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Our strategic services have proven essential for hundreds of buyers and sellers at accomplishing their financial goals and aspirations. Contact us today for efficient, calm and practical help.

Welcome to Spring!

After a long and disruptive winter it is time to consider reinvesting in your home. Whether you are selling or not, maintenance and upgrades are critical on your home. Here are some important tips:

The biggest challenge that we seem to have is not on the planning, the urgency or even what to do – it is how to find capable and professional help. Major projects alone require research and diligence on those that will work for you.

Referrals: Ask friends and family. Even your online friends. People tend to only recommend names that will reflect positively on themselves. Also you take advantage of the efforts of others.

Internet: Dig deep in Google, review websites and compare against trade association websites. Remember that some bad reviews are outliers but trends can be found.

Go to the stores: You'll be surprised to find out that the larger stores do a great deal of effort on vetting contractors and although limited on how they comment, are fairly indicative of quality.

Shows: Do go to home improvement shows, not just for great ideas but to meet qualified, eager and professional contractors. And you can ask tough questions. Product showcases will be able to refer qualified people.

Most importantly: Read fine print, stay on top of things and educate yourself.

Some Trends This Quarter

- Generally, pricing and volume is stable in the upper core
- Lack of available home inventory, especially south of Bloor and the West-end is resulting in lower levels of sales
- North of Eglinton (in the core) is consistently rising in price
- The Eastern Beaches and Cabbagetown (or no matter what you call them) are once again the busiest areas in the city.

The key to success in Real Estate is patience, and a keen understanding of process and market forces. In all cases, our help in deploying effective marketing strategies and managing rapid turn-around of accurate information is necessary now more than ever.