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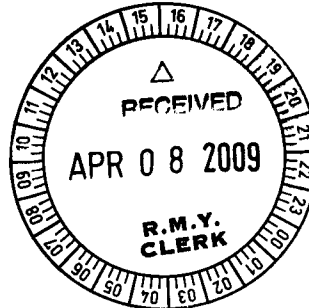
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - *po7*

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Natural Resources with a copy of York Region's *Water and Wastewater Master Plan Update and Public Consultation Centres* report.

Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) staff are reviewing the report and are in the process of scheduling a meeting with the Ministry of the Environment and York Region in early April.

My ministry is engaged in discussions with other provincial ministries around the implementation of the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Sustainable Water Resources Agreement (the Agreement). Extensive dialogue regarding implementation of the Agreement, including intra-basin transfers, has occurred with a multi-stakeholder Agreement Advisory Panel and a Municipal Sector Working Group. York Region has made valuable contributions to both groups.

Thank you again for providing MNR with a copy of the report. We appreciate receiving these updates as well as your contribution to the working groups. We look forward to continued communication and collaboration as the province moves towards full implementation of the Agreement.

Sincerely,

Donna Cansfield
Minister of Natural Resources

c: The Honourable John Gerretsen, Minister of the Environment



Town of
East Gwillimbury

APR 24 '09 AM 9:51 CLERK

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April 8, 2009

Regional Municipality of York
Office of the Regional Clerk
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, Ontario
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Attention: D. Kelly, Regional Clerk

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Re: Town of East Gwillimbury Report P2009-17 re Community Energy Plan Status Report and Preliminary Terms of Reference respecting District Energy

REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE

FILE No. - 106

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For your information and records, at its meeting held on March 23, 2009, the Municipal Council of the Town of East Gwillimbury received the above-noted report and enacted as follows:

“BE IT RESOLVED THAT Development and Legal Services, Planning Branch Report P2009-17, dated March 23, 2009, regarding the Community Energy Plan Status Report and Preliminary Terms of Reference respecting District Energy, be received;

THAT Council authorize staff to host a workshop and consultation session with Council and representatives of Council-appointed Committees and the local community on a date decided upon based on Mr. Garforth's schedule allowing a minimum of three (3) weeks notice;

THAT Council support the general direction of the Community Energy Plan and direct staff to explore the establishment of a district energy system;

THAT Council authorize the retention of RCS Consulting and Garforth International to prepare preliminary Terms of Reference for a Request for Proposals (RFP) for District Energy at an upset cost of \$3,500 funded from non-tax sources;

THAT staff be directed to report back on the design of the RFP prior to issuance, including a proposed structure for any municipal utility that might be established to construct and operate any district energy system;

THAT the development industry be consulted during preparation of the proposed RFP;

THAT the Minister of the Environment of Baden-Württemberg be invited to visit East Gwillimbury along with her staff and senior officials from Ontario and Canadian Federal Agencies in May 2009;

AND THAT this report be forwarded to the Ministry of the Energy and Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Regional Municipality of York.

Attached please find a copy of Town of East Gwillimbury Development and Legal Services, Planning Branch Report P2009-17 with regard to Community Energy Plan Status and

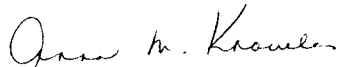
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Preliminary Terms of Reference respecting District Energy, along with Resolution CWC 2009-88DLS.

If you have any questions with regard to the above-noted matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Town of East Gwillimbury Development and Legal Services Planning Branch.

Yours truly,



Anna M. Knowles
Deputy Clerk

Encls.

c.c./encls.: Hon. G. Smitherman, MPP, Minister of Energy and Infrastructure
and Deputy Premier
Hon. J. Watson, MPP, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing
D. Sinclair, General Manager, Development and Legal Services
D. Stone, Manager, Policy Planning



DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL SERVICES REPORT P2009-17

To: Committee of the Whole Council

Date: March 23, 2009

Subject: Community Energy Plan Status Report and Preliminary Terms of Reference respecting District Energy

Origin: Development & Legal Services, Planning Branch

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **THAT** Development & Legal Services, Planning Branch Report P2009-17, dated March 23, 2009, regarding the Community Energy Plan Status Report and Preliminary Terms of Reference respecting District Energy, be received;
2. **THAT** Council authorize staff to host a workshop and consultation session with representatives of Council-appointed Committees and the local community on April 2, 2009;
3. **THAT** Council support the general direction of the Community Energy Plan and direct staff to explore the establishment of a district energy system;
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7. **THAT** the Minister of the Environment of Baden-Württemberg be invited to visit East Gwillimbury along with her staff and senior officials from Ontario and Canadian Federal Agencies in May 2009;
8. **THAT** this report be forwarded to the Ministry of the Energy and Infrastructure, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Regional Municipality of York.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this report is to provide Council with a status report on the Town's Community Energy Plan (CEP) and outline some of the preliminary directions coming out of the CEP process, in particular preliminary work respecting District Energy.

BACKGROUND

As part of the Town's Official Plan Review and Update, staff identified the CEP process as an opportunity to bring energy into the growth management process as a consideration of development planning. Energy production and transmission has been at the forefront of Council's consideration of growth planning since the introduction of the draft Provincial Growth Plan in 2004 and has been demonstrated with Council's leading edge policy work in green building standards.

In August 2008, Garforth International was retained to undertake and complete a CEP for the Town. On November 14, 2008, Peter Garforth gave an introductory presentation to Council outlining the project workplan and initial working targets for the CEP.

The proposed Ontario Green Energy Act, released in February 2009, is calling for significant improvements in conservation, renewable and clean energy projects, community energy services structures and more green employment for the Province of Ontario. These goals within the proposed legislation will be clearly supported by the Town's CEP.

DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

On December 19, 2008, an initial meeting was held with key representatives from the local development community to begin discussions regarding the Town's CEP. A more detailed workshop was held on March 5, 2009 and was attended by approximately 40 individuals, including representatives from the Regional Municipality of York, Town staff, a number of Developer Groups, and Enbridge Gas Distribution. The workshop began with presentations from Peter Garforth and Paolo Baragetti, from Enbridge, and included a series of break-out sessions. Feedback received from attendees has been positive and developers are anxious to know what development standards and initiatives will be recommended and approved by the Town through the CEP process.

Status of the Community Energy Plan Process

Since the fall of 2008, the CEP consulting team has been collecting data, including property, transportation, gas, electricity and water data, and reviewing local policies, building and development codes and growth management work. The CEP team continues

to analyze and model the data collected and will present the findings of such analysis in the draft CEP document in addition to recommendations as to how to achieve the Town's targets. A draft CEP is expected to be presented to Council in April with final adoption by Council in May 2009. Briefing notes respecting the CEP are attached as attachment 1.

The Town's consultants indicate that the only realistic way for the Town to achieve an objective of reducing greenhouse gas emissions from approximately 16 tonnes per capita to 6 tonnes per capita by 2031 (and ultimately 4 tonnes per capita by 2051) is through a district energy program.

The development of a district energy network covering much of the Town's urban area would supply space heating and domestic hot water to residential areas, with the possible addition of steam, compressed air and chilling to employment areas. These networks would provide an efficient and economic way to distribute heat from a variety of existing and new energy sources.

District Energy

Town staff recommend that initial steps be taken to determine feasibility and a framework to implement district energy within the Town, such that over a reasonable period of time a unified, municipal multi-utility would be created.

While there will be many components within the final CEP, there is some urgency to initiate the district energy process at this point, because developer groups are preparing for site development within the next 12 - 18 months. If district energy is to proceed, it must be incorporated into the development planning now.

The process would be initiated by engaging the Town and developer groups in preparing preliminary Term of Reference for a Request for Proposals (RFP) respecting district energy.

A district energy initiative must address four themes:

1. The corporation and ownership structure that would be the utility that would construct, own and operate the system.
2. Constructing, financing and operating the network - This would be done by a Town/Utility, or in partnership with the Town/Utility.
3. Education, marketing, image, branding - the Town/Utility partnering with the developers/builders to differentiate East Gwillimbury as a desirable place to live

and work arising from its commitment to energy efficiency and environmental stewardship.

4. Economic Development – opportunity to create a business or technology cluster that is attracted to this initiative and efficiencies of this model of service delivery. As well, East Gwillimbury would be the North American foothold for (presumably) a growth industry. For instance, we might ask a manufacturer of district energy components (pipes, instruments, valves, equipment, meters, etc.) to set up in East Gwillimbury as a condition of contract.

The model proposed is that District Energy is a utility installed at the cost of the Utility, not the developer. There is an early estimate of a cost savings of \$4,000 - \$7,000 per dwelling unit to a developer.

It is proposed that the Town retain RCS Consulting to prepare preliminary Terms of Reference for an RFP process in conjunction with Garforth International at an upset cost of \$3,500 funded from non-tax sources. RCS Consulting assisted the Town during the Ontario Power Authority process, and Garforth International is completing the Town's Community Energy Plan. It is the intent that their proposal be circulated under separate cover.

Utility

If the Town decides to establish a district energy utility, it will be necessary to incorporate a utility under the proposed Green Energy Act, the Municipal Act, or possibly under the Electricity Act.

It is proposed that staff report back prior to issuing an RFP; at the same time staff will report on the structure of any proposed Utility corporation and a method to select experienced Board members.

Developer Groups

It is essential that the development community be involved throughout this process. Staff and the Town's consultants will work with the development community throughout the RFP process, initially requesting input into the design of the RFP.

Supporting International Ties

The German Government is fostering best practice sharing between the USA, Canada and Germany to accelerate both Europe's and North America's progress towards climate change mitigation. The Minister of the Environment of Baden-Württemberg will be

visiting Ontario on May 25th and 26th. It is recommended that the Minister be invited to visit East Gwillimbury along with her staff and senior officials from Ontario and Canadian Federal Agencies. This will provide a high visibility opportunity for East Gwillimbury within the Province, and an opportunity to open up various cooperation discussions with Baden-Württemberg, including potential commercial investments in the Town.

NEED FOR PUBLIC AND STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION

In addition to consultation with the development community, the CEP workplan includes workshops with the local community and as such, Town staff recommend that Council authorize staff to host a workshop with representatives of the Council-appointed Committees on April 2, 2009.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Fifty percent (50%) of the project costs associated with establishing a Community Energy Plan have been supported by funding through FCM's Green Municipal Fund, while the other fifty percent (50%) of the funding will be sourced through future Development Charges as growth related costs.

The cost to prepare preliminary Terms of Reference for an RFP specific to district energy is estimated to be \$3,500, to be funded from non-tax sources.

ALIGNMENT TO STRATEGIC PLAN

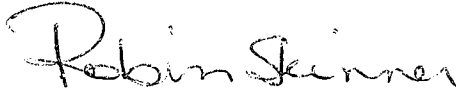
This report is aligned with the first Strategic Pillar of the Strategic Plan, to Protect and Enhance the Environment. It specifically refers to promoting responsible environmental stewardship and innovative energy practices.

