

Move or Renovate

Here are our top considerations when making a decision whether to move or renovate

Your move is around the corner if:

- You're in a semi and dreaming of a detached
- Your backyard resembles a shoebox (you can't add more land to your renovation)
- You spend valuable time circling your street for parking every day (another feature you can't renovate into your house)
- Can you handle a renovation? OR does the idea of renovating completely overwhelm and stress you out?
- Can you make time? Do you have a flexible schedule to plan, organize and co-ordinate your project?
- Do you have somewhere to live during your renovation? Depending on the scope of your reno, you may realistically need to vacate
- It's not about your house, it's about your neighbourhood or specific location. If you're not in your ideal location, investing into an expensive renovation may not make sense long term
- How much space do you really need? Does the renovation you're dreaming of require lots of additional square footage?

If you've answered YES to two or more of these questions, you should strongly consider moving to house that will suit you better long term.

A renovation is on the horizon if:

- Do you have enough square footage? Size isn't the problem, it's your floorplan, which most likely can be re-configured and renovated.
- You love everything about your neighbourhood and your location in the neighbourhood.
- Are your renovation dreams realistic? Would be happy with cosmetic updates such a new kitchen and new bathrooms?
- Does the word 'renovate' excite you? Or does it paralyze you fear and stress?
- You're addicted to Houzz and Pinterest, have completely planned out the renovation and won't be happy until you get it.
- You value time vs money. You can afford to hire a full service 'Design Build' contractor.
- Are you obsessed with details? You want and need ultimate control of every detail in the finished product.
- You have all the coveted perks of owning a house... parking, garage and great lot size.

If you've answered YES to four or more of these questions, you should most likely start planning a renovation.