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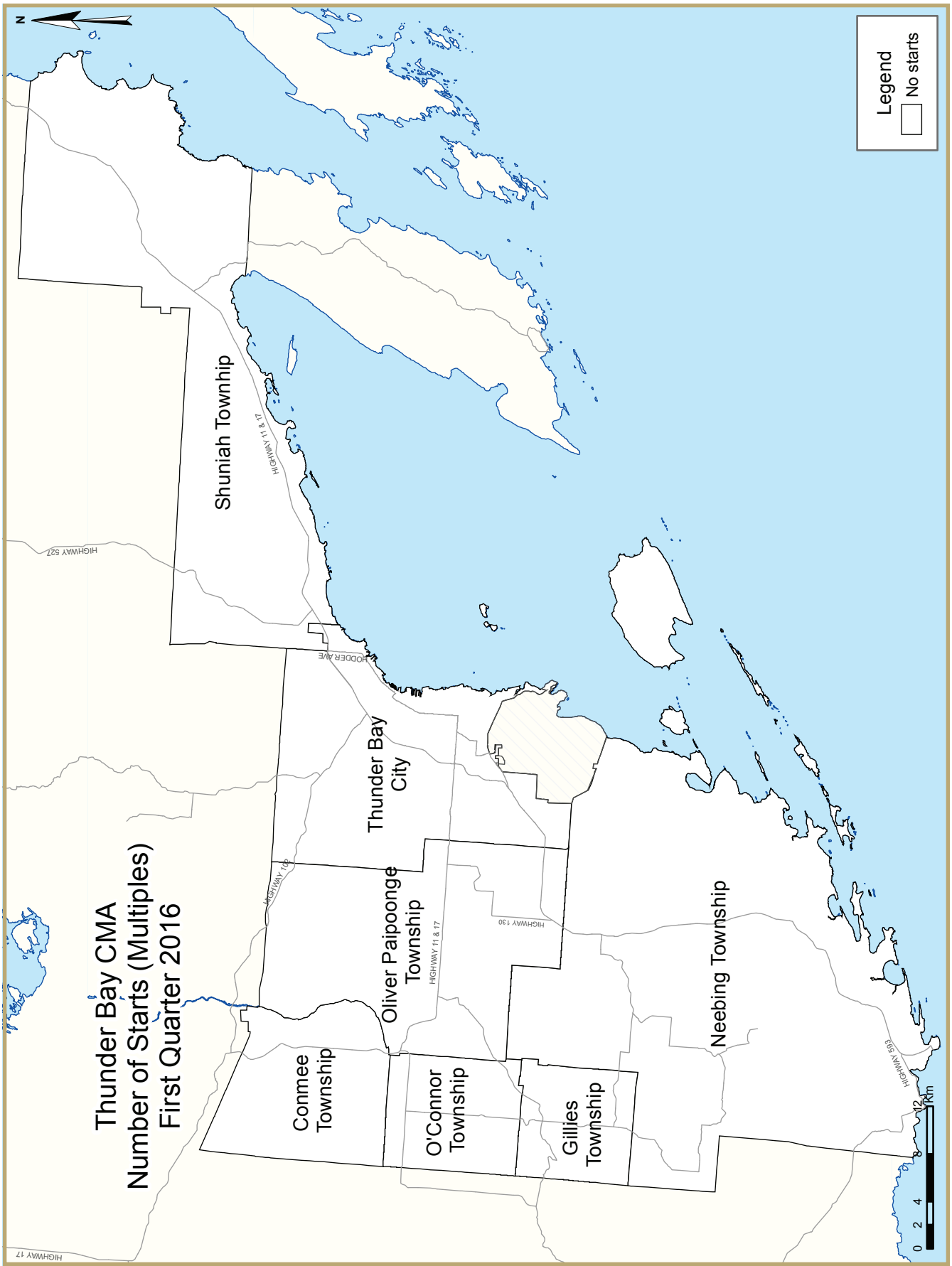