ATTACHMENTS

Appendix 1 – Briefing Notes on the Community Energy Plan

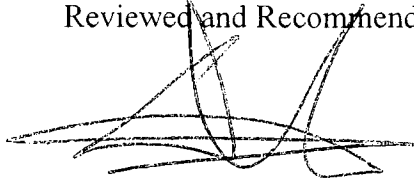
This Report has been reviewed by the senior management team.

Prepared by:



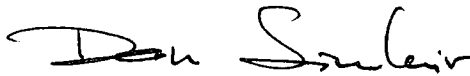
Robin Skinner, BES
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Reviewed and Recommended by:



Dan Stone, MCIP, RPP
Manager of Policy Planning

Reviewed and Recommended by:



Don Sinclair, General Manager
Development & Legal Services

Approved for Submission:



Thomas R. Webster
Chief Administrative Officer

ATTACHMENT 1

Purpose of a CEP

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions to levels sustainable by the planet's ecosystem
- Maximize energy efficiency of homes, buildings, transportation and industry
- Maximize the use of clean, renewable heat and electricity sources

Benefits

- Maximum efficiency in energy use results in:
 - lower cost per household in perpetuity
 - greater competitiveness for business and industry on a worldwide basis
- Reduction in GHG's results in:
 - Benefit to environment
 - Enables Town to monetize carbon credits
- Together the two purposes solidify EG's brand as an environmental leader

Methodology

- Set a target
 - Establish per capita emissions that are sustainable in perpetuity
 - Based on science, the target is 6 tonnes/capita by 2031 and 4 tonnes/capita by 2051
 - Assume current emissions = 16 tonnes/capita
- Set ways to meet the target
 - In the local climate, at least half of all energy needed in home and buildings is for heating underlining the need to rethink the way heat is created and distributed.
 - The only way to meet the target is district energy. The other methods contribute.
 - The Town already requires efficiency levels about 20% higher than current Ontario code. The CEP will call for a further 1.0% per year improvement from 2012 onwards. To ensure compliance regularly updated Energy Performance Labels for all homes and buildings will be recommended whenever a building is sold or rented.
 - Attract employment investment with innovative energy services and offer flexible multi-utility services for commercial and industrial investors
 - Minimize vehicle use and reduce commuting by providing opportunities for local employment and promoting transit and alternative forms of transportation (walking, cycling)

CEP Status

- Reviewed Town's draft OP and proposed growth forecasts and densities
- Identified five scale projects where specific energy requirements will be put in place (University, Queensville Town Centre, South Hwy 404 Employment Area, GO Station, Passive Village – possibly HL)
- Completed energy supply and demand modeling and greenhouse gas modelling for homes, buildings, industry and transportation
- Conducted the first informal briefing for developers (Dec 19 08)



Town of
East Gwillimbury

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COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE COUNCIL

DEVELOPMENT & LEGAL SERVICES

MOVED BY “Councillor Hauseman”

DATE: March 23, 2009

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- CARRIED
- DEFEATED
- TIED (LOST)

“Councillor C.Morton, Chair”
Councillor C. Morton, Chair

MAY07'09 AM 9:03 CLERK

May 1, 2009

Resolution Number 2009-434

Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
Newmarket, ON L3Y 6Z1

**REGION OF YORK
CLERK'S OFFICE**

FILE No. - *PO7*

Subject: GTA West Corridor Task Force

I am writing to advise that Regional Council approved the following resolution at its meeting held on Thursday, April 23, 2009:

That a Greater Toronto Area (GTA) West Corridor Task Force be established with representation from the Regional Municipalities of Peel, Halton and York, Wellington County and the Ontario Ministry of Transportation to help expedite the GTA West Corridor Environmental Assessment process; help identify critical issues, constraints and pinch points for the corridor; address municipal planning issues associated with the project; and work with the Province towards streamlining and shortening the Environmental Assessment process for Provincial transportation corridors;

And further, that the membership of the GTA West Corridor Task Force include at least one Councillor from each of the City of Brampton and the Town of Caledon;

And further, that the Regional Chair and/or Warden of member municipalities be ex-officio members of the GTA West Corridor Task Force;

And further, that a copy of the report of the Commissioner of Environment, Transportation and Planning Services dated March 18, 2009 titled "GTA West Corridor Task Force" be forwarded to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of the Environment, the Regional Municipalities of Halton and York, Wellington County, Town of Caledon, the City of Brampton and the City of Mississauga for information.

The above resolution is provided for your information.



Christine Thomson
Legislative Specialist

CT:rm

c: Dan Labrecque, Commissioner of Environment, Transportation and Planning Services



Planning and Development Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services

DATE: June 17, 2009

RE: **Economic Indicators**

I am pleased to present the June 2009 York Region Economic Indicators prepared by the Economic Strategy Branch. This update provides insight into the changing global economy and its effect on national, provincial and Regional economic indicators.

A few key highlights from York Region:

- In April, the total value of building permits reached \$219.38 Million; this is a *74% increase* from last month and a *12% increase* from the same month last year
 - Please note that this value is an early estimate from Long Range & Strategic Planning that may be slightly modified
- In May, the total number of job postings was 2,442; this is a *17% decrease* from last month and a *48% decrease* from the same month last year
- In May, home re-sales reached 1,921 units; this is a *26% increase* from last month and a *13% increase* from the same month last year (the first year-over-year increase since October 2007)

If you require additional information, please contact Patrick Draper, Director Economic Strategy and Tourism at 905-830-4444 x 1503 or via e-mail at patrick.draper@york.ca.

Bryan Tuckey

Attachment: Economic Indicators – June 17, 2009

Economic Indicators

Presentation

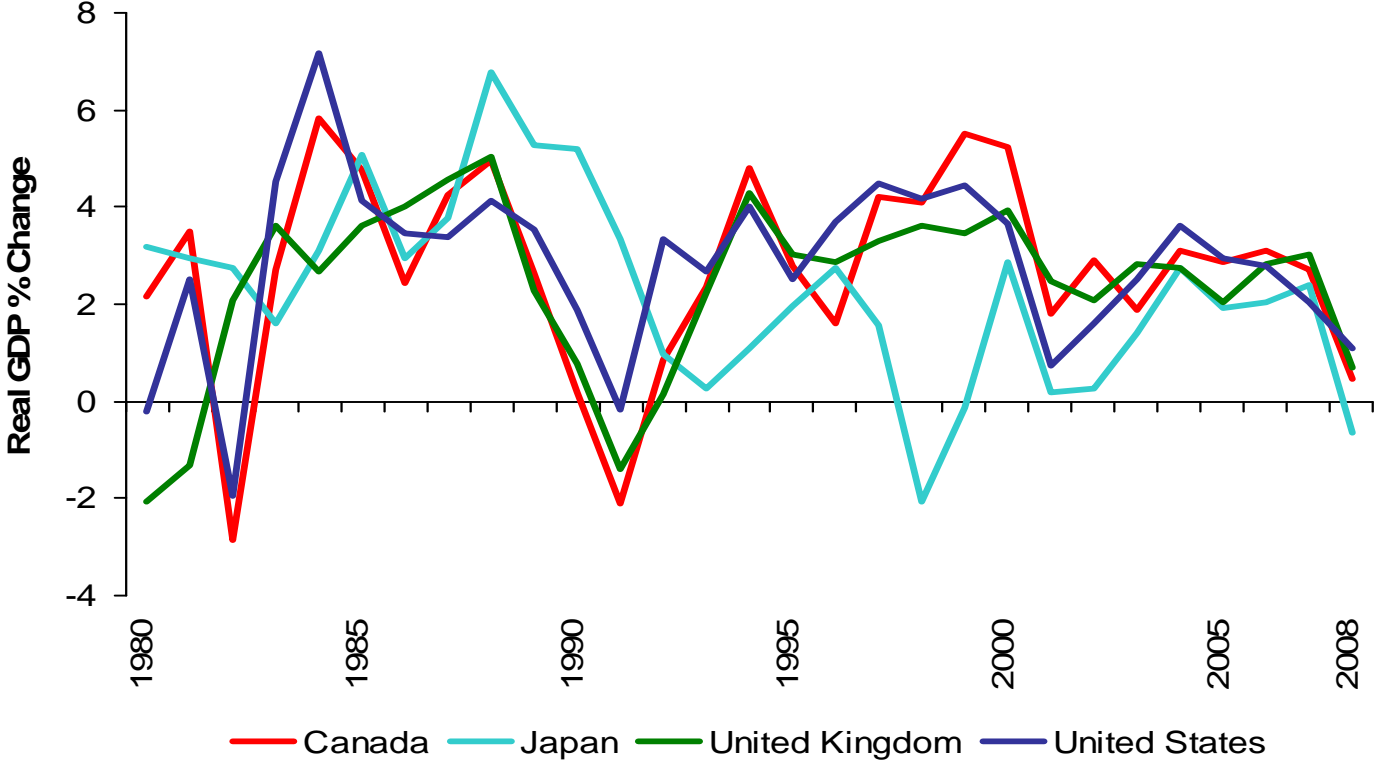
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Development Committee

