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Homebuyer's Checklist

Whether you're a first time buyer or you already have a few properties under your belt, purchasing a new home is exciting! It often represents a new chapter in one's life - perhaps you are buying for a growing family, downsizing in your retirement years, looking for a new investment project or simply wanting to gain a sense of freedom. Regardless of the reasons you've decided to purchase a home, there are many considerations that will influence your decision.

So, how do you make sure you are buying the right home?

Getting your ideas down on a list will:

- Save you a lot of time
- Keep your emotions in check
- Align with your spouse or partner if you are buying together
- Allow you to act quickly when new properties hit the market
- Make you confident in your real estate choices

Checklist

- How many years do you expect to be in your next home?
- Are you willing to renovate and do you have the time and budget for it?
- What type of home are you looking for? (ex: single-family, condominium, townhouse)
- What would you like your home to be nearby? (ex: work, school, public transportation, shops and restaurants, community/sports centers or arenas, parks, bike paths, etc)
- What location is most interesting to you? (ex: urban city center, suburb, rural, with or without acreage)
- Is there a town or neighbourhood you really want to get into? What appeals to you about this neighbourhood?
- What type of parking are you looking for? (ex: garage, driveway, street)
- How many bedrooms are you looking for?
- How many bathrooms do you prefer?

- ❑ Are there specific room features you are looking for? (ex: open or closed concept, formal living or dining rooms, finished basements, walk-in closets, eat-in kitchen, etc.)
- ❑ Do you have preferences on flooring? (ex: hardwood, laminate, tile, carpeting, etc.)
- ❑ Do you have preferences on the exterior finish of the home? (ex: brick, stone, etc.)
- ❑ Do you have preferences on the heating/cooling system? (ex: electric, dual system, central air, fireplace, etc.)
- ❑ Are energy efficiency features important for you? (ex: dual/triple pane windows, energy star appliances, programmable thermostat, etc.)
- ❑ What kind of outdoor space are you looking for? (ex: yard, pool, trees/landscaping, deck, patio, etc.)

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