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## Owen Sound Ranked 50th Best Place To Live in Canada

**Owen Sound, ON – Thursday, March 21, 2013 -** MoneySense Magazine has ranked The City of Owen Sound as the 50th best place in Canada to live, a significant improvement from last year's 138th ranking. Owen Sound was also ranked as the 25th best small city (100,000 population or less), and the 15th best place to retire in Canada.

"The MoneySense magazine rankings highlight what we already know in Owen Sound, that this is an outstanding place to live", says Steve Furness, Manager of Economic Development and Tourism. The criteria considered a number of factors like economic indicators, percentage of population that bikes to work, weather, availability of doctors and the crime rate. Taken together, Owen Sound ranks right up with the best cities in Canada and outperforms many of our counter parts in Ontario.

"We have been saying for some time that Owen Sound is 'where you want to live' and MoneySense Magazine's ranking puts us at the 50th best place in Canada to live. We are not just a great place to retire, we are one of the best cities in Canada to live", says Mayor Deborah Haswell.

The Economic Development and Tourism Department will use the rankings to market the City to attract new residents, businesses and investment.

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