Patrick Draper – June 17, 2009

Global GDP Economic Trends

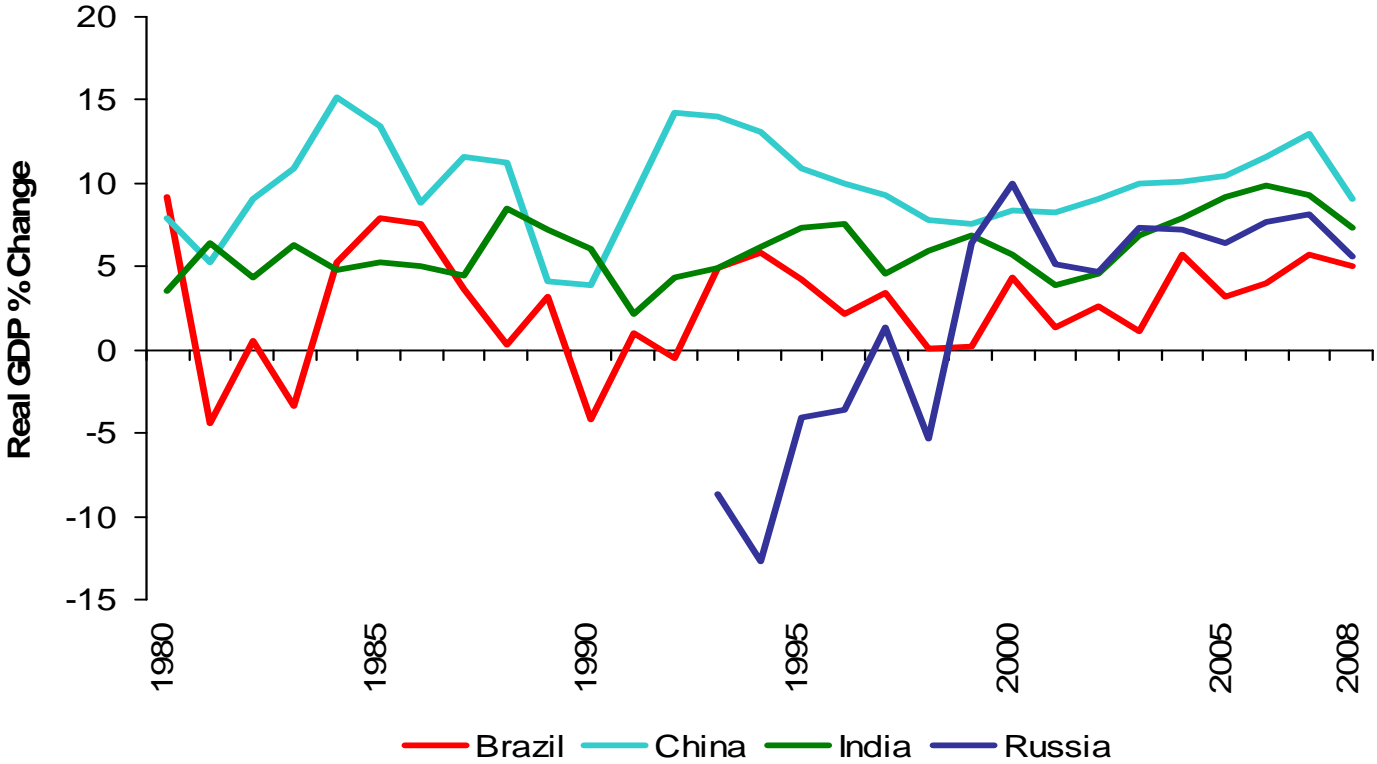
Real Gross Domestic Product (annual % change)
1980 – 2008 *Canada, Japan, UK, US*



Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database

Global GDP Economic Trends

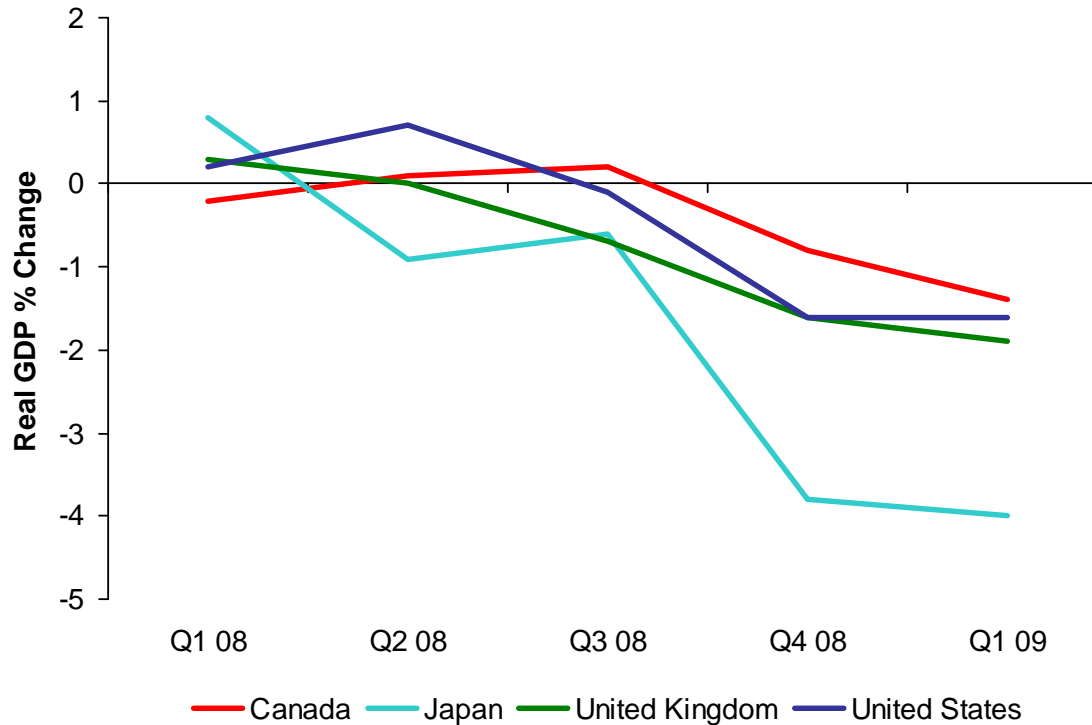
Real Gross Domestic Product (annual % change)
1980 – 2008 *Brazil, Russia, India, China*



Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook Database

Global GDP Economic Trends

Real Gross Domestic Product (quarterly % change)
2008 Canada, Japan, UK, US



Source: Organisation for Economic Co-Operative Development

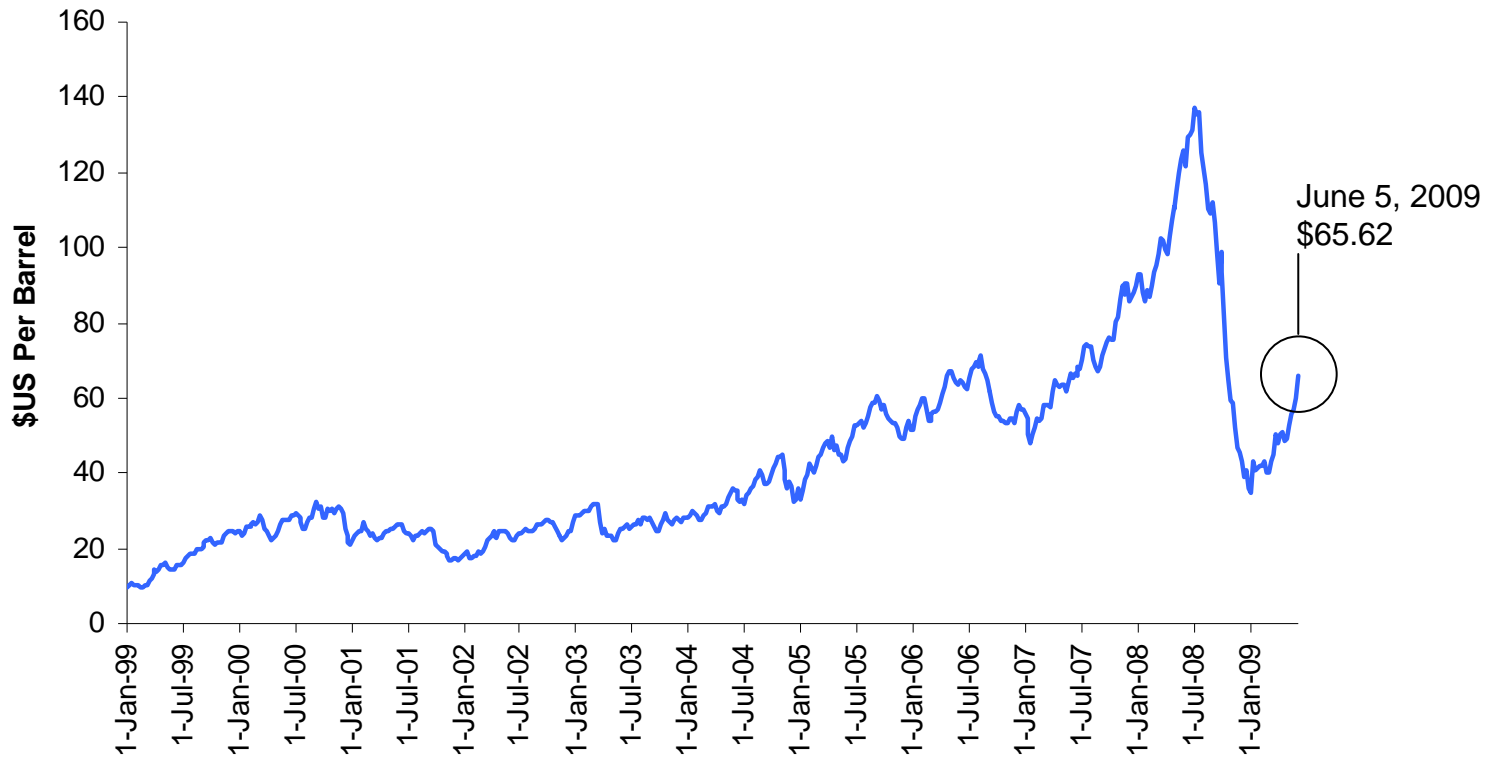
Understanding GDP Reporting

GDP is sometimes reported in different ways, making it difficult to accurately understand news reports. Here is a summary of the differences, and what we use here:

Type	Meaning	What we Use	Example: Canada's Real GDP Q4 2008
Change	Change in growth rate from one period to the next <i>Seasonally adjusted at annual rates, chained (2002) dollars</i>	This is what most news reports refer to. We use these values to look at Global GDP Economic Trends (Slides 2-4)	-0.8
Annualized Change	Growth rate compounded annually <i>Annual rates, chained (2002) dollars</i>	This is how the Bank of Canada reports their projections. They give Q/Q and Y/Y at annualized rates	-3.4
Year-over-year Change	Growth rate of a given quarter compared with the same quarter in a previous year	This is how some of the BRIC / less developed countries will do their reporting	-0.7

