

Your Inspection Report

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PREPARED FOR:
GILLIAN RITCHIE

INSPECTION DATE:
Wednesday, September 2, 2026

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Dear Gillian Ritchie,

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HIGHLIGHTS:

This 1904 solid masonry townhome on brick foundations is in average condition overall compared to homes of similar age and style. No significant structural performance-related concerns were observed at the time of inspection. The electrical service is 100 amps with copper wiring throughout. The domestic hot water heater is approximately 6 years old. A sump pump is present in the basement. As is typical for homes of this age, there is a mix of newer and older systems and components.

This summary outlines some of the potentially significant issues that may require short-term attention due to cost, safety, or performance concerns. The summary items below are brief references to findings detailed in the body of the report. This section is provided as a courtesy only and is not a substitute for reading the entire report. Please review the full report in detail.

SUMMARY:

HEATING

Furnace is nearing end of typical lifespan and functioning

COOLING

Air conditioner is past typical lifespan and functioning

INTERIOR

Moisture staining/damage noted at basement kitchen baseboard; area tested wet at time of inspection.

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IMPORTANT NOTES:

NOTE: ALL ELECTRICAL ISSUES ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS.

NOTE: THE TERM 'MINOR' GENERALLY REFERS TO COSTS UNDER \$1000.

NOTE: FOR DIRECTIONAL PURPOSES, "FRONT" OF HOUSE IS REFERENCED AS FACING THE FRONT DOOR FROM THE OUTSIDE.

This inspection is not a technical audit. The focus of the home inspection is to identify visible significant defects or issues with major systems and components in accordance with the most recent CAHPI Standards of Practice. We recommend budgeting between 0.5% to 1% of the home's value annually for unforeseen repairs and maintenance.

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Descriptions

Sloped roofing material:

- [Asphalt shingles](#)



1. Asphalt shingles

Approximate age: • 15-17 years

Typical life expectancy: • 20-25 years

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Roofing issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes.

RECOMMENDATIONS \ Overview

Condition: • Annual roof maintenance is recommended to identify and repair damage to roofing materials, flashings and caulking. Regular roof maintenance reduces the risk of leaks and resulting water damage and may help extend the service life of the roof.

Location: Exterior Roof

Task: Inspect annually

Time: Ongoing

SLOPED ROOFING \ Asphalt shingles

Condition: • [Patched](#)

Location: Exterior Rear Roof

Task: For Your Information / Inspect annually

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2. Patched

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Wet roof surface hides flaws

Inspection performed: • With binoculars from the ground • With a drone

Age determined by: • Roof age estimated using historical imagery (Google Maps) from prior years.

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Gutter & downspout material: • [Aluminum](#) • [Galvanized steel](#)

Gutter & downspout discharge: • Below and above grade

Lot slope: • [Away from building](#) • [Flat](#)

Wall surfaces - masonry: • [Brick](#)

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Exterior issues noted have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, moisture intrusion, personal safety, shortened life expectancy of materials, and material deterioration

ROOF DRAINAGE \ Downspouts

Condition: • [Not well secured](#)

Location: Exterior rear

Task: Secure

Time: Less than 1 year



3. Not well secured

Condition: • Upper roof drainage is routed through the lower roof area and continues into a galvanized downspout that disappears into the porch surface. The final discharge point could not be determined.

Location: Front exterior

Task: Confirm proper discharge / Improve if necessary

Time: As soon as practical

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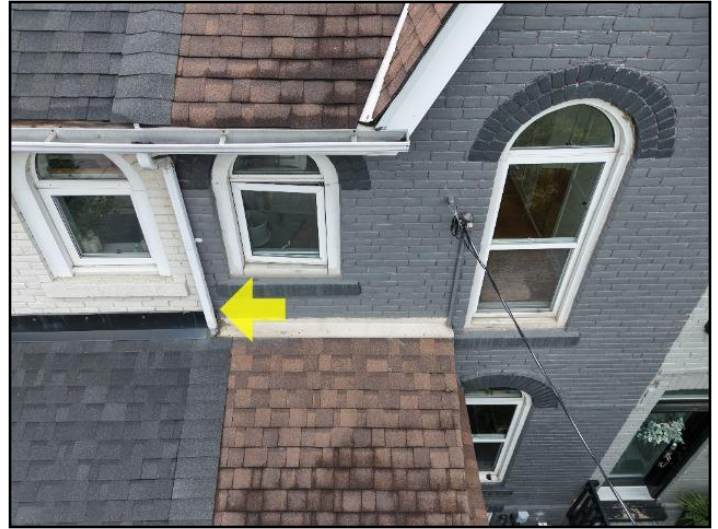
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WALLS \ Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete

Condition: • Irregular/chipped masonry was noted above a window opening with extensive caulking. No significant displacement or other obvious signs of structural movement were observed in visible areas.