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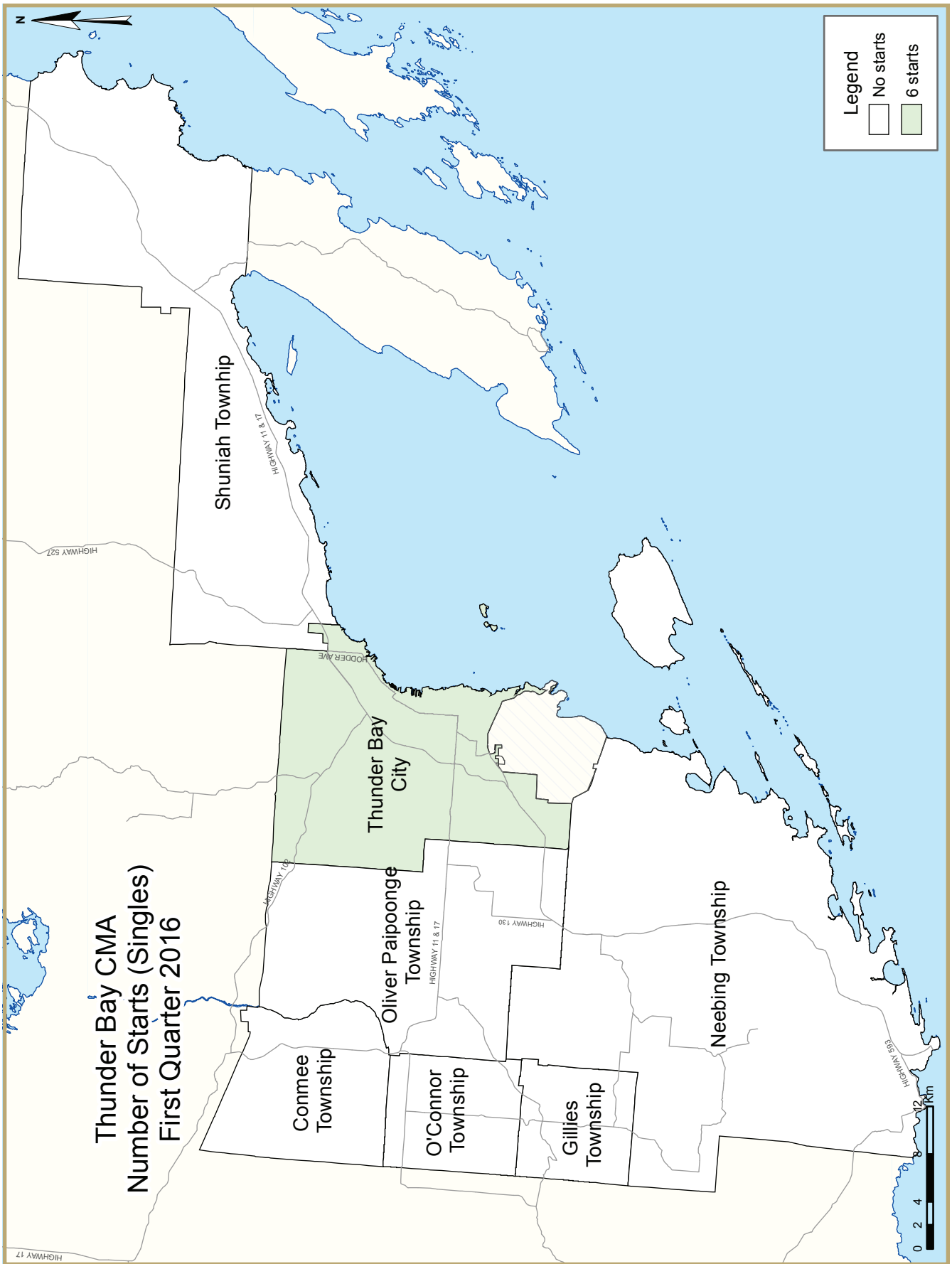
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