barrie City	81	78	10	8	13	56	270	0	374	142	163.4		
Innisfil Town	234	303	0	2	168	26	509	0	911	331	175.2		
Springwater Town	oringwater Town 221 59 0 0 0 0 5 0 226 59 *												
Barrie CMA													

Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market Third Quarter 2016												
Row Apt. & Other												
Submarket	Freeho Condor		Ren	Ital	Freeho Condor		Rental					
	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015				
Barrie City	3	13	0	0	144	0	0	0				
Innisfil Town	77	0	0	0	269	0	0	0				
Springwater Town	0 0 0 0 1 0 4 0											
Barrie CMA	80	13	0	0	414	0	4	0				

Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market January - September 2016													
Row Apt. & Other													
Submarket	Freeho Condoi		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condoi		Rental						
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015					
Barrie City	13	56	0	0	270	0	0	0					
Innisfil Town	168	26	0	0	509	0	0	0					
Springwater Town	0	0 0 0 0 I 0 4 0											
Barrie CMA	•												

Та	Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market Third Quarter 2016												
Submarket Freehold Condominium Rental Total*													
Submarket	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015					
Barrie City	42	46	144	5	0	0	186	51					
Innisfil Town	200	123	269	0	0	0	469	123					
Springwater Town	58 23 0 0 4 0 62 2												
Barrie CMA													

Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market January - September 2016													
Submarket Freehold Condominium Rental Total*													
Submarket	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015					
Barrie City	104	111	270	31	0	0	374	142					
Innisfil Town	402	331	509	0	0	0	911	331					
Springwater Town	222 59 0 0 4 0 226 59												
Barrie CMA													

Tat	Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type Third Quarter 2016											
Single Semi Row Apt. & Other Total												
Submarket	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	% Change	
Barrie City	16	45	0	0	0	31	92	96	108	172	-37.2	
Innisfil Town	50	64	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	64	-21.9	
Springwater Town 86 22 0 0 0 0 0 0 86 22									22	**		
Barrie CMA 152 131 0 0 0 31 92 96 244 258											-5.4	

Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type January - September 2016												
	Sing	Single		Semi		Row		Other	Total			
Submarket	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	YTD	%	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	Change	
Barrie City	57	62	10	2	10	111	140	240	217	415	-47.7	
Innisfil Town	236	233	0	0	20	20	0	0	256	253	1.2	
Springwater Town	179	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	179	50	**	
Barrie CMA	472	345	10	2	30	131	140	240	652	718	-9.2	

Table 3.2: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market Third Quarter 2016											
Submarket		Ro	w		Apt. & Other						
	Freeho Condor		Ren	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental				
	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015	Q3 2016	Q3 2015			
Barrie City	0	25	0	6	16	96	76	0			
Innisfil Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Springwater Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Barrie CMA	0	25	0	6	16	96	76	0			

Table 3.3: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market January - September 2016											
		Ro	w		Apt. & Other						
Submarket	Freeho Condoi		Rer	ntal	Freeho Condor		Rental				
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015			
Barrie City	0	105	10	6	64	184	76	56			
Innisfil Town	20	20	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Springwater Town	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Barrie CMA	20	125	10	6	64	184	76	56			

Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market Third Quarter 2016												
Submarket	Freel	nold	Condor	ninium	Ren	Ital	Total*					
Submarket	Q3 2016	Q3 2015										
Barrie City	16	57	16	109	76	6	108	172				
Innisfil Town	50	64	0	0	0	0	50	64				
Springwater Town	86	22	0	0	0	0	86	22				
Barrie CMA	152	143	16	109	76	6	244	258				