Location: Rear Exterior

Task: Maintain seal / Repair as needed

Time: Ongoing Regular maintenance



6.

EXTERIOR GLASS/WINDOWS \ General notes

Condition: • Sill - Near or at Grade Level

Basement window at or near grade level. Modern standards recommend that the bottom of the window be at least 6 inches above grade or have a window well installed. Consider adding window well if regrading or when necessary. In the meantime, ensure windows remain well-sealed to prevent water intrusion.

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Location: Rear exterior

Task: Monitor for moisture intrusion / Improve

Time: As necessary

Cost: If/when upgrading to window wells in the future, \$2000 and up each



7. Sill - Near or at Grade Level

PORCHES, DECKS, STAIRS, PATIOS AND BALCONIES \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

Location: Rear exterior steps

Task: Provide handrail

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

BASEMENT WALKOUTS \ General notes

Condition: • [Guard and handrail problems](#)

Location: Front Exterior Basement walkout

Task: Provide handrail at staircase and spindles at guard opening and secure guard to wall

Time: Less than 6 months

Cost: Minor

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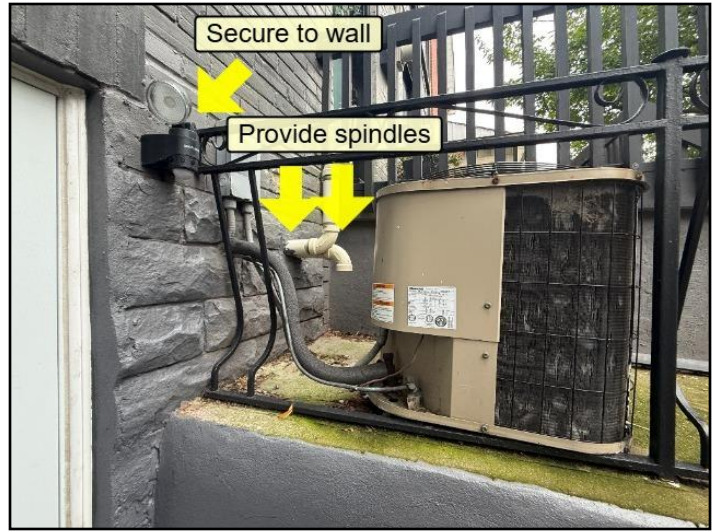
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8. Missing handrail



9. Guard

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • The following are minor exterior deficiencies and upkeep items noted during the inspection. These should be addressed through routine maintenance to help reduce the risk of deterioration, moisture intrusion, or safety concerns:

- Guard fastener at wall loose - Front right porch - Secure

Location: Various Exterior

Task: Repair / Replace or Improve as noted

Time: Regular maintenance / Routine upkeep

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • New finishes/paint/trim

Upper floors inspected from: • Ground level

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Underground components (e.g., oil tanks, septic fields, underground drainage systems) • Outbuildings other than garages and carports • Pergola's

Descriptions

General: • No significant structural performance issues were observed in visible areas.

Configuration: • [Basement](#)

Foundation material: • [Brick](#) • Not visible in all areas

Floor construction: • [Joists](#)

Exterior wall construction: • [Masonry](#)

Roof and ceiling framing: • Rafters

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Structure issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, weakened structure, chance of structural movement, and personal safety

FOUNDATIONS \ General notes

Condition: • Typical Minor Cracks - Block, Brick, Stone

Almost all houses with concrete block, brick or stone foundations have minor settlement and/or cracks. Monitor all cracks for movement and nuisance water leakage. Repair cracks only if necessary

Location: Various Exterior Wall

Task: Monitor / Repair

Time: Ongoing / If necessary

ROOF FRAMING \ Sheathing (roof/attic)

Condition: • FRT Treatment (Fire Retardant Treated)

White fire-retardant-type coating was noted on portions of the attic framing/sheathing. Seller reports there was a fire at the neighbouring property approximately 15 years ago, resulting in insurance remediation.