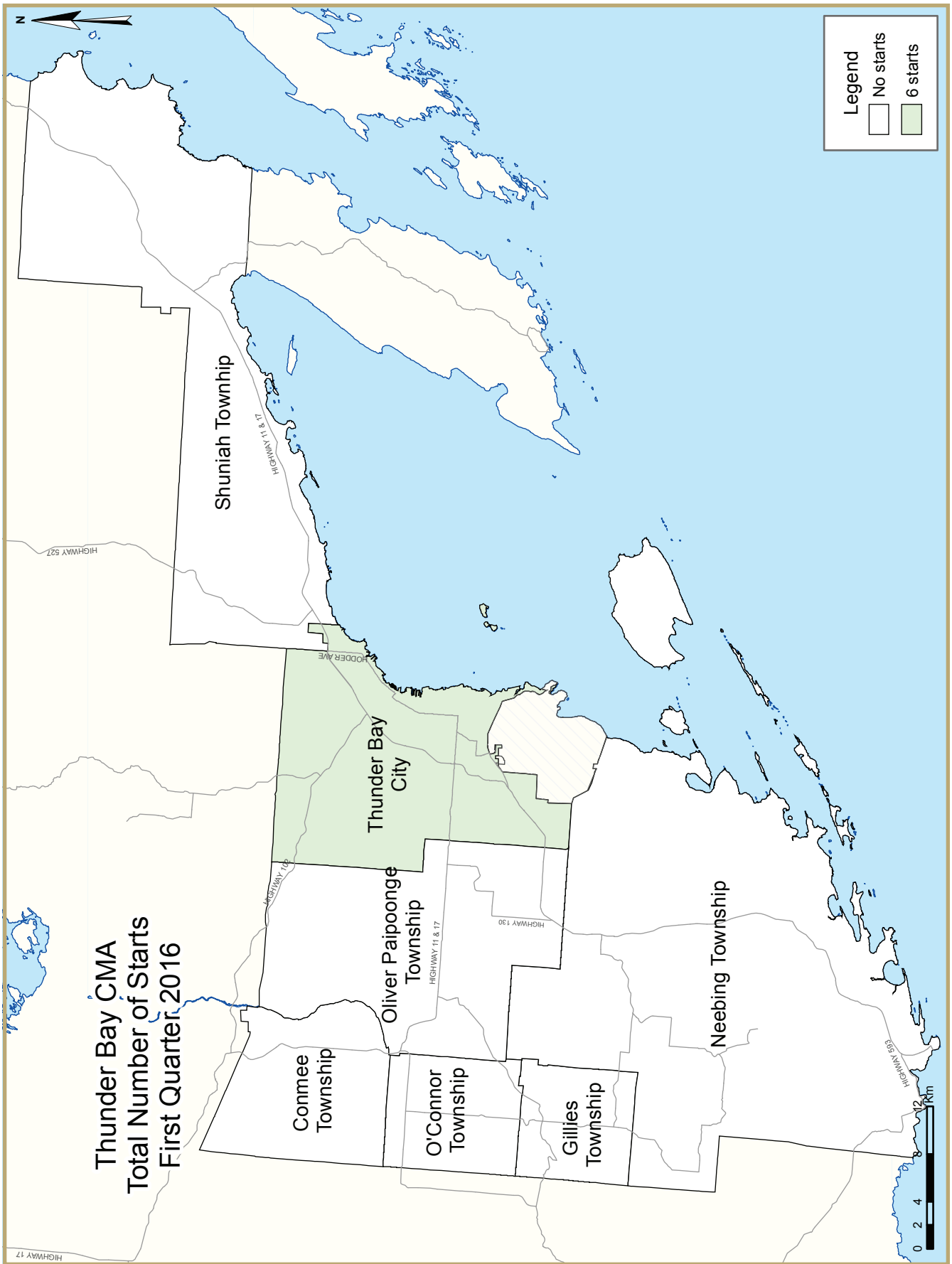
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