

House Hunting Checklist

Price

- Does the house fit your budget?

Location

- Is the home close to your workplace?
- Is the home close to your child's school or daycare?
- Are there doctors, dentists or other professionals nearby?
- Are there recreational activities nearby (ie playground, ice rink, etc)
- How far to the nearest hospital or fire station?
- If you require public transportation, is it available?
- Is the community clean and neighbouring properties well kept?
- Do you have friends or family in the area?

Living Requirements

- Is there enough space to meet your needs now?
- Is there enough space to meet your needs several years from now if there are changes in your life (ie a child)?
- Is there a garage?
- Does the home require updating? If so, what will it cost?

Repairs and/or Renovations

- Are there immediate repairs required to the home?
- Are heating systems adequate and in good repair? How old are they?
- How old are the plumbing and electrical systems?
- Does the home have municipal water and sewage services or does it have a well and septic tank? If it has a septic tank, how old is it and does it meet standards? When was the last time it was pumped out?
- How old is the roof? Is it in good repair?
- Will renovations be required to ensure the home meets your usage requirements?
- Is the yard well maintained?
- Have shrubs, trees or flowers been planted?
- Has the ground been properly graded to provide drainage away from the house?
- How much will the necessary changes cost and can they be worked into your housing budget?

Other

- How much are the property taxes?
- How much does it cost to heat?
- Are there municipal costs involved and if so, how much are they?
- Why is the owner selling? Could it be a problem with the property or the neighbourhood?
- Does the property have the appropriate zoning?
- How long has the property been on the market? A lengthy listing could be an indication of unseen problems.