Location: Various Attic

Task: For Your Information / No further action needed



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Condition: • Water stains or discoloration - Attic plank boards

Water staining/discoloration was noted on the attic plank sheathing near the chimney, along with efflorescence/staining on the chimney masonry. No visible water entry was observed at the time of inspection. The stained area was not accessible for moisture meter testing. Prior caulking/sealant was noted at the exterior chimney flashing and should be maintained ongoing.

Location: Attic near chimney

Task: Monitor for recurrence / Maintain chimney flashing as needed

Time: Ongoing Regular maintenance



11. Water stains or discoloration - Attic plank...

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • New finishes/paint • Finishes, insulation, furnishings and storage conceal structural components.

Attic/roof space: • Inspected from access hatch

Percent of foundation not visible: • 90 %

Not included as part of a building inspection: • An opinion about the adequacy of structural components

Descriptions

General: • ALL ELECTRICAL CONDITIONS ARE CONSIDERED PRIORITY ITEMS

Service entrance cable and location: • [Overhead - cable type not determined](#)

Service size: • [100 Amps \(240 Volts\)](#)

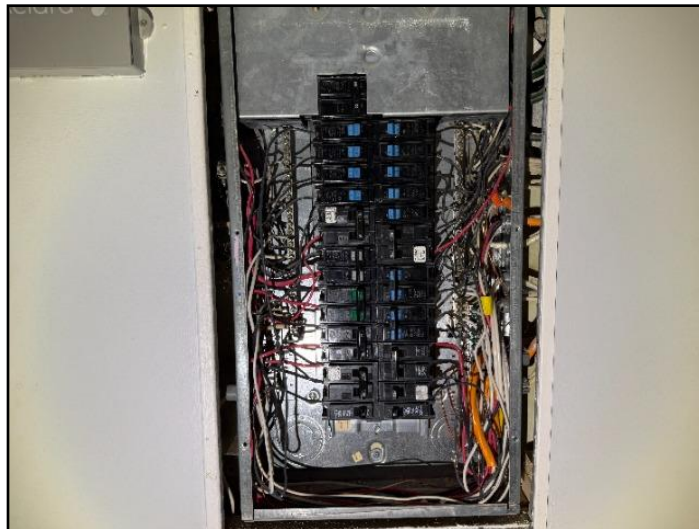
Main disconnect/service box type and location: • [Breakers - basement](#)

System grounding material and type: • [Copper - water pipe](#)

Distribution panel type and location:

• [Breakers - basement](#)

Good condition overall



12. Breakers - basement

Distribution panel rating: • [125 Amps](#)

Distribution wire (conductor) material and type: • [Copper - non-metallic sheathed](#)

Type and number of outlets (receptacles): • [Grounded - typical](#) • [Ungrounded - minimal](#)

Circuit interrupters: Ground Fault (GFCI) & Arc Fault (AFCI): • [GFCI - bathroom](#) • [GFCI - kitchen](#)

Smoke alarms (detectors): • [Present](#) • Provide New

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • ALL ELECTRICAL recommendations are safety-related. POTENTIAL worst-case implications include fire, shock hazards, service access and operation. Treat them as high-priority items and assume the time frame is Immediate / As soon as possible unless otherwise noted.

SERVICE BOX, GROUNDING AND PANEL \ Panel wires

Condition: • [Sheathing not removed](#)

Location: Basement Panel

Task: Correct

Time: Less than 6 months

Cost: Minor



13. Sheathing not removed

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Outlets (receptacles)

Condition: • [No GFCI/GFI \(Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter\)](#)

Location: Exterior rear wall

Task: Replace with GFCI outlet

Time: As Soon As Possible

Cost: Minor

Condition: • [Test faulty on GFCI/GFI \(Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter\)](#)

GFCI receptacles tripped using the integral test buttons but did not trip when tested with the plug-in GFCI tester. Have the receptacles/grounding connections checked.

Location: First Floor Kitchen On Either Side of Sink

Task: Verify / Correct

Time: As soon as practical

Condition: • Ungrounded

A representative number of outlets were tested. This is the only outlet we found to be ungrounded.

