

As part of a McMaster research study, we did surveys with residents in Beasley, Keith, McQuesten, Rolston, Stinson and Stipley. Here are some highlights from Rolston. You can see the full report at: [www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/hnstudy](http://www.crunch.mcmaster.ca/hnstudy)



## ABOUT THE STUDY

Our research team at McMaster is doing the Hamilton Neighbourhoods Study to help find out what kind of difference the City of Hamilton's Neighbourhood Action Strategy is making in your neighbourhood. In 2013-14, we interviewed residents in Rolston, the neighbourhood stretching from Garth Street to West 5th Street and the Lincoln M. Alexander Parkway to Mohawk Road West. Participants were selected at random.

**We talked to 302 residents aged 18 and over in Rolston.**

On average, respondents had been living in Rolston for **15 years** and living in their current dwelling for **14 years.**

**84%** felt that living in the neighbourhood gives them a sense of pride.

**92%** of people had not moved in the past year.

**93%** reported that they were either 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with their residence overall, and **95%** with the neighbourhood overall.

**98%** felt safe in the neighbourhood during the day. At night, they felt less safe in the neighbourhood.

**94%** described the people in their neighbourhood as 'friendly' or 'very friendly'.

**52%**  
of respondents felt that family doctors or walk-in clinics were important but lacking in the neighbourhood.

**74%**  
of respondents felt that the people in the neighbourhood want the same things from the neighbourhood.

**75%** agreed that neighbours watch over each other's property.

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was deemed a 'somewhat or serious problem' by **53%** of respondents.

When asked if there was anything that makes it difficult to participate in community events and organizations, the top four responses were:

- 1. Busy with work**
- 2. Busy with children**
- 3. Health reasons/mobility concerns**
- 4. Lack of interest**

People we surveyed were asked: "What do you think are the TWO most important things that would make your neighbourhood a better place to live?" Here's what we heard most often, with the number of responses in brackets.

- 1** Improve on traffic and road safety (121)
- 2** More amenities (107)
- 3** Increase the sense of community (100)
- 4** Focus on beautification (70)
- 5** Deal with crime and safety (57)

## GET INVOLVED WITH ROLSTON!

Your neighbours have been working on these issues and priorities. If you'd like to find out more or get involved in neighbourhood action in Rolston, contact:

**Laura Ryan, Community Developer**  
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**Rolston Community Planning Team**  
Meets the 2nd Thursday of every month from 6:00p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Contact Laura Ryan (above) for the location.

To get more information on the Neighbourhood Action Strategy and the Rolston Neighbourhood Action Plan, visit [www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods](http://www.hamilton.ca/neighbourhoods)

### HOW CAN I LEARN MORE?

Dr. James Dunn and staff at McMaster University are doing the research study this report is based on. If you have any questions, please contact us.



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