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REAL ESTATE

GUIDE TO SELLING AND
BUYING REAL ESTATE



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THE BUYING PROCESS

The buying process can be a bumpy road to travel. I will be an invaluable source of knowledge, contacts and advice, helping you turn the process of buying a piece of property, into a successful search for a home that's right for you.



STEP 5



DUE DILIGENCE

- Inspection
- Title Search
- Property Disclosure
- Environmental
- Home/Fire Insurance

REVIEW STRATA DOCUMENTS

- Form B
- Strata Minutes and By-laws
- Financial Statements
- Engineers Report
- Registered Strata Plan
- Depreciation Reports

STEP 6



REMOVE SUBJECTS

Exciting day!
Submit deposit and select a Lawyer/ Notary to complete the closing documentation.
Arrange for movers, transfer utilities, insurance, forward mail, etc.
Visit Lawyer/Notary to sign closing documentation.

STEP 7



COMPLETION

Money and Title are exchanged on your behalf.

STEP 8



POSSESSION

Receive the keys to your new home!

SOME COSTS TO CONSIDER

PROPERTY TRANSFER TAX

Unless you qualify for the First Time Home Buyers Program (see below), you will be required to pay Property Transfer Tax at the completion of your purchase. Property Transfer Tax is as follows:

First \$200,000	1.0%
\$200,001 - \$3,000,000	2.0%
Over \$3,000,001	3.0%

First Time Home Buyers Program - you will be exempt from paying transfer if:

- a) The property will be your principal residence
- b) Located in BC
- c) Purchases up to \$500,000 (non-new properties)
- d) Property purchased from developer up to \$750,000 (new properties)

DOWN PAYMENT

Depending on the lender and the property type, down payments can vary. A general rule of thumb is that for a condo/townhouse or detached house, a minimum down payment of 5% is required, whereas bare land typically requires a down payment of at least 50%.

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) requires any buyer to purchase mortgage insurance when the down payment is less than 20%. Insurance rates range from 3.60% - 1.80% depending on your down payment. Full insurance rates can be found at: www.ratehub.ca/cmhc-mortgage-insurance

OTHER COSTS

- 1) House Inspection: \$300-600
- 2) Lawyers Fees: \$1000-\$1200
- 3) GST if new development
- 4) Foreign ownership tax



DETERMINING AN ACCURATE PRICE RANGE

Buying a home is an investment in your future, but it should not hold you back from doing other things that are important to you. Speak to a mortgage specialist or your bank to figure out what you can afford, before you start looking for your dream home.

TIPS for Finding Your Dream Home

First, know the market and prepare yourself for what you need to do to compete with other buyers looking for a similar home as you are.

1 PREPARE LIKE A PRO

Create a list of “must-have’s” and “nice-to-have’s”.

2 KNOW YOUR PRICE RANGE

Get pre-qualified so you can move fast.

3 FIND THE RIGHT REALTOR®

Connect with an agent when you are ready.

4 SEARCH ON-THE-GO

Be the first to know about potential listings.

5 MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE OFFER

Be creative to help your offer stand out.





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NOTES AND QUESTIONS



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