Key Economic Indicators

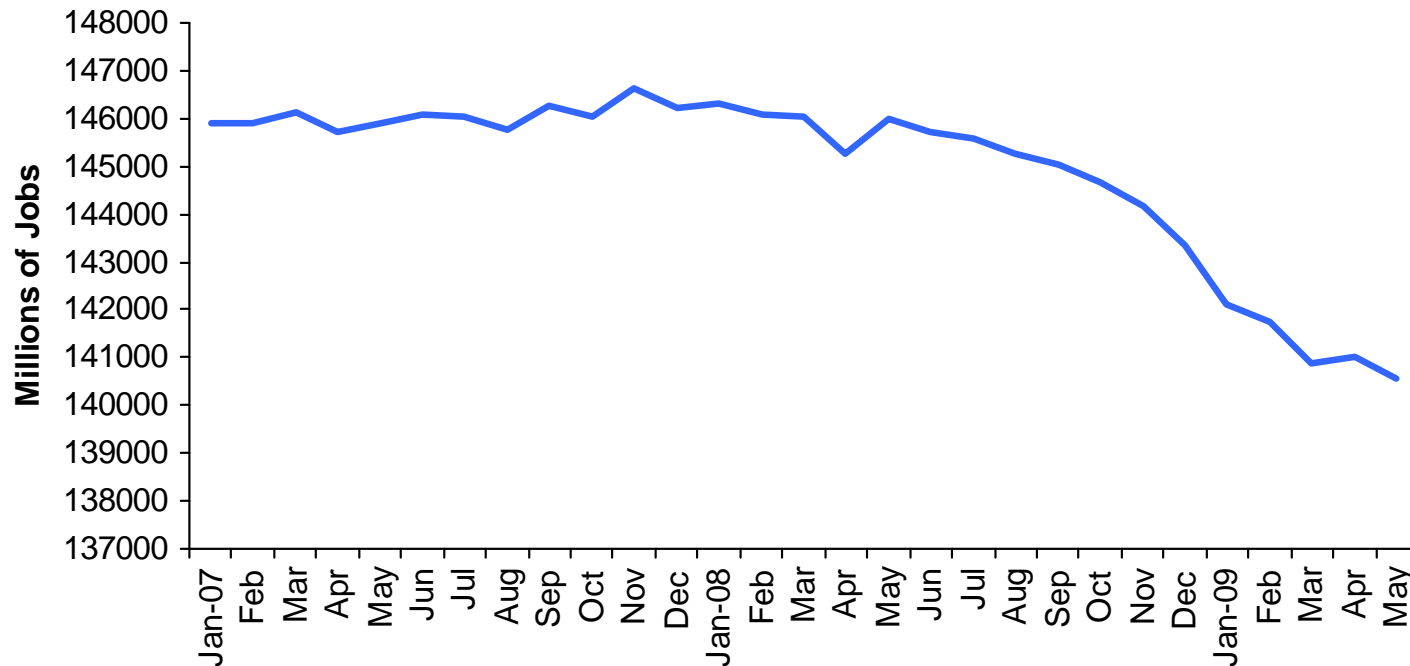
**Weekly World Oil Prices (\$US per barrel)
1999 – 2009**



Source: Energy Administration Information

Key Economic Indicators

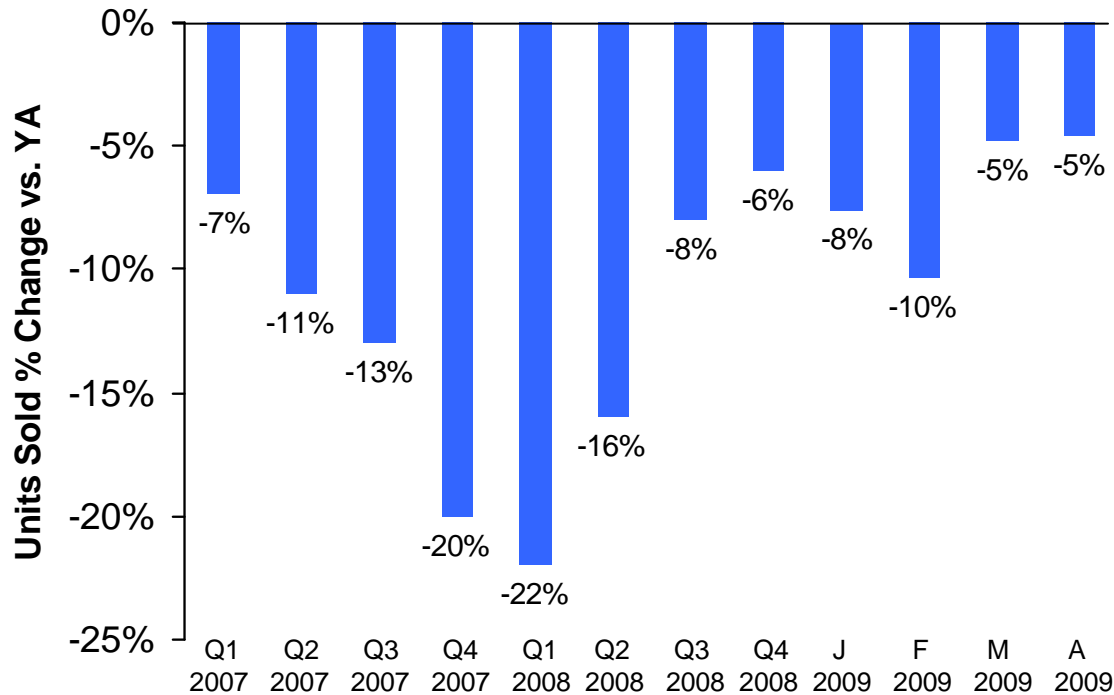
**US Employment Trends (millions of jobs)
2007 – 2009**



Source: US Bureau of Economic Research

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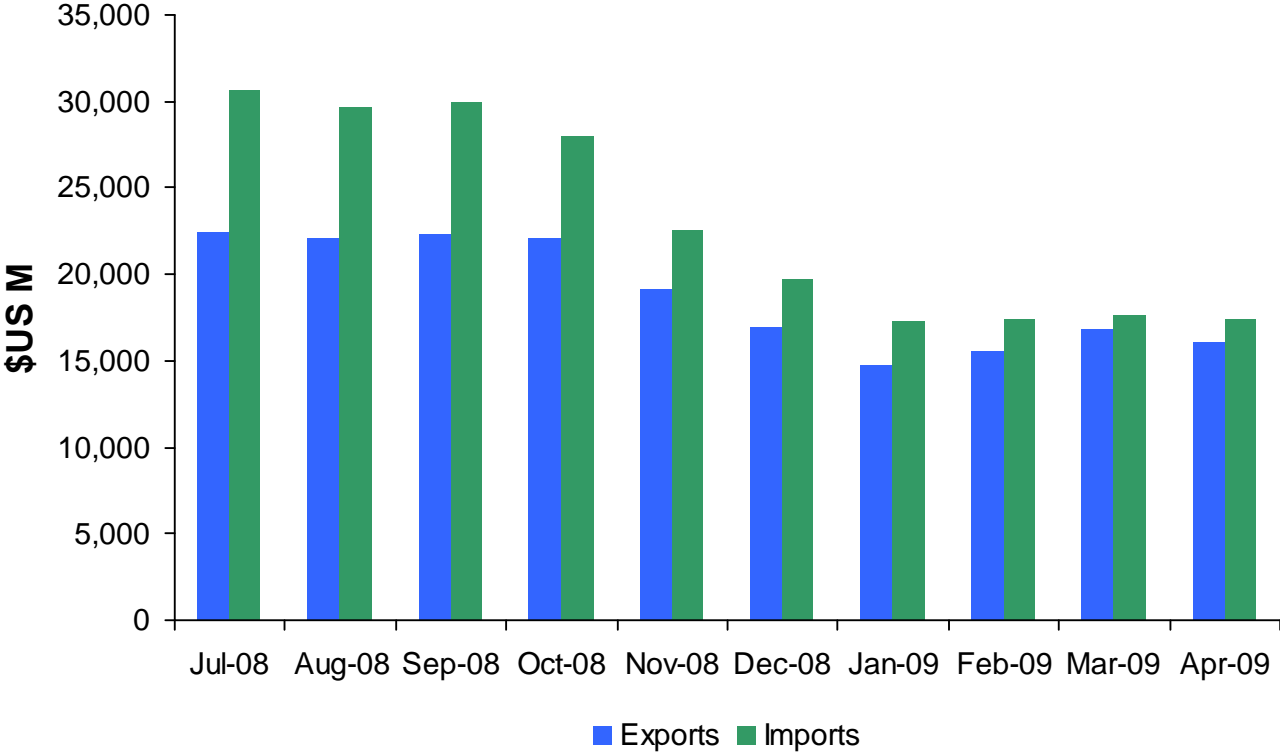
**US Quarterly Home Re-sales (quarterly % change vs. YA)
2007 – 2009**