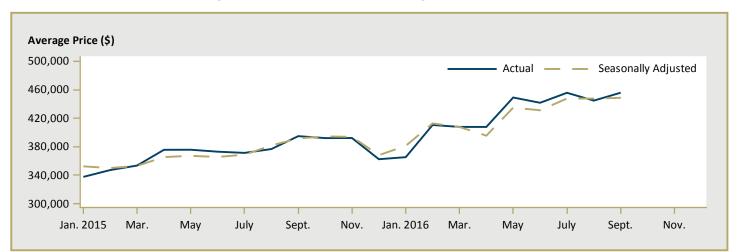
Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market January - September 2016											
Submarket	Freehold		Condor	minium	Ren	ntal	Total*				
Submarket	YTD 2016 YTD 2015		YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016 YTD 2015		YTD 2016	YTD 2015			
Barrie City	63	112	64	241	90	62	217	415			
Innisfil Town	256	253	0	0	0	0	256	253			
Springwater Town	179	50	0	0	0	0	179	50			
Barrie CMA	498	415	64	241	90	62	652	718			

	Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range												
	Third Quarter 2016												
		Price Ranges											
Submarket	< \$35	< \$350,000		\$350,000 - \$399,999		\$400,000 - \$449,999		\$450,000 - \$499,999		+ 000	Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			Πιτες (ψ)
Barrie City													
Q3 2016	0	0.0	I	7.1	10	71.4	3	21.4	0	0.0	14	-	426,735
Q3 2015	16	42.1	13	34.2	3	7.9	3	7.9	3	7.9	38	-	390,143
Year-to-date 2016	0	0.0	11	20.4	27	50.0	8	14.8	8	14.8	54	435,000	458,886
Year-to-date 2015	16	30.2	18	34.0	7	13.2	4	7.5	8	15.1	53	-	409,797
Innisfil Town													
Q3 2016	2	5.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	7.5	35	87.5	40	-	672,997
Q3 2015	2	3.8	8	15.1	12	22.6	18	34.0	13	24.5	53	467,500	472,450
Year-to-date 2016	8	4.0	17	8.5	20	10.0	55	27.5	100	50.0	200	500,000	539,655
Year-to-date 2015	24	11.1	43	19.8	32	14.7	40	18.4	78	35.9	217	470,000	500,402
Springwater Town													
Q3 2016	10	13.9	6	8.3	7	9.7	8	11.1	41	56.9	72	532,500	535,646
Q3 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	13	100.0	13	-	716,191
Year-to-date 2016	17	11.6	10	6.8	14	9.5	15	10.2	91	61.9	147	540,000	570,260
Year-to-date 2015	1	3.4	0	0.0	0	0.0	I	3.4	27	93.1	29	-	706,803
Barrie CMA													
Q3 2016	12	9.5	7	5.6	17	13.5	14	11.1	76	60.3	126	555,000	566,322
Q3 2015	18	17.3	21	20.2	15	14.4	21	20.2	29	27.9	104	447,500	475,764
Year-to-date 2016	25	6.2	38	9.5	61	15.2	78	19.5	199	49.6	401	500,000	544,977
Year-to-date 2015	41	13.7	61	20.4	39	13.0	45	15.1	113	37.8	299	460,000	498,071

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

Table 4.1: Average Price (\$) of Absorbed Single-detached Units Third Quarter 2016												
Submarket Q3 2016 Q3 2015 % Change YTD 2016 YTD 2015 % C												
Barrie City	426,735	390,143	9.4	458,886	409,797	12.0						
Innisfil Town	672,997	472,450	42.4	539,655	500,402	7.8						
Springwater Town	535,646	716,191	-25.2	570,260	706,803	-19.3						
Barrie CMA	566,322	475,764	19.0	544,977	498,071	9.4						

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)







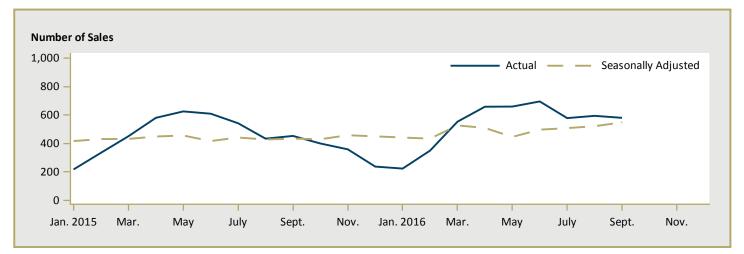
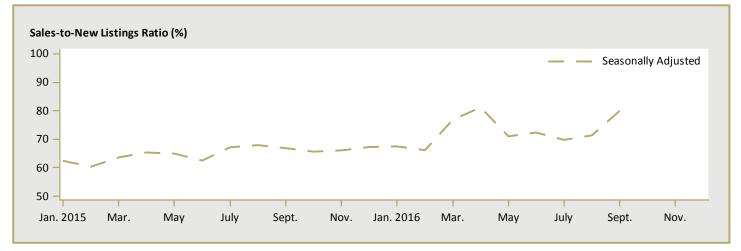