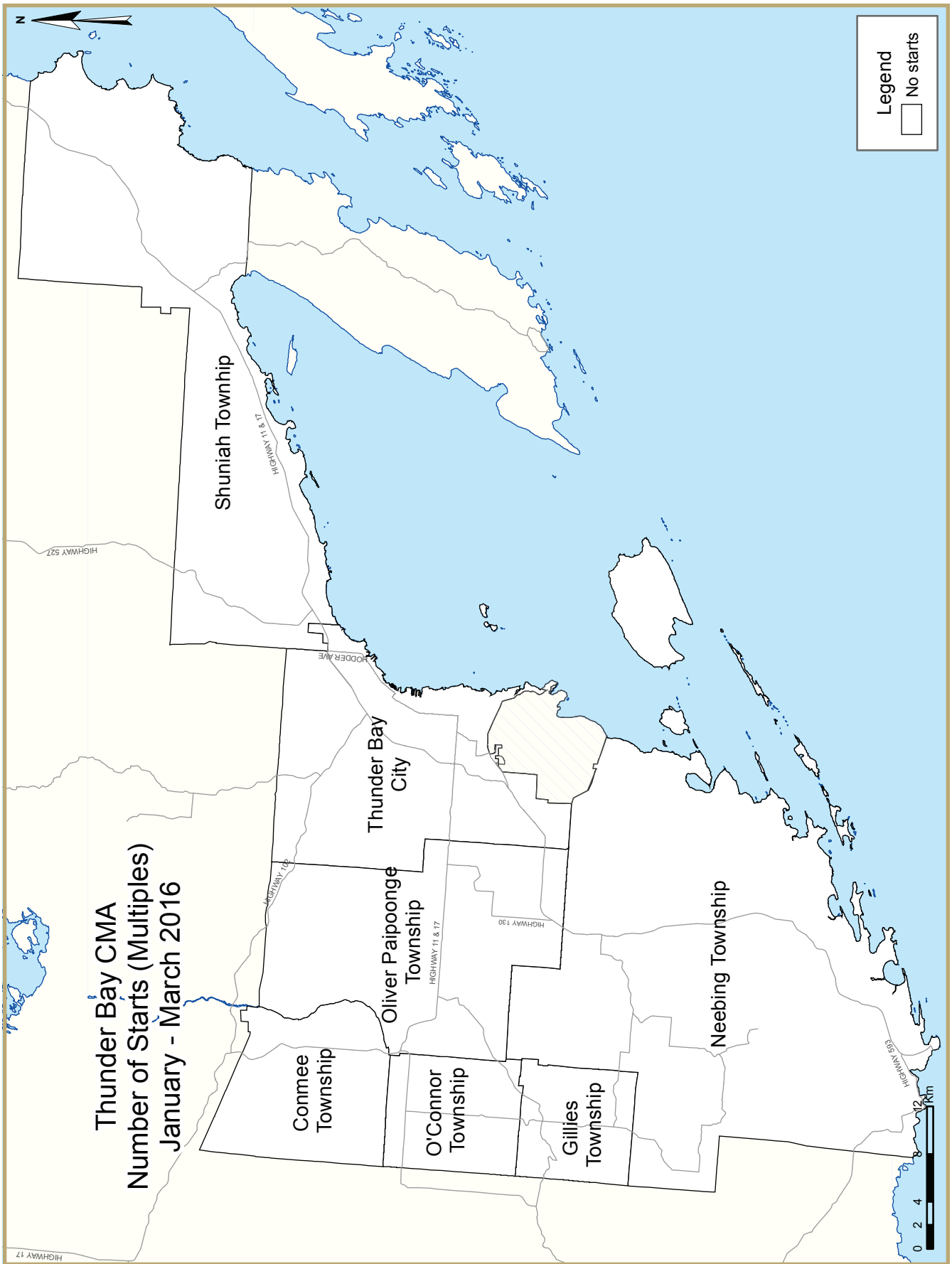
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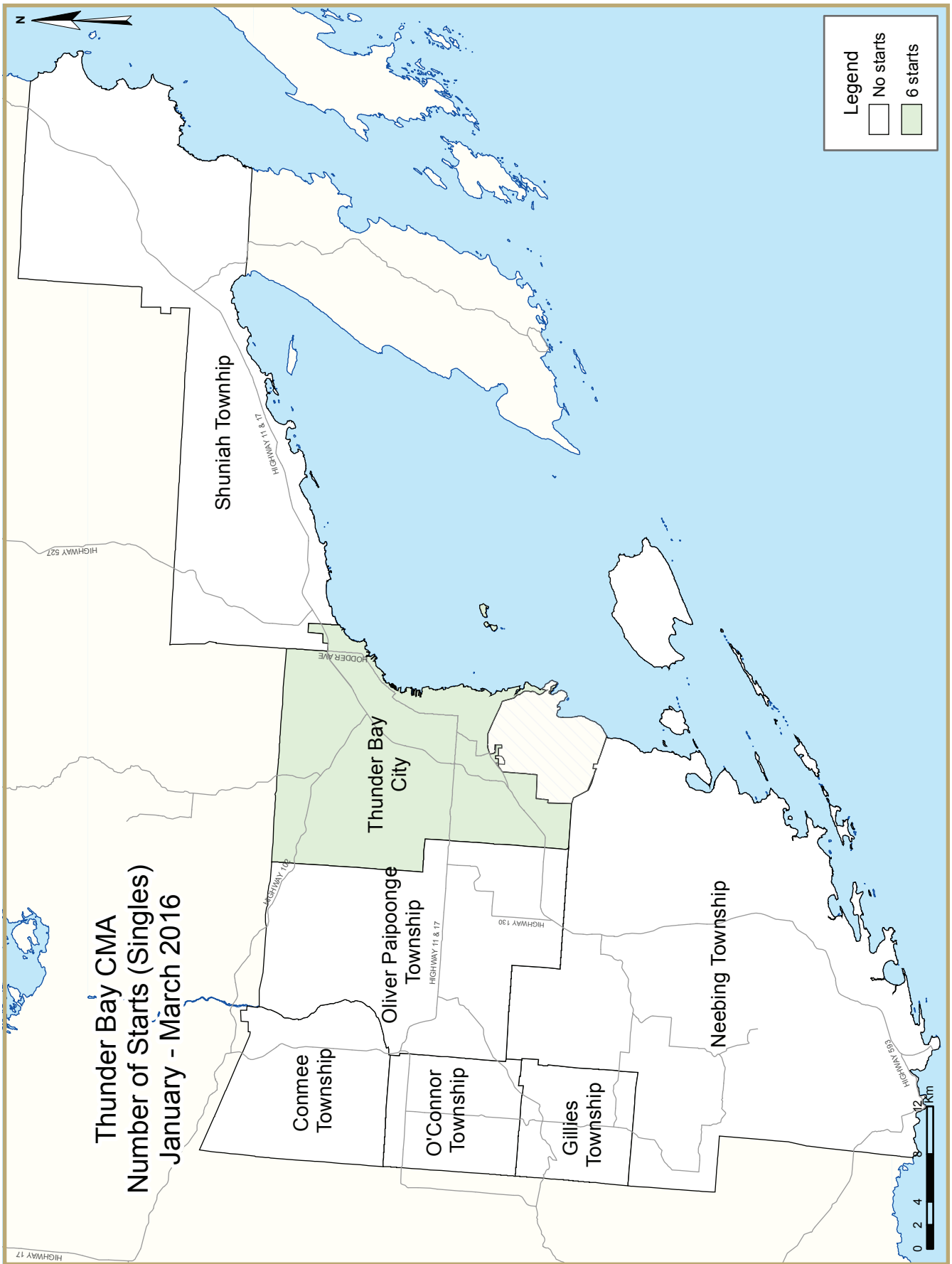
