

Checklist for House Hunting

Are you thinking of purchasing a home anytime soon? Our REALTOR's® & [website](#) can provide an invaluable service by finding you a home in the right location, at the right price and within your budget. Our REALTORS® will use Multiple Listing Service, (MLS®) to give you a list of current homes for sale that fit your wants, needs and budget. Or if you're more of the DIY type, our website is updated directly from the MLS every 5 minutes ensuring you have the most up to date information at your disposal!

Monitor the advantages and disadvantages of the homes you view with a checklist for house hunting. The checklist should have at least the following details - asking price, location, property taxes per year, and zoning restrictions if any.

Exterior

What do you think of the exterior of the home? Note the lot dimensions and shape; how the home is positioned on the lot (does it face north, east, south or west). How is the landscaping? Is the property fenced in?

What are the conditions of the exterior finishes? Is the garage attached or not? What is the general condition of the roof? How old is it? Are there any cracks or holes that are visible in the foundation?

Interior

Is there a separate front foyer? What are the general conditions of the windows and doors? Do they open and close easily? In the kitchen, be sure to look its overall size. What is the condition of the appliances, cupboard space, sink, countertops, electrical outlets, flooring and lighting? Find out if the appliances are part of the sale price.

Is a fireplace a must? Do you want a dining room that is separate? Is a family/bonus room important to you? Are the bedroom sizes and the closet space adequate? Do the windows have any covering? Are there adjoining bathrooms? What type of flooring and wall colours are in the room?

How many bathrooms are there? What are their dimensions? Are the fixtures in good condition? Turn all the faucets on and off. Flush the toilets. Are they in good condition? Is there sufficient water pressure?

Basement

Is the basement partial or full? Is it finished or unfinished? Can you walk around easily? Is there a utility room? Are the washer and dryer included in the sale price? Find out about the water service, heating, plumbing, electrical and insulation. Are they all up to code?

If you have questions, our REALTORS® are here to help you find the answers. When you reach the serious stage, having a professional home inspection is highly recommended.

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