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How to Plan for a  
Home Renovation or Addition

# Planning for a renovation or addition

Is your house undersized or lack vital amenities like a spacious kitchen, master suite, or space for entertaining? Sure, you could sell it and move into something larger, but it almost always costs more to move than it does to improve. If you're happy with the neighbourhood, a renovation or addition can help you love your home again.

## How do you benefit from renovating or adding a room?

- Avoid risks associated with moving into new properties.
- A renovation allows you to re-imagine your home, create a unique space that fits you better (Keep in mind that re-configuring your existing square footage rather than adding on, may accomplish your objective).
- Increase the value of your home, as well as space.
- Add your own creative touch to your home.
- Remain in the neighbourhood you love.

It is perfectly normal to be unsure of your decision. This is a big investment which requires thorough preparation.

## Room additions are costly investments, be sure to plan accordingly

Renovating your home can be an anxiety inducing and stressful process, but don't fear, this guide is designed to help you make the best of your investment, helping to make sure that you:

1. Have a plan in mind for your room addition and establish some ideas of what you need done.
2. Budget according to your addition plan.
3. Seek out a renovation companies with your plans and visions in mind.
4. Make your decision when you are fully confident in your plan.

## Having ideas and a budget in mind ahead of time will ensure you make the most of your initial consultation

A common mistake that many people make is contacting renovation companies the moment they decide they want to renovate. As with all things, planning ahead of time is the key to success. Plan a few ideas for your new renovation or addition and establish a budget range before contacting a renovator is a good start, so that you can better communicate your vision.

## Renovation Planning

Building an addition, or gutting your home, is a big decision. Ask yourself the following:

1. What is the reason or purpose for this renovation or additional space?
2. If adding space – What is the expected size for this space?
3. How should it connect to the rest of your living space? Where should it be built?
4. Do I need any exterior entrance points? Storage areas?
5. Who will be using this space and how will they use it? Think about the present and future possibilities.
6. What appliances, amenities and furniture do I want to place in this room?
7. Will smart home technology enhance my lifestyle? And if so, what applications should I consider?

These questions will help you articulate the objective of your renovation. Having this information on hand will allow the designers and builders to understand your vision and work with you to develop plans during the initial consultation phase.

## Budgeting

Unless you're working with an unlimited budget, you will need to establish priorities for your renovation. It's easy to get carried away with all of the possibilities. Knowing your budget range will help the designers and builders guide you through the various features that can be included within the budget you've set.

You may want to consult with a construction management team, like Dan Robinson Construction Management at this point, and take advantage of our free site quotation.

## Communicate your vision during the initial meeting

The best builders will give you the opportunity to comfortably express your ideas, budget and concerns. They will offer insight regarding zoning issues, potential for construction setbacks, or other possible restrictions. Your construction management team should also explain the renovation process clearly, listen to your plans, and offer suggestions to help your project move forward as smoothly as possible.

Ensure that you express all of your concerns, ask all of your burning questions, communicate your vision and request feedback. Be sure to include any decision making parties into the discussion. Clarify your intentions with your family, partner, or anyone else who may be affected by your decisions to build.

## Finalizing your renovation decision

Now that you have established a few ideas, have a general plan in mind, and a budget range, it's time to decide whether to move forward. Understanding that renovating your home is a massive decision, you need to weigh the benefits you'll receive against the cost of this investment.

Once you're confident that the benefits are worth the investment it's time to engage your construction management team to help you turn your vision into reality.



## Committed to making you love your home again

Dan Robinson promotes collaborative relationships with homeowners like you. We take pride in helping people realize their dreams of luxury living. With over three decades of experience in high-end residential construction, owner and lead carpenter Dan Robinson knows how older homes are put together – inside and out.

Our success is based on both our desire and ability to create custom spaces that are functional, inspiring, appealing and enriching. We're committed to transforming your house into a sophisticated space combined with, high-end finishes and smart home connectivity.

We offer you a hybrid approach to home renovations. Combining the efficiency of general contracting with the thoughtfulness of construction management, we provide you with a completely transparent fee structure, and offer you the opportunity to pay your vendors, as well as products and services directly as a way to help you save on cost.

Whether you want more space for your growing family, or crave a space that reflects your vision better, Dan Robinson is here to help you love your home again!

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