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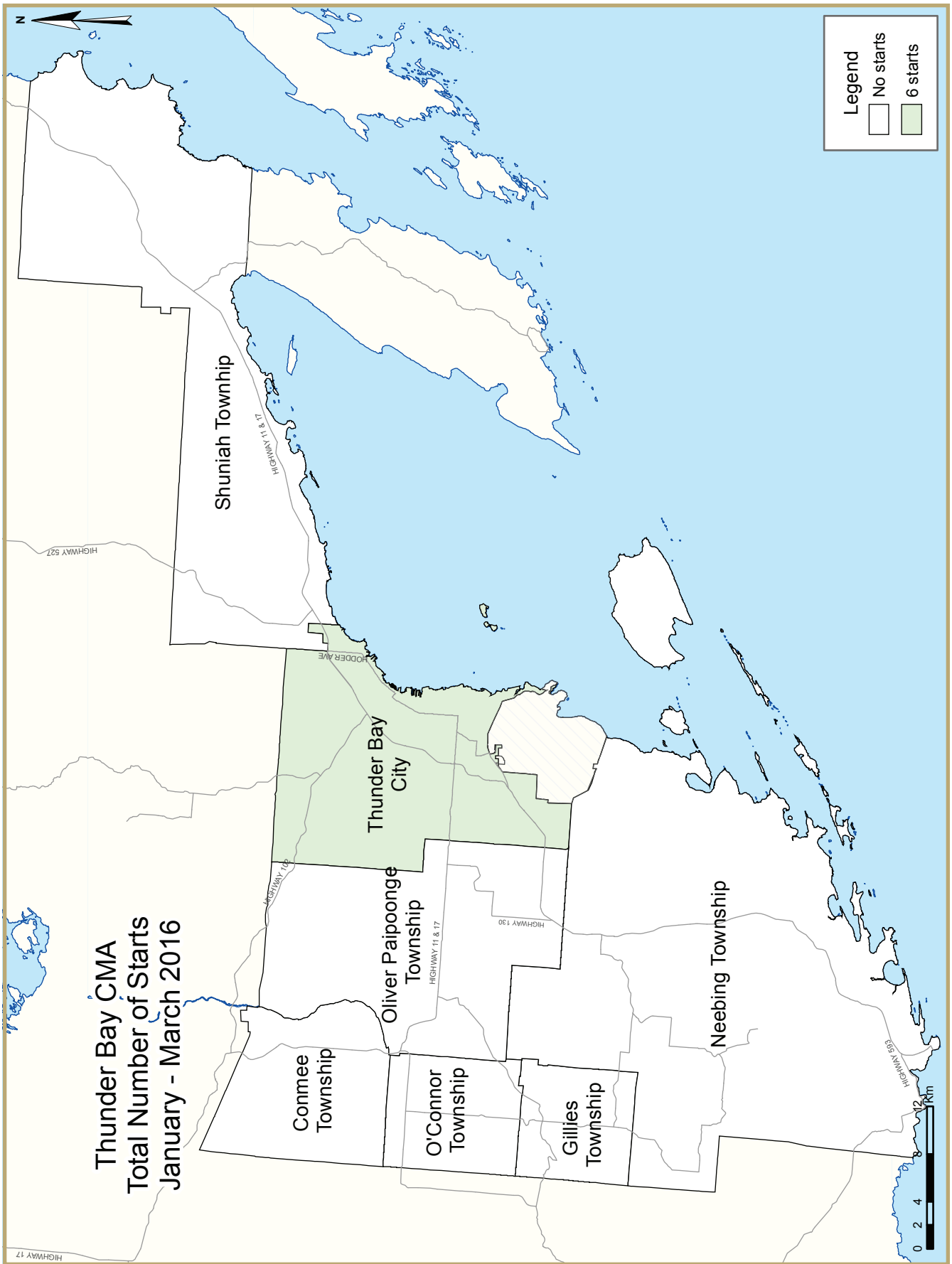