Location: Front Second Floor Bedroom

Task: Replace with GFCI outlet

Time: As soon as practical

Cost: Minor



14. Ungrounded

DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM \ Smoke alarms (detectors)

Condition: • Smoke and CO detectors should be updated / provided as needed. These devices are not tested during the inspection. Replace if age is unknown or over 10 years.

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • Electrical maintenance items noted below are generally straightforward to address, but should still be treated as safety-related and corrected as part of routine electrical maintenance:

- Non-matching breaker brands observed - Panel - Further evaluation / Correct if necessary
- Cover missing at outlet - Near sump pump plug - Provide cover(s)
- Panel fastener missing - Basement Panel - Provide fastener
- Pot light loose/not secured - First floor ceiling - Secure

Implication(s): Fire and/or shock hazards

Location: Various

Task: Correct

Time: As soon as practical

Cost: Regular maintenance

Inspection Methods and Limitations

General: • The electrical system has been upgraded at some point. Knob and Tube wiring was the typical wiring used in homes built prior to 1950. We did not observe any knob and tube during our inspection and most outlets we tested appeared grounded and in good working order. Sometimes remnants of knob and tube wiring is found during renovations. If found, remove during renovations.

System ground: • Quality of ground not determined

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Heating system type: • [Furnace](#)

Fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Heat distribution: • [Ducts and registers](#)

Approximate capacity: • [80,000 BTU/hr](#)

Efficiency: • [High-efficiency](#)

Approximate age: • [16 years](#)

Typical life expectancy: • Furnace (high efficiency) 15 to 20 years

Main fuel shut off at: • Meter

Observations and Recommendations

GAS FURNACE \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Near end of life expectancy

The Typical life expectancy is 15-20 years. The current unit is 16 years old. Have an HVAC licensed technician service the unit and check the condition of the heat exchanger for cracks, holes, or rust. If the heat exchanger is in good condition, continue using until replacement is needed.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | No heat for building

Location: Basement Furnace

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$4,500 - and up

CHIMNEY AND VENT \ Masonry chimney cap (crown)

Condition: • [No drip edge on cap \(crown\)](#)

Additionally, chimney crown is weathered with localized deterioration/patching and gaps noted around the vent penetrations.

Implication(s): Chance of water damage to structure, finishes and contents | Shortened life expectancy of material | Material deterioration

Location: Exterior chimney

Task: Repair / Improve

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Consult specialist

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15. No drip edge on cap (crown)

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Safety devices: • Not tested as part of a building inspection

Heat loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

Heat exchanger: • Not visible

COOLING & HEAT PUMP

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Descriptions

Air conditioning type: • [Air cooled](#)

Cooling capacity: • [24,000 BTU/hr](#)

Compressor approximate age: • 27 years

Typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Observations and Recommendations

AIR CONDITIONING \ Life expectancy

Condition: • Old

Typical life expectancy for A/C units is 10-15 years. The current unit is 27 years old and was functioning during inspection. Localized corrosion and damaged condenser fins were also noted.

Implication(s): Equipment failure | Reduced comfort

Location: Exterior

Task: Replace

Time: When necessary / Unpredictable

Cost: \$4,000 - and up

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Heat gain/loss calculations: • Not done as part of a building inspection

INSULATION AND VENTILATION

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Attic/roof insulation material: • [Glass fiber](#) • [Cellulose](#)

Attic/roof insulation amount/value: • [R-32](#)

Attic/roof air/vapor barrier: • [Kraft paper](#) • [None found](#) • Spot Checked Only

Attic/roof ventilation: • [Roof and soffit vents](#)

Foundation wall insulation material:

• [Glass fiber](#)

Not visible in most areas due to finishes. We observed fiberglass near sump pump area.

Foundation wall insulation amount/value: • Not determined

Observations and Recommendations

ATTIC/ROOF \ Insulation

Condition: • [Amount less than current standards](#)

Below current standards of R-60 (as of 2016).

