

make a difference. I will begin by controlling my thoughts. A person is the product of his thoughts. I want to be happy and hopeful. Therefore, I will have thoughts that are happy and hopeful. I refuse to be victimized by my circumstances. I will not let petty inconveniences such as stoplights, long lines, and traffic jams be my masters. I will avoid negativism and gossip. Optimism will be my companion, and victory will be my hallmark. Today I will make

I will be grateful for the twenty-four hours that are before me. Time is a precious commodity. I refuse to allow what little time I have to be contaminated by self-pity, anxiety, or boredom. I will face this day with the joy of a child and the courage of a giant. I will drink each minute as though it is my last. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. While it is here, I will use it for loving and giving. Today I will make a difference.

I will not let past failures haunt me. Even though my life is scarred with mistakes, I refuse to rummage through my trash heap of failures. I will admit them. I will correct them. I will press on. Victoriously. No failure is fatal. It's OK to stumble... . I will get up. It's OK to fail... . I will rise again. Today I will make a difference.

I will spend time with those I love. My spouse, my children, my family. A man can own the world but be poor for the lack of love. A man can own nothing and yet be wealthy in relationships. Today I will spend at least five minutes with the significant people in my world. Five quality minutes of talking or hugging or thanking or listening. Five undiluted minutes with my mate, children, and friends.

Today I will make a difference.

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~Max Lucado

## Make a Difference!









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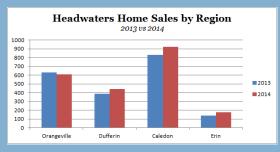
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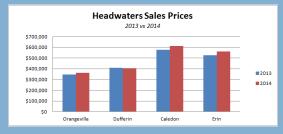


## Headwaters Real Estate Recap: 2014 in Review

Happy new year everyone from The Grime Team! 2014 ended up being another good year for home sales in the Headwaters region of Orangeville, Dufferin, Caledon and Erin. In 2013 we saw 2023 sales. In 2014 we surpassed 2013 by 127 sales (for a total of 2150). Again record low interest rates and a stable economy helped keep the real estate industry healthy.



Average sale prices increased in all Headwaters areas with the exception of Dufferin, which was slightly lower but only by just over 1 per cent.



2014 <u>average sale prices for each region</u> were as follows: Orangeville \$363,773; Dufferin \$403,829; Caledon \$611,571 and Erin 563,522.



In 2015, interest rates might rise in the 3rd quarter, as per numerous sources. This might spike homebuyer purchases in the first half of 2015, but only the future will tell. We'll have to see if the economy in the west remains stable with falling oil prices. If they slip into a slight recession, the Bank of Canada might hold off on any interest rate hikes this year.

<u>Inventory will start off quite low for January</u>, but once the listings start hitting the market the spring market will be upon us. Currently, buyers are still out there, but have the opportunity to wait for more selection to become available.

For more stats on 2015 visit our blog at The Grime Team website, and all the best to everyone in 2015!!!



If you or someone you know is thinking of making a move please be sure to give us a call at 519-941-5151!

We would love to help!

## New Year To-Dos for Your Home!

With the start of the New Year now is the perfect time to take a look at your house and make a plan for what needs to be done in the coming year.



HVAC: Replace disposable filters or wash permanent ones, vacuum all vents, check for leaks and seal with duct tape.

Smoke Alarms/Carbon Monoxide Detectors:
Checking alarms and detectors is especially important when cold temperatures in the winter lead to closed up homes. Inspect, clean and test, and replace any that are faulty.

Fire Extinguishers: Inspect and charge, and ensure that they are placed in accessible areas where fires would most likely occur...kitchen, garage, by furnace, fireplaces, etc.

Fire Evacuation Plan: Create a plan and go over it with anyone who lives with you.

<u>Leaking Windows</u>: Find and fix any drafts to help keep your home warm and cut down on hydro bills.

Check and Test GFCI Outlets: You can test with a circuit tester that has its own GFCI test button. GFCIs do wear out, and their lifespan is about 10 years. Replace GFCIs that no longer function properly—these outlets save thousands of lives each year.