Figure 5.3: MLS® Residential Sales- to- New Listings Ratio for Barrie



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		Inter	est Rates		NHPI,	CPI, 2002 =100 (Ontario)	Barrie Labour Market					
		P & I Per \$100,000	Mortgag (% I Yr. Term		Total, (Ontario) 2007=100		Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Average Weekly Earnings (\$)		
2015	January	570	3.14	4.79	119.7	125.3	114.6	5.5	73.2	873		
	February	567	2.89	4.74	120.1	126.2	3.	6.5	72.8	880		
	March	567	2.89	4.74	120.3	127.1	112.0	6.7	72.1	890		
	April	561	2.89	4.64	120.6	126.9	110.1	7.8	71.8	919		
	May	561	2.89	4.64	121.0	127.7	110.0	8.3	72.0	958		
	June	561	2.89	4.64	121.5	128.2	109.7	7.7	71.3	980		
	July	561	2.89	4.64	121.9	128.4	109.2	7.2	70.5	963		
	August	561	2.89	4.64	122.5	128.0	109.6	6.8	70.3	940		
	September	561	2.89	4.64	122.7	127.8	108.1	7.0	69.4	932		
	October	561	2.89	4.64	123.1	127.9	106.2	6.6	67.8	939		
	November	561	3.14	4.64	123.4	127.9	103.8	6.1	65.9	935		
	December	561	3.14	4.64	123.5	127.5	104.6	6.4	66.4	918		
2016	January	561	3.14	4.64	123.7	127.8	107.0	6.4	67.8	920		
	February	561	3.14	4.64	124.2	128.2	108.8	6.7	69. I	928		
	March	561	3.14	4.64	124.5	129.0	109.7	7.6	70.3	927		
	April	561	3.14	4.64	125.1	129.6	109.0	7.9	69.9	921		
	May	561	3.14	4.64	126.9	130.1	107.0	7.8	68.5	909		
	June	561	3.14	4.64	127.4	130.4	104.1	7.5	66.4	890		
	July	567	3.14	4.74	128.4	130.3	102.2	7.9	65.3	890		
	August	567	3.14	4.74	129.0	129.9	101.8	8.7	65.5	886		
	September	561	3.14	4.64		130.1	101.6	8.5	65.I	903		
	October											
	November											
	December											

"P & I" means Principal and Interest (assumes \$100,000 mortgage amortized over 25 years using current 5 year interest rate)

"NHPI" means New Housing Price Index

"CPI" means Consumer Price Index

"SA" means Seasonally Adjusted

Source: CMHC, adapted from Statistics Canada (CANSIM), Statistics Canada (CANSIM)

METHODOLOGY

Starts & Completions Survey Methodology

The Starts and Completions Survey is conducted by way of site visits which are used to confirm that new units have reached set stages in the construction process. Since most municipalities in the country issue building permits, these are used as an indication of where construction is likely to take place. In areas where there are no permits, reliance has to be placed either on local sources or searching procedures.

The Starts and Completions Survey is carried out monthly in urban areas with population in excess of 50,000, as defined by the 2011 Census. In urban areas with populations of 10,000 to 49,999, all Starts are enumerated in the last month of the quarter (i.e. four times a year, in March, June, September and December). In these centres with quarterly enumeration, Completion activity is modeled based on historical patterns. Monthly Starts and Completions activity in these quarterly locations are statistically estimated at a provincial level for single and multi categories. Centres with populations below 10,000 are enumerated on a sample basis, also in the last month of each quarter (i.e. four times a year, in March, June, September and December).