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SYMBOLS

- 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)								
First Quarter 2016								
Thunder Bay CMA ¹	Annual		Monthly SAAR			Trend ²		
	2014	2015	Jan. 2016	Feb. 2016	Mar. 2016	Jan. 2016	Feb. 2016	Mar. 2016
Single-Detached	168	164	334	149	16	205	201	177
Multiples	66	78	-	-	-	86	66	24
Total	234	242	334	149	16	291	267	201
	Quarterly SAAR		Actual			YTD		
	2015 Q4	2016 Q1	2015 Q1	2016 Q1	% change	2015 Q1	2016 Q1	% change
Single-Detached	165	189	1	6	500.0%	1	6	500.0%
Multiples	48	-	-	-	n/a	-	-	n/a
Total	213	189	1	6	500.0%	1	6	500.0%

Source: CMHC

¹ 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

Table I.1: Housing Activity Summary of Thunder Bay CMA
First Quarter 2016

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium			Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other			
STARTS									
Q1 2016	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Q1 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
% Change	**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**
Year-to-date 2016	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Year-to-date 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
% Change	**	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	**
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
Q1 2016	118	14	10	0	6	0	0	45	201
Q1 2015	142	6	10	0	0	79	4	34	275
% Change	-16.9	133.3	0.0	n/a	n/a	-100.0	-100.0	32.4	-26.9
COMPLETIONS									
Q1 2016	36	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	47
Q1 2015	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
% Change	-30.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-9.6
Year-to-date 2016	36	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	47
Year-to-date 2015	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
% Change	-30.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-9.6
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORBED									
Q1 2016	11	3	3	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	20
Q1 2015	11	0	0	0	5	0	n/a	n/a	16
% Change	0.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	25.0
ABSORBED									
Q1 2016	34	1	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	37
Q1 2015	47	0	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	49
% Change	-27.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	n/a	-24.5
Year-to-date 2016	34	1	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	37
Year-to-date 2015	47	0	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	49
% Change	-27.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	n/a	-24.5

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

Table 1.2: Housing Activity Summary by Submarket
First Quarter 2016

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium					
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
STARTS									
Thunder Bay CMA									
Q1 2016	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
Q1 2015	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Kenora									
Q1 2016	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18
Q1 2015	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
UNDER CONSTRUCTION									
Thunder Bay CMA									
Q1 2016	118	14	10	0	6	0	0	45	201
Q1 2015	142	6	10	0	0	79	4	34	275
Kenora									
Q1 2016	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	17
Q1 2015	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	16
COMPLETIONS									
Thunder Bay CMA									
Q1 2016	36	2	0	0	0	0	1	8	47
Q1 2015	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Kenora									
Q1 2016	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	25
Q1 2015	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6
COMPLETED & NOT ABSORBED									
Thunder Bay CMA									
Q1 2016	11	3	3	0	0	3	n/a	n/a	20
Q1 2015	11	0	0	0	5	0	n/a	n/a	16
Kenora									
Q1 2016	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
Q1 2015	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	0
ABSORBED									
Thunder Bay CMA									
Q1 2016	34	1	2	0	0	0	n/a	n/a	37
Q1 2015	47	0	0	0	0	2	n/a	n/a	49
Kenora									
Q1 2016	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Q1 2015	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