Implication(s): Increased heating and cooling costs

Location: Throughout Attic

Task: Upgrade

Time: Discretionary

Cost: \$2000 and up

ATTIC/ROOF \ Hatch/Door

Condition: • [Not insulated and not weatherstripped](#)

Location: Attic

Task: Improve

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by lack of access to: • Walls, which were spot checked only

Attic inspection performed: • From access hatch

Roof ventilation system performance: • Not evaluated

Air/vapor barrier system: • Continuity not verified

Descriptions

Service piping into building: • [Copper](#)

Supply piping in building: • [Copper](#)

Main water shut off valve at the:

- Main water shut off valve - Front of the basement



16. Main water shut off valve - Front of the...

Water flow and pressure: • [Functional](#) • [Typical for neighborhood](#)

Water heater type: • [Conventional](#)

Water heater fuel/energy source: • [Gas](#)

Water heater tank capacity: • 151 liters

Water heater approximate age: • 6 years

Water heater typical life expectancy: • 10 to 15 years

Waste and vent piping in building: • [Plastic](#)

Pumps:

- [Sump pump](#)

Below flooring in basement bedroom



17. Sump pump

Floor drain location: • Near laundry area

Plumbing Miscellaneous: • Whirlpool motor functioned when tested.

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Plumbing issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications of water damage to contents, finishes and/or structure, no hot or cold water, leakage, possible hidden damage, difficult to service, sewage entering building, health hazards.

SUPPLY PLUMBING \ Water supply piping in building

Condition: • Pressure drop with multiple fixtures

A pressure drop was observed when multiple fixtures were used simultaneously.

This condition is typical for homes in the neighborhood due to municipal supply characteristics.

Location: Second floor bathroom

Task: No immediate action required / Improve

Time: Discretionary

Cost: Depends on work/approach

WASTE PLUMBING \ Traps - installation

Condition: • [Wrong type](#)

S-trap configuration may cause siphoning of water from the trap. P-trap preferred

Location: Basement Kitchen

Task: Monitor for siphoning / Improve

Time: If necessary

WASTE PLUMBING \ Floor drain

Condition: • [Obstructed](#)

Location: Basement under trim near laundry area

Task: Correct

Time: Less than 1 year



18. Obstructed

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • The following are minor plumbing deficiencies and upkeep items noted during the inspection. These should be addressed through routine maintenance to reduce the risk of leakage and/or deterioration.

- Toe tester spout loose and diverter does not fully divert water to shower head - Basement shower - Secure/repair

Location: Various

Task: Improve or Correct or Repair

Time: Regular maintenance / Routine upkeep

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Items excluded from a building inspection: • Water quality • Isolating/relief valves & main shut-off valve • Concealed plumbing • Tub/sink overflows • Water treatment equipment • Spa • Tub and basin overflows are not tested as part of a home inspection. Leakage at the overflows is a common problem.

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Major wall and ceiling finishes: • [Plaster/drywall](#)

Windows: • A representative number of windows were checked for basic operation • [Fixed](#) • [Single/double hung](#) • Casement • Fair condition overall. Most windows tested were functional

Glazing: • [Double](#)

Exterior doors - type/material: • Hinged

Observations and Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS \ General

Condition: • All Interior issues have POTENTIAL worst-case implications such as damage to contents, structure and/or finishes, and personal safety.

Condition: • Typical minor flaws were noted on floors, walls and ceilings. These cosmetic issues reflect normal wear and tear. This can include worn or cracked flooring and blemishes on walls/ceilings

WINDOWS \ General notes

Condition: • Windows Aging or Mixed Ages

A mix of window ages were noted, including approximately 1994, 1997 and 1998. The age of some windows could not be determined. A couple of operational issues were noted as detailed below. Plan for future upgrades over time as needed.

Location: Various

Task: Plan for upgrade or replacement

Time: Discretionary / As needed

Cost: Consult specialist, typically \$60-\$100 per square foot

WINDOWS \ Sashes

Condition: • [Won't stay open](#)

Location: Front Right Second Floor Bedroom

Task: Repair or replace

Time: As soon as practical

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19. Won't stay open

WINDOWS \ Hardware

Condition: • [Inoperative](#)

Window was found partially open at the time of inspection. The casement arm was detached and the window could not be closed or latched when tested.

Location: Front Left Second Floor Bedroom

Task: Repair / Replace hardware

Time: As soon as practical



20.

STAIRS \ Handrails and guards

Condition: • [Missing](#)

Location: Basement staircase

Task: Provide Handrail

Time: Less than 1 year

Cost: Minor

BASEMENT \ Wet basement - evidence

Condition: • Damaged plaster, dry wall or other finished surfaces - Wet at time of inspection

Localized wall damage was noted near the basement kitchen. This area tested wet with a moisture meter at the time of inspection. The source of moisture was not determined.