The Starts and Completions Survey enumerates dwelling units in new structures only, designed for non-transient and year-round occupancy.

Mobile homes are included in the surveys. A mobile home is a type of manufactured house that is completely assembled in a factory and then moved to a foundation before it is occupied.

Trailers or any other movable dwelling (the larger often referred to as a mobile home) with no permanent foundation are excluded from the survey.

Conversions and/or alterations within an existing structure are excluded from the surveys as are seasonal dwellings, such as: summer cottages, hunting and ski cabins, trailers and boat houses; and hostel accommodations, such as: hospitals, nursing homes, penal institutions, convents, monasteries, military and industrial camps, and collective types of accommodation such as: hotels, clubs, and lodging homes.

Market Absorption Survey Methodology

The Market Absorption Survey is carried out in conjunction with the Starts and Completions Survey in urban areas with populations in excess of 50,000. When a structure is recorded as completed, an update is also made as units are sold or rented. The dwellings are then enumerated each month until such time as full absorption occurs.

STARTS AND COMPLETIONS SURVEY AND MARKET ABSORPTION SURVEY DEFINITIONS

A "**dwelling unit**", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as a structurally separate set of self-contained living premises with a private entrance from outside the building or from a common hall, lobby, or stairway inside the building. Such an entrance must be one that can be used without passing through another separate dwelling unit.

A "**start**", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as the beginning of construction work on a building, usually when the concrete has been poured for the whole of the footing around the structure, or an equivalent stage where a basement will not be part of the structure.

The number of units "**under construction**" as at the end of the period shown, takes into account certain adjustments which are necessary for various reasons. For example, after a start on a dwelling has commenced construction may cease, or a structure, when completed, may contain more or fewer dwelling units than were reported at start.

A "**completion**", for purposes of the Starts and Completions Survey, is defined as the stage at which all the proposed construction work on a dwelling unit has been performed, although under some circumstances a dwelling may be counted as completed where up to 10 per cent of the proposed work remains to be done.

The term "**absorbed**" means that a housing unit is no longer on the market (i.e. has been sold or rented). This usually happens when a binding contract is secured by a non-refundable deposit and has been signed by a qualified purchaser. The purpose of the Market Absorption Survey is to measure the rate at which units are sold or rented after they are completed, as well as collect prices.

DWELLING TYPES:

A "**Single-Detached**" dwelling (also referred to as "**Single**") is a building containing only one dwelling unit, which is completely separated on all sides from any other dwelling or structure. Includes link homes, where two units may share a common basement wall but are separated above grade. Also includes cluster-single developments.

A "**Semi-Detached (Double)**" dwelling (also referred to as "**Semi**") is one of two dwellings located side-by-side in a building, adjoining no other structure and separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

A "**Row (Townhouse)**" dwelling is a one family dwelling unit in a row of three or more attached dwellings separated by a common or party wall extending from ground to roof.

The term "**Apartment and other**" includes all dwellings other than those described above, including structures commonly known as stacked townhouses, duplexes, triplexes, double duplexes and row duplexes.

INTENDED MARKET:

The "intended market" is the tenure in which the unit is being marketed. This includes the following categories:

Freehold: A residence where the owner owns the dwelling and lot outright.

Condominium (including Strata-Titled): An individual dwelling which is privately owned, but where the building and/or the land are collectively owned by all dwelling unit owners. A condominium is a form of ownership rather than a type of house.

Rental: Dwelling constructed for rental purposes regardless of who finances the structure.

GEOGRAPHICAL TERMS:

A census metropolitan area (CMA) or a census agglomeration (CA) is formed by one or more adjacent municipalities centred on a large urban area (known as the urban core). The census population count of the urban core is at least 10,000 to form a census agglomeration and at least 100,000 to form a census metropolitan area. To be included in the CMA or CA, other adjacent municipalities must have a high degree on integration with the central urban area, as measured by commuting flows derived from census place of work data. CMAs and CAs contain whole municipalities or Census Subdivisions.

A "Rural" area, for the purposes of this publication, is a centre with a population less than 10,000.

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