Table 1.3: History of Housing Starts
Thunder Bay CMA
2006 - 2015

	Ownership						Rental		Total*
	Freehold			Condominium					
	Single	Semi	Row, Apt. & Other	Single	Row and Semi	Apt. & Other	Single, Semi, and Row	Apt. & Other	
2015	164	19	6	0	6	0	0	39	242
% Change	-2.4	**	-40.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	-100.0	-18.8	3.4
2014	168	6	10	0	0	0	2	48	234
% Change	-13.0	50.0	-41.2	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	**	-27.8
2013	193	4	17	0	0	100	0	10	324
% Change	-14.6	-33.3	**	n/a	-100.0	-15.3	n/a	-16.7	-14.7
2012	226	6	5	0	12	118	0	12	380
% Change	20.2	200.0	-37.5	n/a	n/a	**	-100.0	-91.5	1.6
2011	188	2	8	0	0	24	10	142	374
% Change	-7.8	-66.7	n/a	n/a	-100.0	n/a	150.0	**	68.5
2010	204	6	0	0	4	0	4	4	222
% Change	23.6	0.0	n/a	-100.0	n/a	n/a	0.0	0.0	23.3
2009	165	6	0	1	0	0	4	4	180
% Change	0.0	200.0	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.8
2008	165	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	167
% Change	-10.8	-75.0	n/a	n/a	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-100.0	-32.9
2007	185	8	0	0	20	22	4	10	249
% Change	19.4	100.0	n/a	-100.0	**	n/a	n/a	n/a	50.9
2006	155	4	0	2	4	0	0	0	165

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 2: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type
First Quarter 2016

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	% Change
Thunder Bay CMA	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	**
Thunder Bay City	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	**
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Kenora	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	**

Table 2.1: Starts by Submarket and by Dwelling Type
January - March 2016

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% Change
Thunder Bay CMA	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	**
Thunder Bay City	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	**
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	n/a
Kenora	18	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	4	**

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 2.2: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market
First Quarter 2016

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thunder Bay City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Table 2.3: Starts by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market
January - March 2016

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Thunder Bay City	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenora	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 2.4: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market
First Quarter 2016

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1
Thunder Bay City	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenora	18	4	0	0	0	0	18	4

Table 2.5: Starts by Submarket and by Intended Market
January - March 2016

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1
Thunder Bay City	6	1	0	0	0	0	6	1
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenora	18	4	0	0	0	0	18	4

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

Table 3: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type
First Quarter 2016

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	% Change
Thunder Bay CMA	36	52	3	0	0	0	8	0	47	52	-9.6
Thunder Bay City	31	44	2	0	0	0	8	0	41	44	-6.8
Conmee Township	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	n/a
Gillies Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Neebing Township	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	100.0
O'Connor Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-100.0
Shuniah Township	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0
Kenora	18	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	25	6	**

Table 3.1: Completions by Submarket and by Dwelling Type
January - March 2016

Submarket	Single		Semi		Row		Apt. & Other		Total		
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	% Change
Thunder Bay CMA	36	52	3	0	0	0	8	0	47	52	-9.6
Thunder Bay City	31	44	2	0	0	0	8	0	41	44	-6.8
Conmee Township	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	n/a
Gillies Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Neebing Township	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	100.0
O'Connor Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	n/a
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	-100.0
Shuniah Township	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	-100.0
Kenora	18	6	0	0	0	0	7	0	25	6	**

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3.2: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market
First Quarter 2016**

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Thunder Bay City	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenora	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0

**Table 3.3: Completions by Submarket, by Dwelling Type and by Intended Market
January - March 2016**

Submarket	Row				Apt. & Other			
	Freehold and Condominium		Rental		Freehold and Condominium		Rental	
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Thunder Bay City	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0
Conmee Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Gillies Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neebing Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
O'Connor Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shuniah Township	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kenora	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 3.4: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market
First Quarter 2016**

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015	Q1 2016	Q1 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	38	52	0	0	9	0	47	52
Thunder Bay City	33	44	0	0	8	0	41	44
Conmee Township	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Gillies Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Neebing Township	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
O'Connor Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shuniah Township	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kenora	18	6	0	0	7	0	25	6

**Table 3.5: Completions by Submarket and by Intended Market
January - March 2016**

Submarket	Freehold		Condominium		Rental		Total*	
	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016	YTD 2015
Thunder Bay CMA	38	52	0	0	9	0	47	52
Thunder Bay City	33	44	0	0	8	0	41	44
Conmee Township	1	0	0	0	1	0	2	0
Gillies Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Neebing Township	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1
O'Connor Township	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Oliver Paipoonge Township	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Shuniah Township	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Kenora	18	6	0	0	7	0	25	6

Source: CMHC (Starts and Completions Survey)

