

OUR ETHICS APPROACH (ETHICAL, TRANSPARENT, HONEST, INFORMED, COMMUNICATIVE, SERVICE-ORIENTED) IS THE FOUNDATION OF THIS GUIDE.

THE DOWNSIZING COMPANION

Guiding your downsizing journey with decades of experience, connection, and commitment in 5 simple steps.

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Your home has been your sanctuary for many years. It might even feel like your 'forever home', the backdrop to countless family memories and milestones. But recently, the space that once felt 'just right' might be starting to feel a bit..... different. Maybe the house feels a bit too quiet now, or perhaps it feels a bit too much to manage.

Perhaps you recognize yourself in one of these scenarios:

SCENARIO A:

The emotional and financial aspects of maintaining your home have become overwhelming. Perhaps you've experienced a significant life change, like the loss of a partner or a change in your health. The stairs seem steeper, and the rooms that once echoed with laughter are quieter. The house feels too big, and while some corners still bring back happy memories, now and then they are also a little bittersweet. You've taken great pride in your home, but it's becoming harder to keep up with everything.

SCENARIO B:

You're still full of life and energy, ready for new adventures. You've nurtured a beautiful garden and created a lovely home, but now, you're feeling the call of new horizons. You're thinking about winter getaways to sunny beaches and exploring new places. Your family has grown and found their own paths, and you're ready to find yours.



SO, WHAT'S NEXT?

You might be wondering how to start sorting through a lifetime of memories and belongings. It's a big task, and it's okay to need a little help. You've lived a full life in this home, and it shows. You're also thinking about where you'll go next. You're ready for something easier to manage, a place that feels just right for this next chapter of your life.

Perhaps you want to stay close to your current home, an area you

know well, or maybe you want to move closer to your family that has spread its wings. Possibly you want to eliminate stairs and move into a bungalow. Perhaps lawn maintenance has lost its appeal, and a cozy condo has become an attractive choice. There are plenty of downsizing options.

Whatever you might be feeling, you have decided you're ready for a change, and you're looking for someone you can trust to help guide you through this process.



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CONNECTION

BUILDING TRUST AND UNDERSTANDING

Should I have the pleasure of working with you, our journey begins with a heart-to-heart, a chance for me to listen to your aspirations for this next chapter, understand your goals, and get a sense of what is important to you. I like to think of this as our 'Discovery Session', a time for us to connect and really get to know each other. I'm all ears, ready to soak in every detail of your story and your vision for the future.

You might have noticed on my website I talk about the 'hug test'. It's a bit of a playful concept, but it truly captures how I feel about working together. If we can't imagine sharing a celebratory hug at the end of our journey, then we might not be the perfect fit. That's what this initial meeting is all about - "Are we a good fit?". What's most important is that you feel comfortable, supported, and understood by the person you decide to work with.

I tend to have a special place in my heart for working with those a little older than myself. There's a depth of wisdom, a wealth of stories, and a lifetime of experiences that I find incredibly enriching, not to mention a level of emotional intelligence and transparency that makes working together so easy. So, don't hold back. Share your thoughts, your concerns, and your dreams. The more open and honest we can be with each other, the better I can tailor this experience to suit your unique needs.

Together, we'll lay the groundwork for a successful journey, ensuring that every step we take is in perfect alignment with your goals. We start this adventure together, with trust and understanding leading the way.

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LEGACY

SHOWCASING YOUR HOME'S UNIQUE STORY

Every home has its own story, and it's my job to help tell yours in the most captivating way possible. I have a treasure trove of contacts to help us do just that. I like to call it my 'rolodex' of trusted partners.

First, I'll introduce you to Alison, my go-to staging expert. She'll provide a comprehensive consultation, free of charge, and give us a detailed plan to highlight all the wonderful aspects of your home. Need help decluttering? Alison's got you covered.

Are there a few items that need to be repaired? Sometimes, a pre-listing inspection is the way to go so we know which parts of your home may need a little attention. My home inspector, one of the best in the business, will carefully assess your home and give us a comprehensive report to review together. If we need to make a repair or two or maybe a few touch-ups here and there, my handyman is on standby, ready to make everything just right.

Every property is unique, and our strategy will be tailored to showcase your home in its best light while taking into consideration your level of comfort for change and disruption.