Source: US Real Estate Association

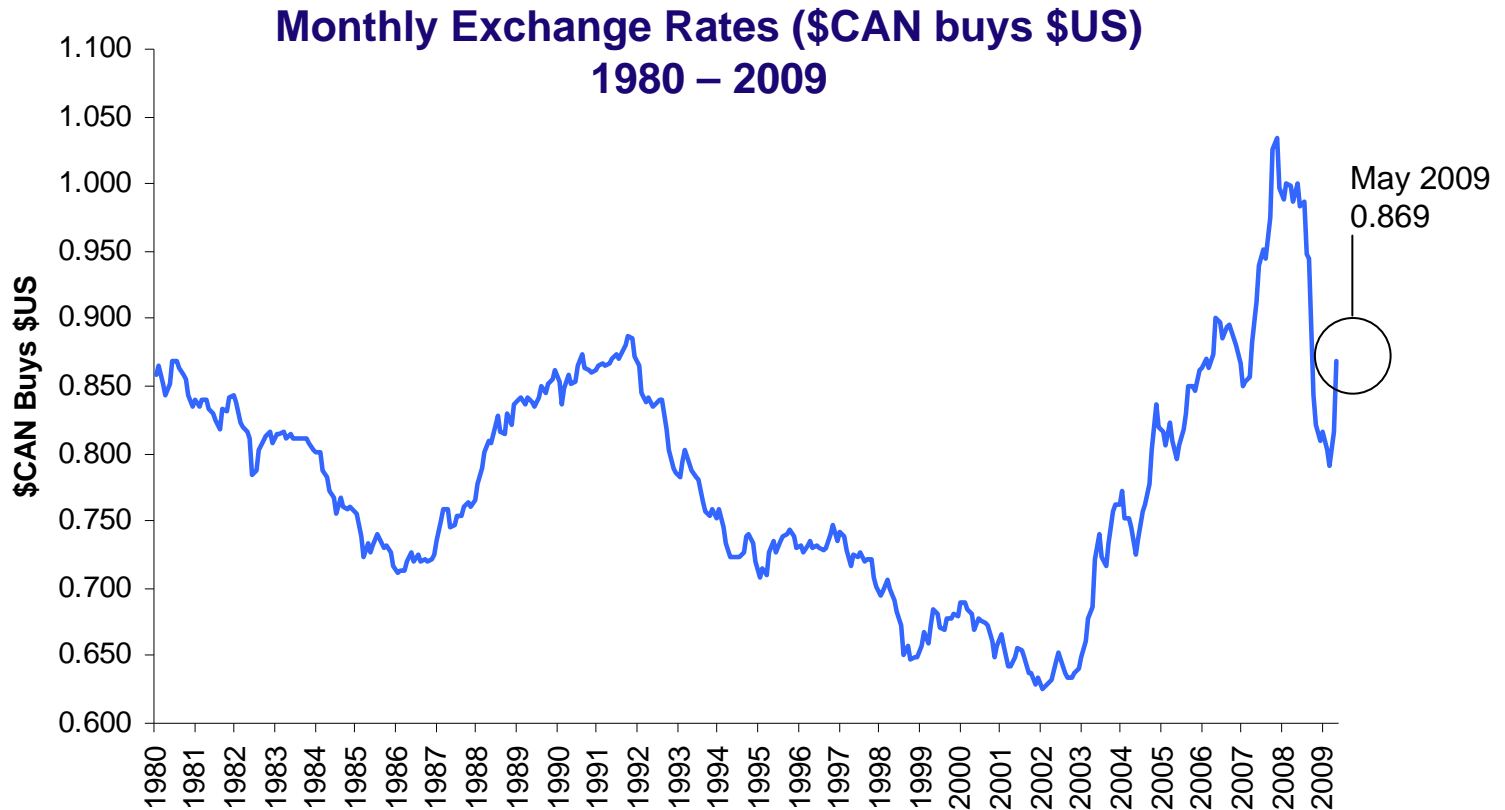
Key Economic Indicators

**US Exports and Imports with Canada (\$US M)
July 2008 – March 2009**



Source: US Bureau of Economic Research

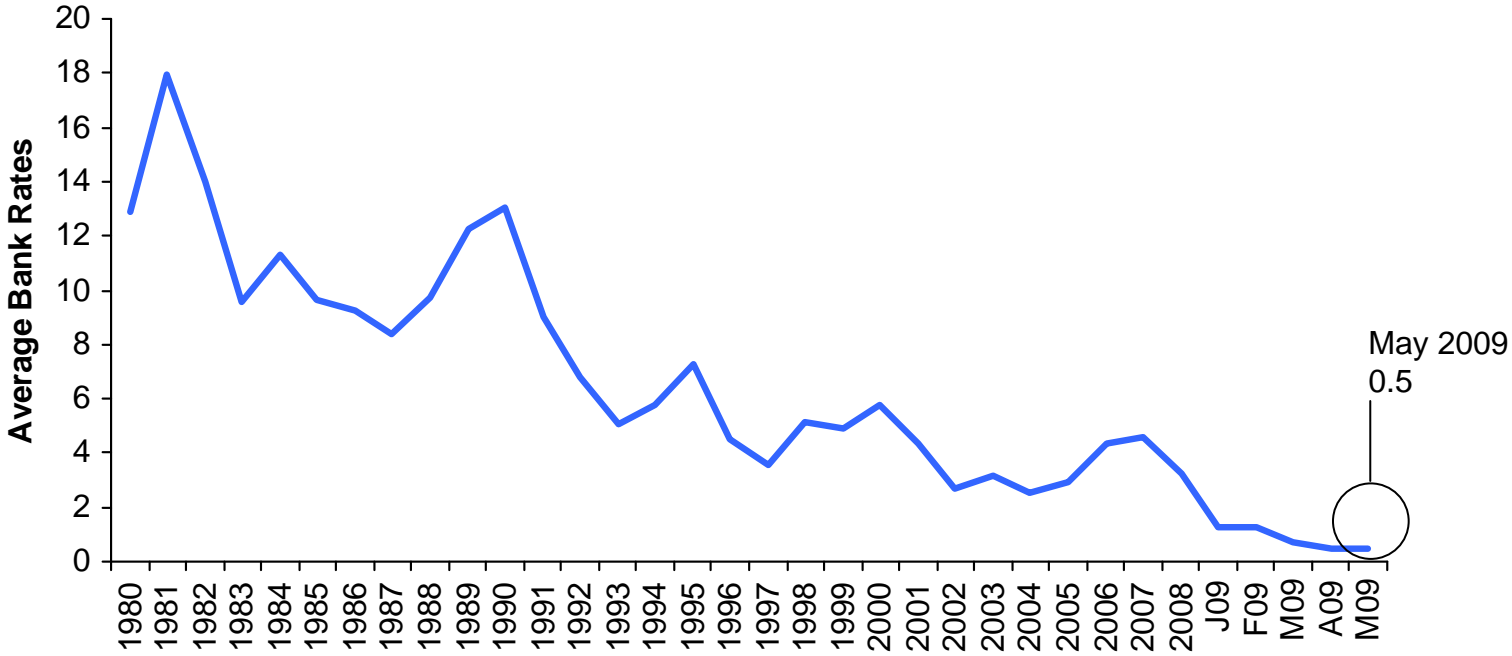
Key Economic Indicators



Source: Statistics Canada

Key Economic Indicators

**Average Canadian Interest Rates (bank rates)
1980 – 2009**

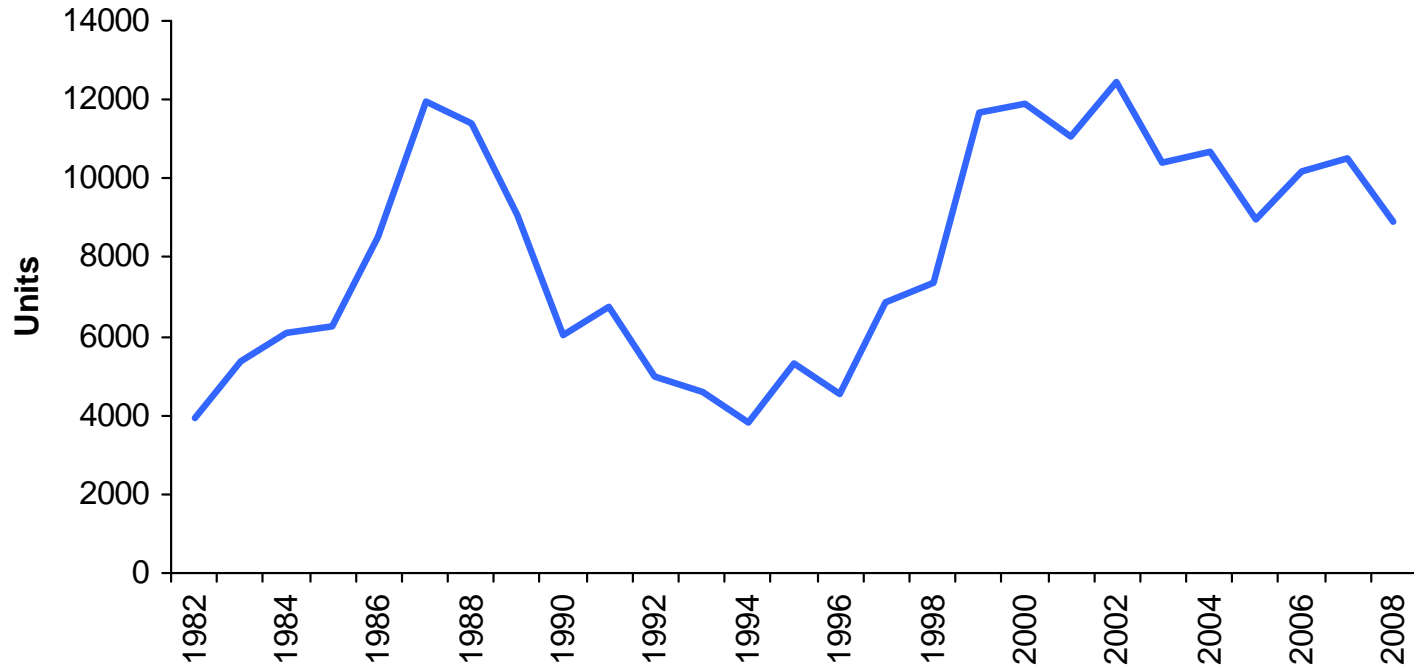


Source: Bank of Canada



York Region Residential Building

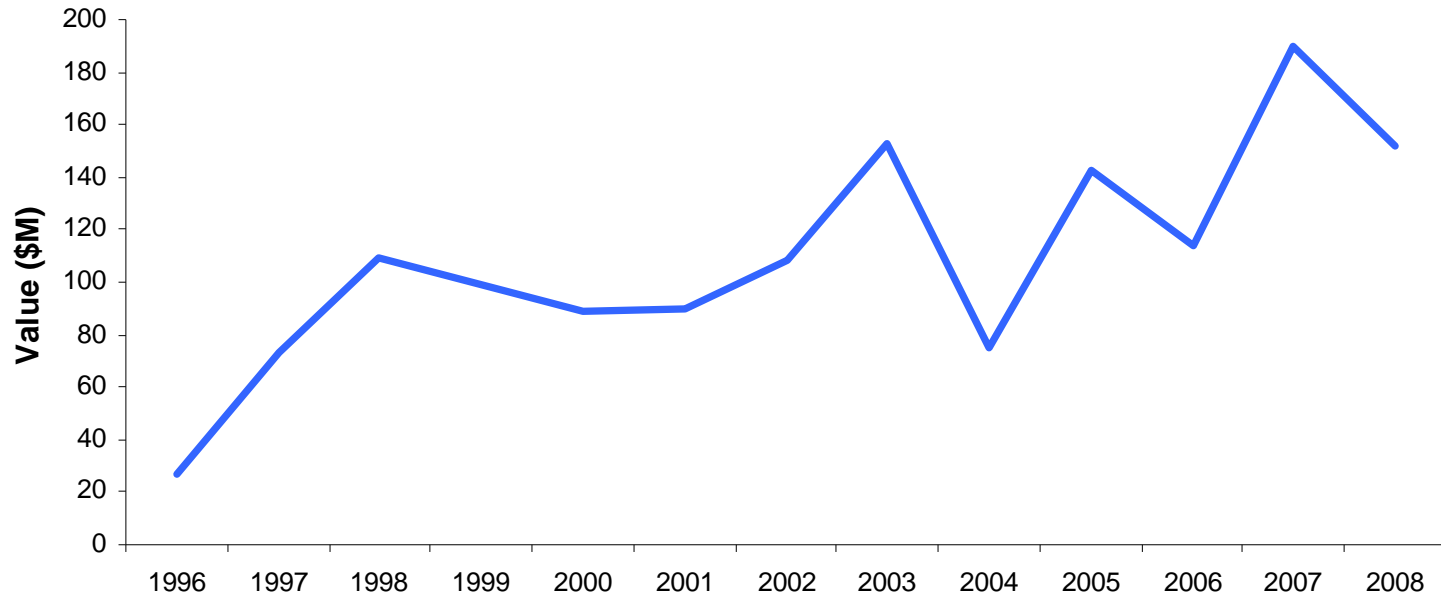
**Historical Residential Completion (units)
1982 – 2008**