Location: Basement kitchen

Task: Locate source of moisture / Correct

Time: As soon as possible

Cost: Depends on work needed, consult specialist



21. *Damaged plaster, dry wall or other finished...*

BASEMENT \ Wet basements - vulnerability

Condition: • Typical of many homes with stone, brick, or block foundations, some moisture can be expected from time to time and is not unusual. Exterior grading and water management improvements are generally effective at reducing basement moisture. A dehumidifier can also be used to keep humidity levels down.

APPLIANCES \ Dryer

Condition: • Dryer not vented to exterior

Dryer exhaust terminates indoors into a lint-trap device rather than at the exterior.

Location: Basement and Second Floor Laundry Areas

Task: Improve

Time: As soon as practical

Cost: Depends on work needed



22. one example

REGULAR MAINTENANCE \ Comments \ Additional

Condition: • Ongoing care to maintain finishes, function, and overall interior condition:

• Cabinet door misaligned - Basement kitchen front sink - Adjust cabinet doors as needed

Location: Various

Task: Repair/Replace/Improve

Time: Regular maintenance / Routine upkeep

Inspection Methods and Limitations

Inspection limited/prevented by: • Storage/furnishings • New finishes/paint • Storage in closets and cabinets / cupboards

Not included as part of a building inspection: • Carbon monoxide alarms (detectors), security systems, central vacuum • Cosmetic issues • Appliances • Perimeter drainage tile around foundation, if any

Cosmetics: • No comment offered on cosmetic finishes

Appliances: • Appliances are not inspected as part of a building inspection • Appliances are not moved during an inspection

Percent of foundation not visible: • 90 %

Basement leakage: • Storage in basement limited inspection • Basement leakage is common. Most basements will experience leakage at some point. We cannot predict future occurrence or extent of basement leakage • Monitor the basement for leaks in the Spring.

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General: • This section includes general maintenance and precautionary recommendations that apply to most homes, and are provided for future reference.

Observations and Recommendations

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Condition: • ALL HOMES - WALLS - Flashings and caulking - Caulking around windows, doors, and wall penetrations should be inspected regularly and improved as needed to prevent moisture entry and air leakage.

Condition: • ALL HOMES - WALLS - Masonry (brick, stone) and concrete - Most masonry walls have small cracks due to shrinkage or minor settlement. These will not be individually noted in the report, unless leakage, building movement or similar problems are noted.

Condition: • ALL HOMES - EXTERIOR - During rainfall, walk the perimeter of the home to observe whether any areas allow water to drain toward the foundation. Improve grading in those areas as needed to promote proper drainage away from the structure

Condition: • ALL HOMES BUILT BEFORE 1985 - Asbestos was used in a multitude of building materials including but not limited to: Insulation on hydronic piping, attic insulation, flooring and ceiling tiles, stucco / stipple ceilings, glue, insulation around heating ducts and registers, plaster and so on. Identification of asbestos is outside the scope of a home inspection. If you have concerns about asbestos, consult with a professional environmental company that specializes with asbestos lab testing. If you plan to remove/disturb any building material, testing for asbestos is recommended beforehand.

Condition: • ALL HOMES - HEATING - Set up annual service plan which includes coverage for parts and labour.

Condition: • ALL HOMES - PLUMBING - Grout and Caulking should be checked regularly and maintained to ensure water tight seal in bathtub and shower areas

Condition: • ALL HOMES - PLUMBING - Sewer backup insurance is recommended.

Condition: • ALL HOMES BUILT PRIOR TO 1975 - PLUMBING - A video scan of the waste plumbing is recommended on older homes to check for tree roots, blockages, damaged pipe, or collapse. Typical cost is roughly \$300 to \$400.

Condition: • ALL HOMES WITH SUMP PUMP - PLUMBING - Provide backup power source for sump pump, keep backup sump pump on hand. Also consider providing a high water level alarm to alert of sump pump failure.

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GOOD ADVICE FOR ALL HOMEOWNERS: • The following items apply to all homes and explain how to prevent and correct some common problems.

Roof Leaks: • Roofs may leak at any time. Leaks often appear at roof penetrations, flashings, changes in direction or changes in material. A roof leak should be addressed promptly to avoid damage to the structure, interior finishes and furnishings. A roof leak does not necessarily mean the roof has to be replaced.

Annual Roof Maintenance: • We recommend an annual inspection and tune-up to minimize the risk of leakage and to maximize the life of your roof.