**Table 4: Absorbed Single-Detached Units by Price Range
First Quarter 2016**

Submarket	Price Ranges										Total	Median Price (\$)	Average Price (\$)
	< \$250,000		\$250,000 - \$299,999		\$300,000 - \$349,999		\$350,000 - \$399,999		\$400,000 +				
	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)	Units	Share (%)			
Thunder Bay CMA													
Q1 2016	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	3	50.0	6	-	418,650
Q1 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	14	70.0	4	20.0	20	390,000	404,650
Year-to-date 2016	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	50.0	3	50.0	6	-	418,650
Year-to-date 2015	0	0.0	0	0.0	2	10.0	14	70.0	4	20.0	20	390,000	404,650

Source: CMHC (Market Absorption Survey)

**Table 5: MLS® Residential Activity for Thunder Bay
First Quarter 2016**

		Number of Sales ¹	Yr/Yr ² (%)	Sales SA ¹	Number of New Listings ¹	New Listings SA ¹	Sales-to- New Listings SA ²	Average Price ¹ (\$)	Yr/Yr ² (%)	Average Price ¹ (\$) SA
2015	January	65	-8.5	123	120	173	71.1	212,552	-9.8	227,955
	February	76	16.9	120	102	154	78.0	226,635	7.7	235,575
	March	102	1.0	115	156	171	67.2	239,246	6.6	234,167
	April	123	2.5	119	220	226	52.8	235,808	9.7	230,501
	May	159	23.3	129	290	193	66.6	237,920	7.7	231,922
	June	181	2.8	128	297	217	58.9	241,549	0.3	230,314
	July	167	3.1	118	214	166	70.8	250,080	0.3	231,929
	August	116	-8.7	109	194	155	70.0	227,664	3.1	223,561
	September	139	-8.6	120	221	180	66.8	228,162	1.2	231,951
	October	148	0.0	130	187	173	75.3	249,395	14.1	256,571
	November	104	-6.3	116	116	174	66.7	219,923	-3.7	223,172
	December	61	-24.7	103	64	165	62.1	204,984	-6.6	217,517
2016	January	58	-10.8	110	114	166	66.3	221,246	4.1	236,293
	February	91	19.7	146	106	162	89.7	224,427	-1.0	231,850
	March	96	-5.9	109	154	171	63.9	216,474	-9.5	212,362
	April									
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	October									
	November									
	December									
	Q1 2015	243	2.5		378			228,161	1.9	
	Q1 2016	245	0.8		374			220,558	-3.3	
	YTD 2015	243	2.5		378			228,161	1.9	
	YTD 2016	245	0.8		374			220,558	-3.3	

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¹Source: Thunder Bay data are taken from Districts 1 and 2 of the Thunder Bay Real Estate Board, not the whole Board territory

²Source: CMHC, adapted from MLS® data supplied by Thunder Bay Real Estate Board

Table 6: Economic Indicators
First Quarter 2016

		Interest Rates			NHPI Total % chg Thunder Bay/Greater Sudbury 2007=100	CPI, 2002 =100	Thunder Bay Labour Market			
		P & I Per \$100,000	Mortgage Rates (%)				Employment SA (,000)	Unemployment Rate (%) SA	Participation Rate (%) SA	Average Weekly Earnings (\$)
			1 Yr. Term	5 Yr. Term						
2015	January	570	3.14	4.79	108.70	120.20	60	5.0	60.6	862
	February	567	2.89	4.74	108.60	121.10	60	4.5	60.1	867
	March	567	2.89	4.74	108.60	122.00	61	4.3	60.6	863
	April	561	2.89	4.64	108.60	121.60	61	4.5	61.0	869
	May	561	2.89	4.64	108.80	122.60	61	4.8	61.2	874
	June	561	2.89	4.64	109.00	123.20	60	5.1	60.1	885
	July	561	2.89	4.64	109.00	123.30	59	4.8	59.5	879
	August	561	2.89	4.64	109.00	122.80	59	5.0	59.0	882
	September	561	2.89	4.64	109.00	122.50	58	5.2	58.8	882
	October	561	2.89	4.64	109.00	122.80	59	5.2	59.1	887
	November	561	3.14	4.64	109.00	122.90	59	5.4	59.8	892
	December	561	3.14	4.64	108.80	122.50	60	5.8	60.6	884
2016	January	561	3.14	4.64	108.80	122.80	60	6.5	61.6	887
	February	561	3.14	4.64	108.80	123.10	60	7.1	62.0	881
	March	561	3.14	4.64		123.80	61	7.6	62.6	887
	April									
	May									
	June									
	July									
	August									
	September									
	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 of 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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