Source: York Region

York Region DC Revenue

**Historical Development Charge Revenue (\$M)
1996 – 2008**



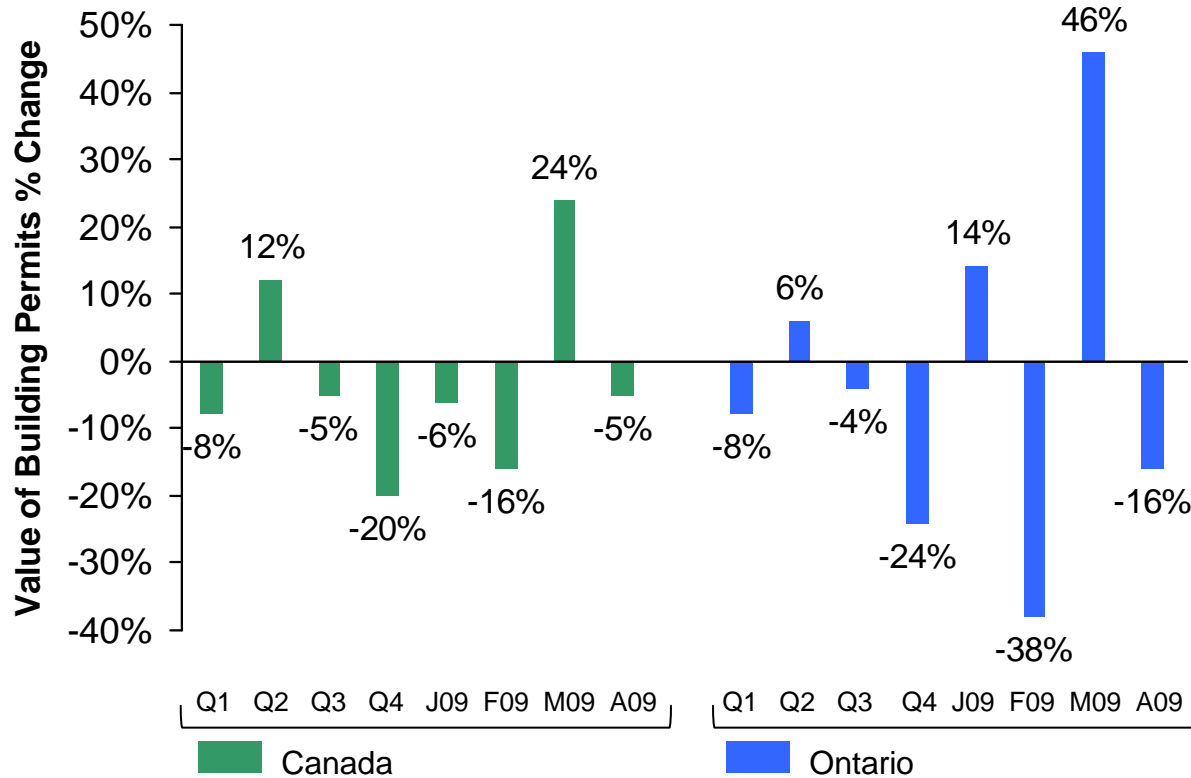
Source: York Region

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Slide 13

National & Ontario Building Permits

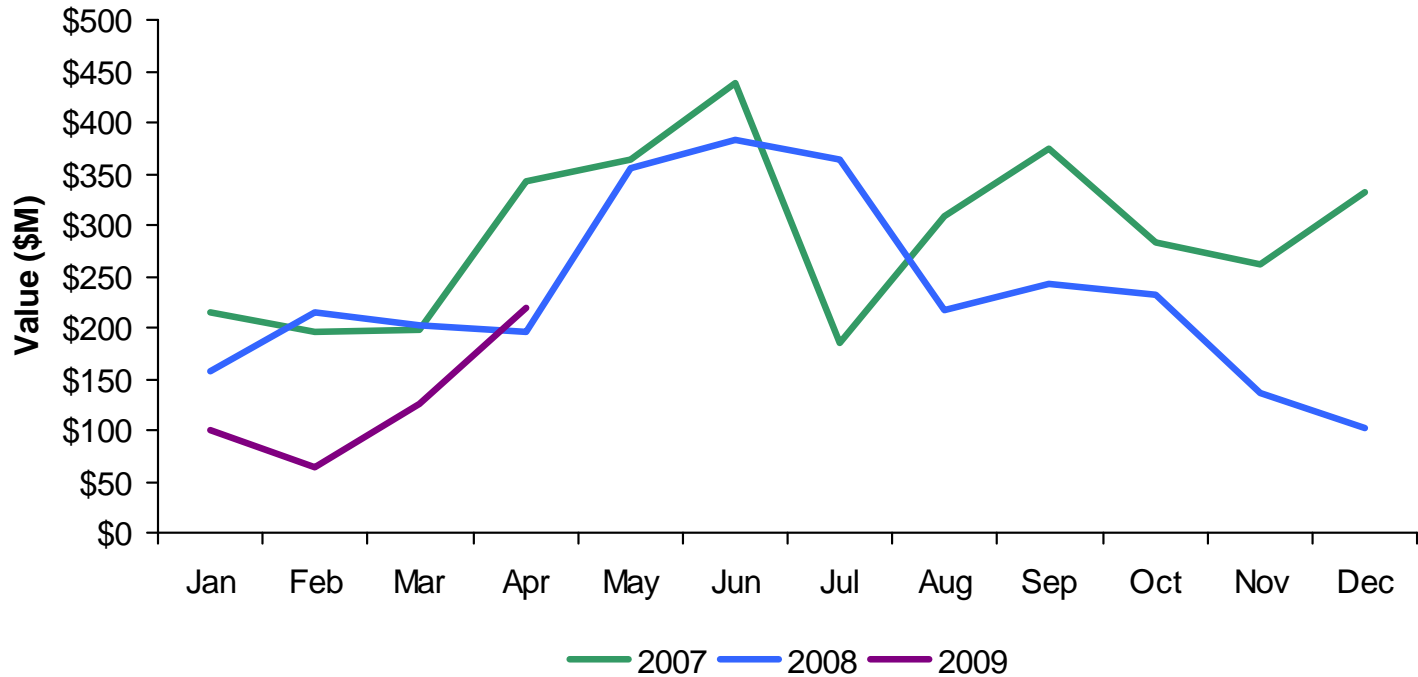
Value of Building Permits (seasonally adjusted % change vs. previous period)
2008 – 2009



Source: Statistics Canada

York Region Building Permits

**Total Value of Building Permits (\$M)
2007 – 2009**



Source: York Region

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Slide 15

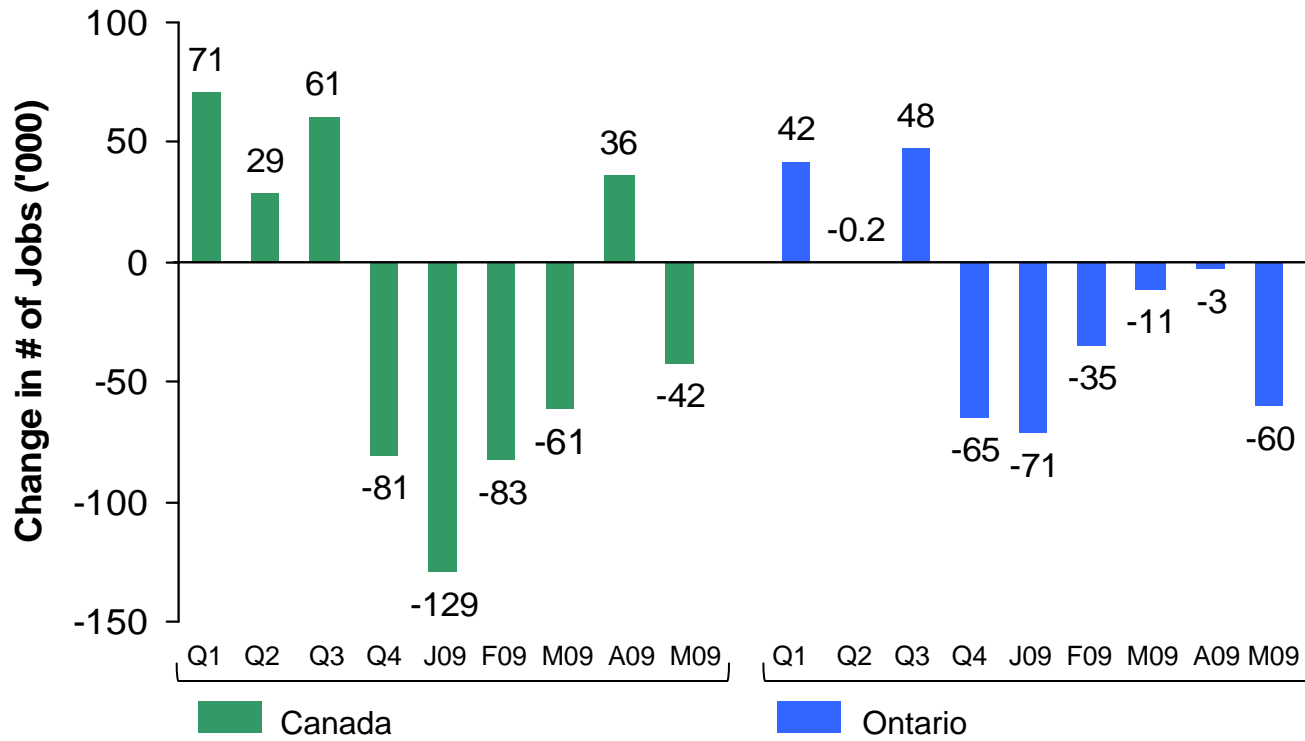
Building Permits by Municipality

Q1 2009 % VYA	Residential (\$M)	ICI (\$M)	Total (\$M)	%VYA
Aurora	\$29.0	\$2.3	\$31.3	48%
East Gwillimbury	\$5.7	\$0.5	\$6.2	457%
Georgina	\$2.3	\$30.6	\$32.9	300%
King	\$1.0	\$2.5	\$3.5	47%
Markham	\$42.0	\$12.1	\$54.1	-75%
Newmarket	\$9.3	\$2.5	\$11.8	-27%
Richmond Hill	\$21.2	\$11.3	\$32.5	-16%
Vaughan	\$44.9	\$49.8	\$94.7	-57%
Whitchurch Stouffville	\$18.9	\$3.6	\$22.5	-54%
Total York Region	\$174.3	\$115.2	\$289.5	-50%