Ice Dams on Roofs: • [Most roofs are susceptible to ice dams under the right weather conditions. This is where ice forms](#) at the lower edge of a sloped roof, causing melting water from above to back up under the shingles. We cannot predict which roofs will suffer the most damage under adverse weather.

Maintaining the Exterior of Your Home: • Regular maintenance includes painting and caulking of all exterior wood. • To manage water drainage around the exterior, ensure that grading (ground) is maintained with a positive slope away from the home and extend any downspouts away from walls and all building components. • ***FOR FUTURE REFERENCE*** GENERAL ADVICE FOR ALL HOMES IF BASEMENT LEAKAGE IS EVER OBSERVED Basement Leakage 4-step method. Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions. Based on a one-time visit, it is impossible to know how often or severe leaks may be. While we look for evidence of past leakage during our inspection, this is often not a good indicator of current conditions. Exterior conditions such as poorly performing gutters and downspouts, and ground sloping down toward the house often cause basement leakage problems. To summarize, wet basement issues can be addressed in 4 steps: 1. First, ensure gutters and downspouts carry roof run-off away from the home. (relatively low cost) 2. If problems persist, slope the ground (including walks, patios and driveways) to direct water away from the home. (Low cost if done by homeowner. Higher cost if done by contractor or if driveways, patios and expensive landscaping are disturbed.) 3. If the problem is not resolved and the foundation is poured concrete, seal any leaking cracks and form-tie holes from the inside. (A typical cost is \$500 to \$600 per crack or \$300 per hole.) 4. As a last resort, dampproof the exterior of the foundation, provide a drainage membrane and add/repair perimeter drainage tile. (High cost)

Insulation Amounts - Current Standards: • Attic current standards as of 2016 is R-60

Reduce Air Leaks: • Insulation is not effective if air (and the heat that goes with it) can escape from the home. Caulking and weather-stripping help control air leakage, improving comfort while reducing energy consumption and costs. Air leakage control improvements are inexpensive and provide a high return on investment.

Bathtub and Shower Maintenance: • Caulking and grout in bathtubs and showers should be checked every six months and improved as necessary to prevent leakage and damage behind wall surfaces.

Basement/Crawlspace Leakage: • Almost every basement (and crawlspace) leaks under the right conditions.

Standards of Practice: • [This document sets out what a professional home inspection should include, and guides the activities of our inspectors.](#)

This inspection was performed in accordance with the most recent CAHPI Standards of Practice. Click the blue link above to view the full document.

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This is a copy of our Home Inspection contract and outlines the terms, limitations and conditions of the Home Inspection

THIS CONTRACT LIMITS THE LIABILITY OF THE HOME INSPECTION COMPANY AND INSPECTOR.

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING.

The Inspection of this property is subject to the Limitations and Conditions set out in this Agreement. It is based on a visual examination of the readily accessible features of the building. The Inspection is performed in accordance with the National Standards of Practice of the Canadian Association of Home & Property Inspectors (CAHPI). A copy of these Standards is available at <https://www.cahpi.ca/en/home-inspectors/inspector-standards>

The Home Inspector's report is an opinion of the present condition of the property. The Inspection and Report are not a guarantee, warranty or an insurance policy with regards to the property. A Home Inspector cannot predict future deficiencies, intermittent problems or future water leakage.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: Due to the unpredictable nature of basement water leakage, a home inspector cannot predict future basement leakage. Almost all basements will leak at some point so there is a very good chance that it will happen. Basement leakage can occur for any number of reasons - Rainfall, sewer backup, high water tables, lot grading, clogged weeping tiles, gutter and downspout performance, just to name a few. The home inspector and The Inspection Professionals accept no responsibility or liability for future basement water problems.

The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client named above. No use of the information by any other party is intended. See item 9 below.

LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS OF THE HOME INSPECTION

These Limitations and Conditions explain the scope of your Home Inspection. Please read them carefully before signing this Agreement.

The purpose of your Home Inspection is to evaluate the general condition of a property. This includes determining whether systems are still performing their intended functions.

There are limitations to the scope of this Inspection. It provides a general overview of the more obvious repairs that may be needed. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list. The ultimate decision of what to repair or replace is yours. One homeowner may decide that certain conditions require repair or replacement, while another will not.