Source: York Region and Local Municipalities

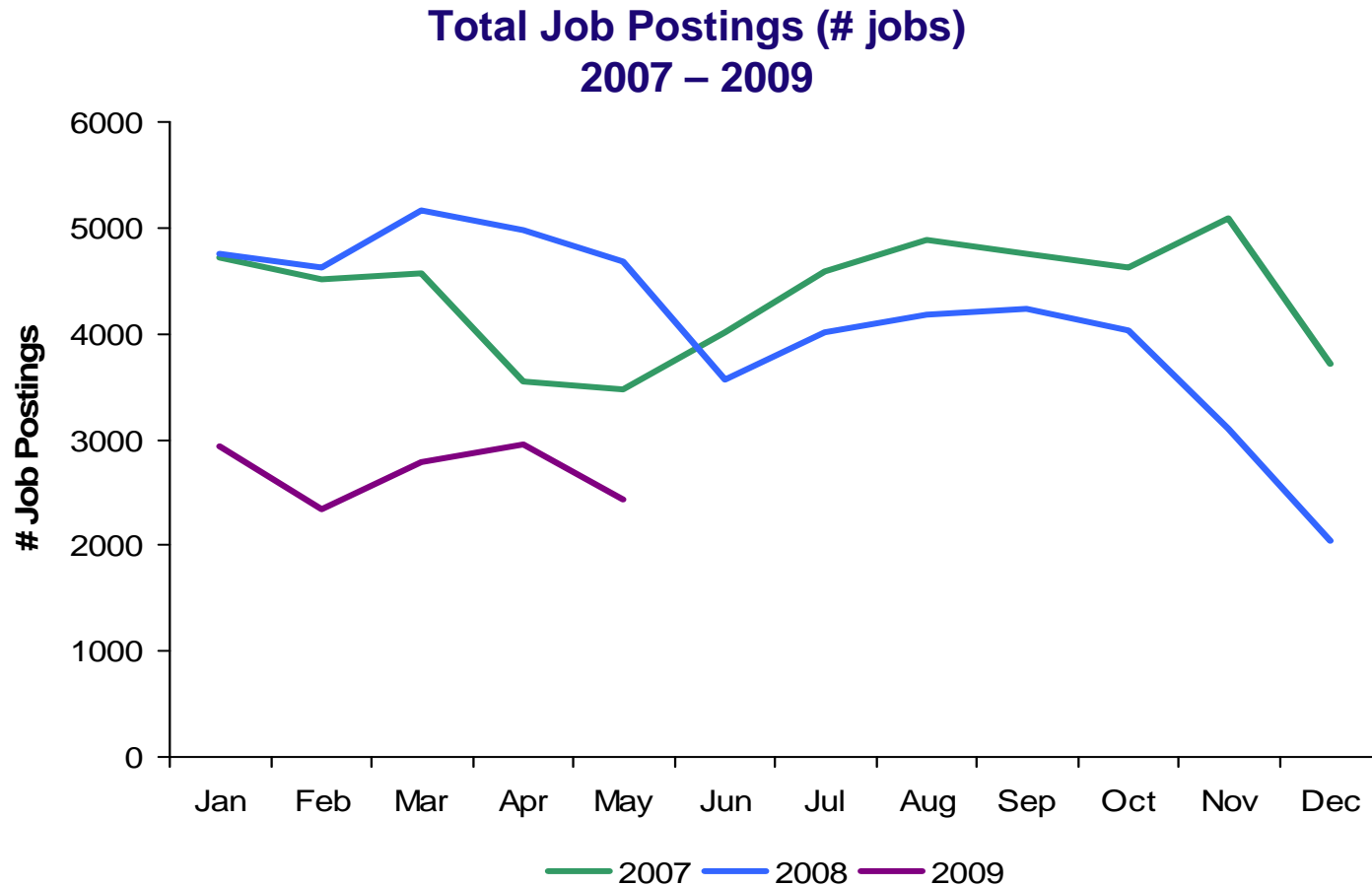
National & Ontario Employment

Employment (seasonally adjusted # jobs '000 vs. previous period)
2008 – 2009



Source: Statistics Canada

York Region Advertised Job Postings



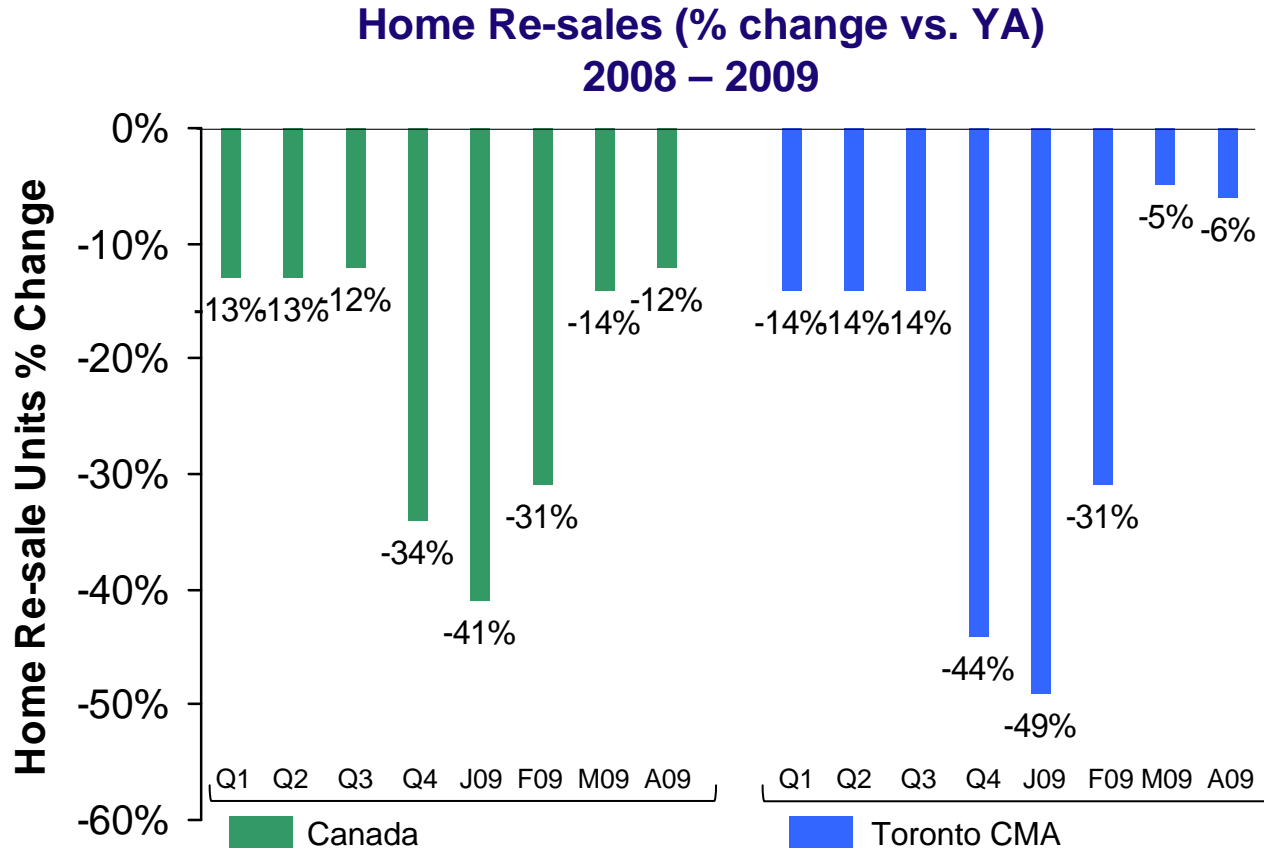
Source: York Region

Advertised Job Postings by Municipality

Q1 2009	# Jobs Posted	% VYA
Aurora	378	-61%
East Gwillimbury	8	-85%
Georgina	44	-42%
King	69	-57%
Markham	3055	-36%
Newmarket	1002	-49%
Richmond Hill	1200	-40%
Vaughan	990	-63%
Whitchurch Stouffville	62	-69%
Total York Region	8067	-44%