1. The Home Inspection provides you with a basic overview of the condition of the property. Because your Home Inspector has only a limited amount of time to go through the property, the Inspection is not technically exhaustive. Some conditions noted, such as foundation cracks or other signs of settling in a house, may either be cosmetic or may indicate a potential structural problem that is beyond the scope of the Home Inspection. If you are concerned about any conditions noted in the report, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified licensed contractor, engineer, or other qualified specialist. These professionals can provide a more detailed analysis of any conditions noted in the report at an additional cost.

2. A Home Inspection does not include identifying defects that are hidden behind walls, floors or ceilings. This includes wiring, structure, plumbing and insulation that is hidden or inaccessible. Some intermittent conditions may not be obvious on a Home Inspection because they only happen under certain circumstances. As an example, your Home Inspector may not discover leaks that occur only during certain weather conditions or when a specific tap or appliance is being used in everyday life. Home Inspectors will not find conditions that may only be visible when storage or furniture is moved. Inspectors do not remove wall coverings, including wallpaper, or lift flooring, including carpet to look underneath.

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A Home Inspection is a sampling exercise with respect to house components that are numerous, such as bricks, windows and electrical receptacles. As a result, some conditions that are visible may go un-reported.

3. The Inspection does not include hazardous materials that may be in or behind the walls, floors or ceilings of the property, whether visible or not. This includes building materials that are now suspected of posing a risk to health such as phenol-formaldehyde and urea-formaldehyde based products, fiberglass insulation and vermiculite insulation. The Inspector does not identify asbestos roofing, siding, wall, ceiling or floor finishes, insulation or fire proofing. We do not look for lead or other toxic metals in such things as pipes, paint or window coverings.

The Inspection does not deal with environmental hazards such as the past use of insecticides, fungicides, herbicides or pesticides. The Inspector does not look for, or comment on, the past use of chemical termite treatments in or around the property.

4. We are not responsible for and do not comment on the quality of air in a building. The Inspector does not try to determine if there are irritants, pollutants, contaminants, or toxic materials in or around the building. The Inspection does not include spores, fungus, mold or mildew including that which may be concealed behind walls or under floors, for example. You should note that whenever there is water damage, there is a possibility that visible or concealed mold or mildew may be present unseen behind a wall, floor or ceiling. If anyone in the home suffers from allergies or heightened sensitivity to quality of air, we strongly recommend that you consult a qualified Environmental Consultant who can test for toxic materials, mold and allergens.

5. Your Home Inspector does not look for, and is not responsible for, fuel oil, septic or gasoline tanks that may be buried on the property. If fuel oil or other storage tanks remain on the property, you may be responsible for their removal and the safe disposal of any contaminated soil. If you suspect there is a buried tank, we strongly recommend that you retain a qualified Environmental Consultant to determine whether this is a potential problem.

6. We will have no liability for any claim or complaint if conditions have been disturbed, altered, repaired, replaced, or otherwise changed before we have had a reasonable period of time to investigate.

7. The Client understands and agrees to be bound by each and every provision of this contract. The Client has the authority to bind any other family members or other interested parties to this Contract.

8. Thermal Imaging: Thermal imaging equipment may be used as an inspection aid but does not guarantee detection of all issues or moisture conditions.

9. REPORT IS FOR OUR CLIENT ONLY. The inspection report is for the exclusive use of the client(s) named herein. No use of the information by any other party is intended, except as set out in item 10 below.

10. PRE-LISTING INSPECTIONS: Where an inspection is performed for a seller or listing agent, repairs or alterations may be completed after the inspection. In such cases, the inspection report may be revised to reflect the condition of the property at the time of the final report publication. The client may provide the report to prospective buyers, at their own discretion. Prospective buyers are encouraged to obtain their own independent home inspection. If prospective buyers wish to rely on this report, they must arrange an Onsite Review with The Inspection Professionals and agree to our inspection agreement. Upon completion of this process, the report may be transferred to the buyer named in the inspection agreement, and that buyer shall become the client for purposes of reliance on the report. The Inspection Professionals will not be responsible for the use of or reliance upon this report by any third party who has not completed this process.

11. The liability of the Home Inspector (and the Home Inspection Company) arising out of this Inspection and Report, for any cause of action whatsoever, whether in contract or in negligence, is limited to a refund of the fees that you have been charged for this inspection.

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Click on any link to read about that system.

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