Source: York Region

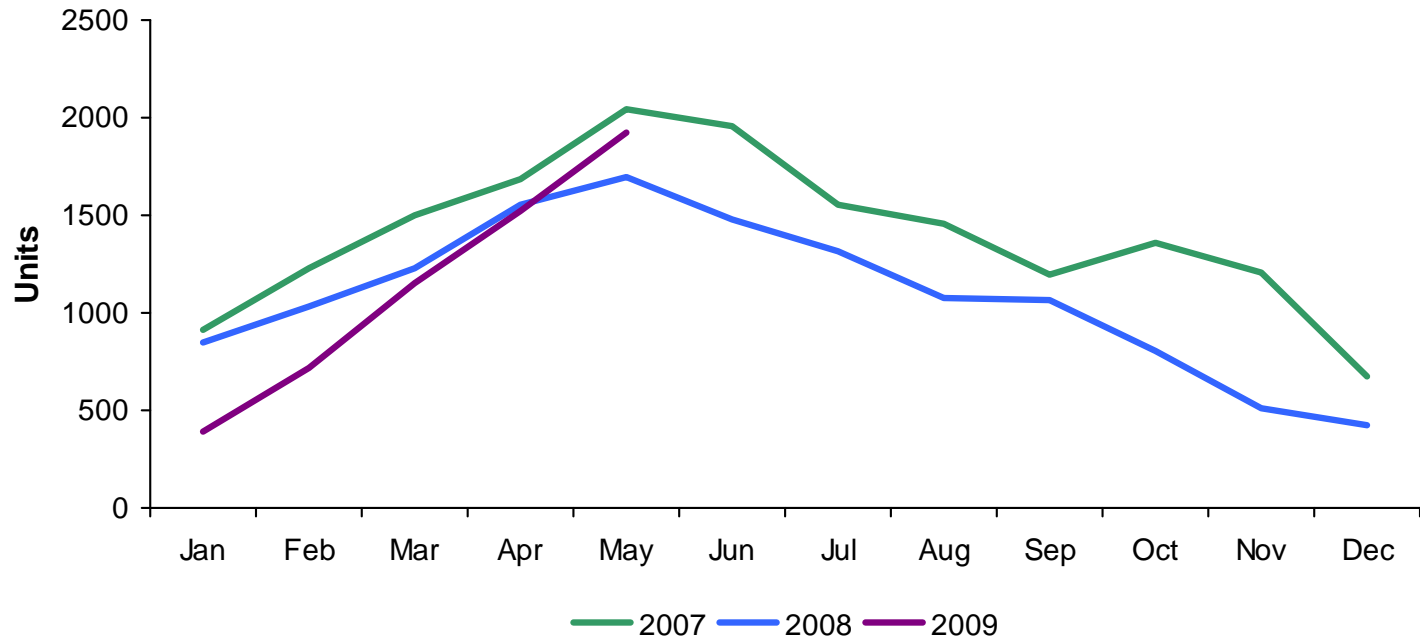
National & Toronto CMA Home Re-sales



Sources: CMHC, CREA and TREB MLS

York Region Home Re-sales

**Total Home Re-sales (units)
2007 – 2009**



Source: TREB MLS

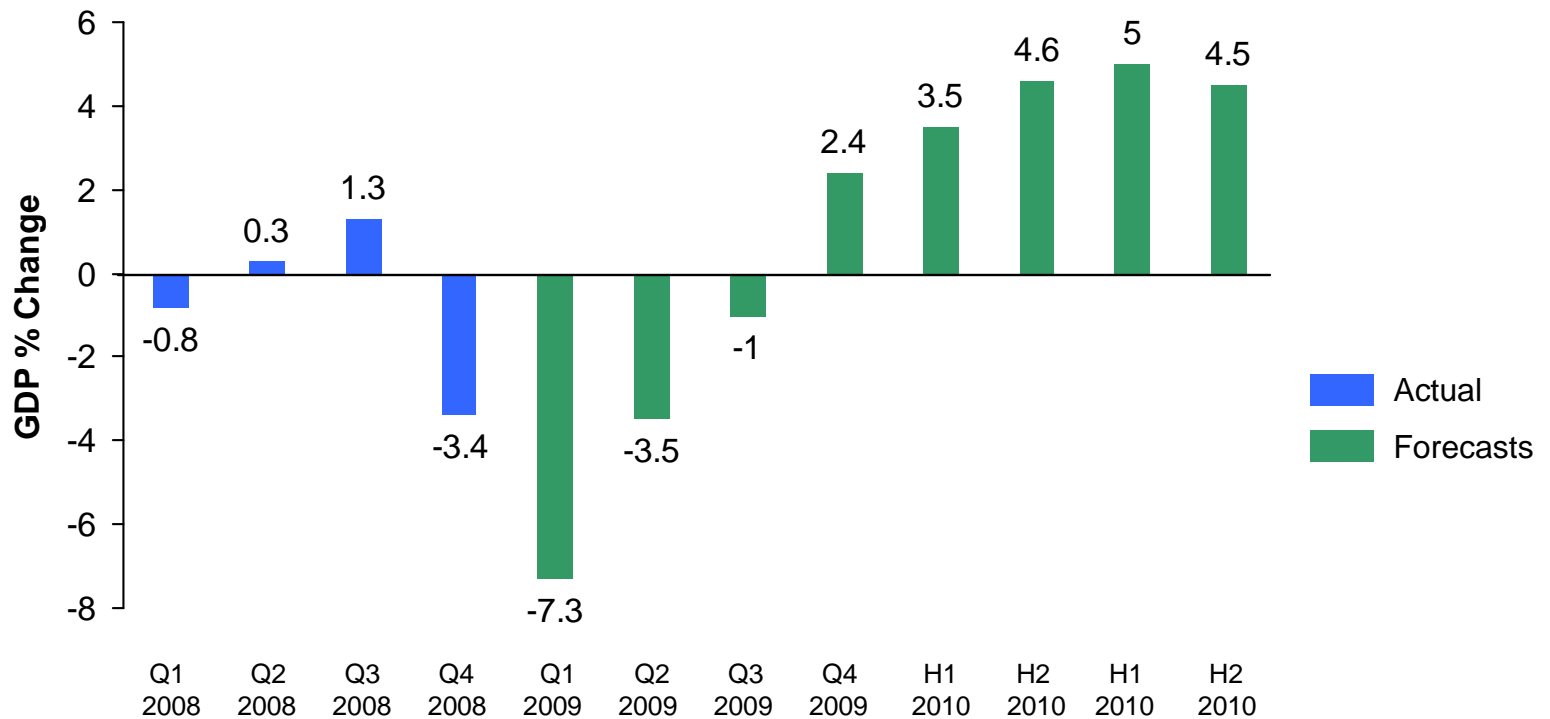
Home Re-sales by Municipality

Q1 2009	# Home Re-sales	% VYA
Aurora	121	-32%
East Gwillimbury	39	-9%
Georgina	123	-32%
King	31	-6%
Markham	612	-23%
Newmarket	229	-15%
Richmond Hill	534	-38%
Vaughan	508	-23%
Whitchurch Stouffville	61	-36%
Total York Region	2,258	-28%

Source: TREB MLS

Bank of Canada GDP Forecasts

Canadian GDP Growth (quarterly % change vs. previous quarter)
2008 – 2010

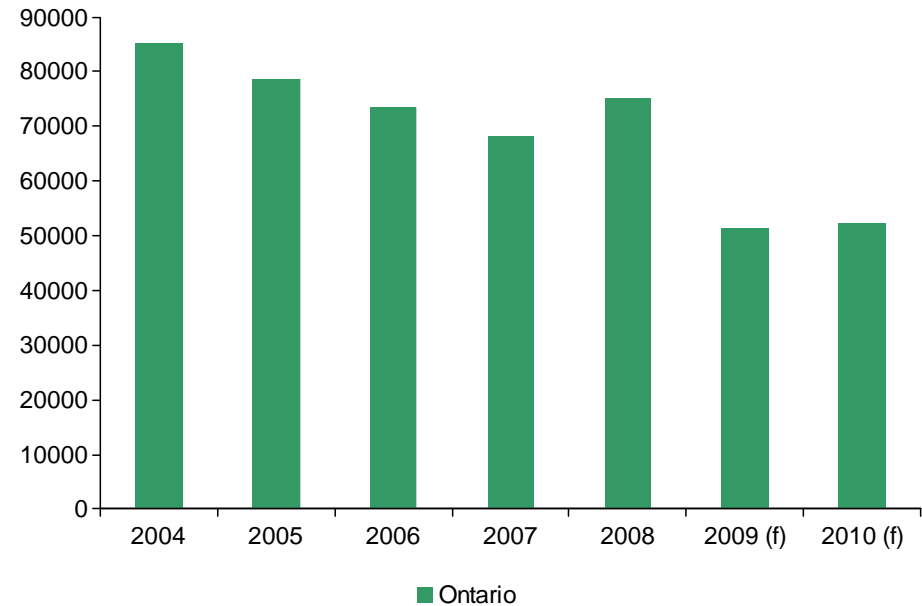
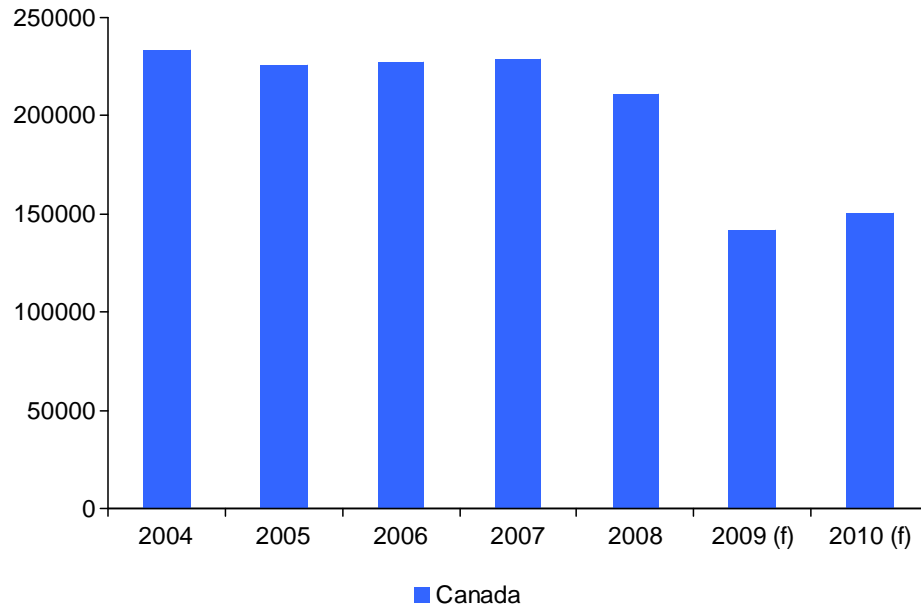


Source: Bank of Canada April 2009

Note: Bank of Canada reports quarter-to-quarter percentage growth at annual rates

National & Ontario New Housing Forecast

**New Home Starts (units)
2004 - 2010**



Source: CMHC

Going Forward

Continue to share relevant information

- Monthly updates to Committee
- Presented to York Region Commissioners and Directors May 29
- Presentation to local EDO's June 12
- Track key measures and benchmark York Region
 - Housing re-sales
 - Employment trends
 - Building permits



Planning and Development Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services

DATE: June 17, 2009

RE: **Demographic Profile of the Greater Toronto Area, 1986 - 2006**

I am pleased to present the Demographic Profile of the Greater Toronto Area, 1986 – 2006 (Profile) which was prepared by the GTA Regional Agricultural Working Group (Working Group) on behalf of the GTA – Agricultural Action Committee (GTA-AAC). York Region supports the GTA – AAC by providing Council representatives on the GTA - AAC and planning staff on the Working Group. The Working Group is under the direction of the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario (RPCO) - GTA Caucus.

The Profile assists the agricultural industry in identifying emerging consumer groups, opportunities for potential markets, commodities farming, and agricultural specialty products for niche markets through the compilation of Statistics Canada Census Data, from 1986 - 2006.

The GTA - Agricultural Action Committee was established to ensure the implementation of the 37 Action Items in the GTA Agricultural Action Plan, 2005, and to champion the agricultural industry sector in the Greater Toronto Area. The Working Group has been identified as the lead implementer on nine of the 37 action items in the GTA Agricultural Action Plan. The creation of the Profile achieves the objective of Action Item 19 (to create a profile) and supports research into new marketing techniques and business opportunities (Action Items 20 and 21).

The Demographic Profile of the Greater Toronto Area, 1986 – 2006 is available on line in PDF format on the GTA-AAC website: www.gtalocalfood.ca and the RPCO - GTA Caucus website: www.rpco.on.ca. The Profile will also be presented to the GTA Federations of Agriculture for information and further distribution.

If you require additional information, please contact Heather Konefat, Director of Community Planning at extension 1502 or via e-mail at heather.konefat@york.ca or Maria Leonis, Planner at extension 1568 or via e-mail at maria.leonis@york.ca.

Bryan Tuckey

Attachment: Demographic Profile of the Greater Toronto Area, 1986 – 2006



Planning and Development Services

MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: Bryan Tuckey, Commissioner, Planning and Development Services

DATE: June 17, 2009

RE: **Whitchurch-Stouffville Application for Provincial Funding**

The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville is submitting a funding application to the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA), for the Main Street Ontario program. The program provides 50% funding over three years (to maximum of \$150,000) to assist a rural community with the hiring of a full-time downtown revitalization co-ordinator. The co-ordinator will lead the Town's new model to revitalize downtown Stouffville, including a Community Improvement Program, business recruitment and special events.

As the application process encourages partnerships, Whitchurch-Stouffville is requesting York Region and the local Chamber of Commerce to serve as co-applicants. The Town intends to run the project and provide the balance of the funding (50%) required, however, the co-applicant is asked to sign the application and provide a nominal sum of \$500. The partnership also asks that York Region provide Whitchurch-Stouffville access to pertinent research data.

The Region of York has supported the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville previously in its application to the same Ministry for Funding of its Business Retention & Expansion (BR&E) program. This program was very successful, and the Town's focus on downtown revitalization is consistent with the recommendations in the BR&E report.

We recommend that the following resolutions be approved by Regional Council prior to the application deadline of June 23rd, 2009:

1. The Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville intends to revitalize downtown Stouffville and will manage its related programs and funding requirements;
2. Regional Council support the grant application by the Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville under the Main Street Ontario program, from the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA);
3. The Regional Chair and Clerk be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

If you require additional information, please contact Patrick Draper, Director Economic Strategy and Tourism at 905-830-4444 x 1503 or via e-mail at patrick.draper@york.ca.

Bryan Tuckey