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SUPPORT

YOUR PERSONAL PROJECT MANAGER

Once your home is looking its best, it's time to show it off to the world. In today's digital age, having a strong online presence is crucial, so we'll arrange for a professional photoshoot, complete with detailed floor plans and a 3D tour to give potential buyers the full experience. And of course, we'll proudly place a 'For Sale' sign out front.

Before your listing hits the market, we'll sit down together to co-establish the listing price, our marketing strategy, and showing instructions that are comfortable for you. We'll act as a team - you'll share your years of experience with your beautiful home and neighbourhood, and I'll share my years of experience in the Toronto real estate industry to create the perfect approach to sell your home, being careful to direct the experience where appropriate and when you need me to.

Think of me as your real estate project manager, coordinating every detail to ensure a smooth process. Need a dog walker during showings? Consider it done - I have a service for that too! I'm here to make sure everything goes off without a hitch, and when the offers start coming in, we'll be ready to sit down and find the best option for you.

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DISCOVERY

FINDING YOUR NEXT DREAM HOME

In real estate, location is typically a priority. However, what location means to each person is unique – perhaps location means being close to the convenience of shops and retail stores. Perhaps it means being close to hospitals and medical centres, or transit systems, or parks and recreation, or to family. Our next goal is to explore what a ‘good location’ means for you. As we visit potential new homes, I love watching your wish list evolve, helping us get closer and closer to finding your perfect match.

And when we find ‘the one’, there’s no need to worry. I’m here to negotiate on your behalf, ensuring that you feel confident and happy with your decision. Your new home, better suited to your next chapter lifestyle, is just around the corner.

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COMMITMENT BEYOND THE MOVE

Moving is about more than just buying and selling; it's a dance of numerous elements, and I'm here to guide you through every step. From innovative reusable packing solutions like FrogBoxes to recommendations for trusted legal advice, I've got you covered.

And once you're settled in your new home, our journey doesn't end. I'm not just your agent; I'm someone genuinely invested in your happiness. Expect to hear from me regularly, making sure everything is going smoothly and that you have everything you need in your new home. And remember, I'm always just a call away.



SETTLE INTO YOUR NEW LIFE

Life is full of beautiful moments and new beginnings. Imagine waking up in a home that aligns with your next chapter lifestyle, where you have the freedom to pursue your passions, spend quality time with loved ones, and embark on new adventures. It's a liberating feeling, and I'm honoured to be a part of your journey.



TESTIMONIALS



“Having completed three different real estate transactions with David, I say with experience that David is an extremely accomplished real estate professional. All of my deals were completed with the utmost professional and respectful manner. David’s understanding of the local market along with his deep emotional intelligence is a winning combination that helped me exceed my expectations as it related to my real estate goals. Choosing David as your real estate partner is not only the smart choice, but the easiest choice you will make through this process.”

– Paul

“‘Trust’ and ‘realtor’ aren’t two words I would normally put in the same sentence. The cliché exists for a reason! But I chose David when I wanted to sell my house because he inspired my trust right from our initial conversation. He’s a great listener, maybe the best quality one could hope for in a realtor. He looked for my feedback on how I felt the process was going, how he might adjust anything in the way we were communicating. He was collaborative and detail-oriented. Always positive, always straight-up. He’s a really nice person who puts a premium on making his clients feel heard and well-informed on every aspect of the sale through a naturally stressful experience. He was fully engaged and invested in the best outcome possible. I recommend David to anyone who wants a real partner through buying or selling.”

– Nancy

“David conveyed himself in a respectable, professional and trustworthy manner during the entire course of both the purchase of our new home and the sale of our existing home. Importantly, he was very responsive, with excellent communication skills and a very easy-to-work-with demeanor. Through the course of the process, David provided value-added insights that both helped us tremendously in the overall process, while relieving significantly much of the stress typically involved. Above all, David was true to his word in all respects. I’m pleased to say that the process was a big success for us, due in no small part to David: we found the house that we wanted and we sold our house for the price we were seeking. I would highly recommend David and his team – without any reservation.”

– Walter & Mary



MY REAL ESTATE ADVENTURE: FROM SHOWTUNES TO SHOWINGS

Picture this: a young likable guy, lacking direction but passionate about the arts and all things musical theatre, living in the vibrant city of London, England in 2001. That was me, David Nichols, before the world of real estate opened its doors to me. I was trying to figure out what life had in store for me when a call from back home in Toronto changed everything.

Previous to life in the UK I had been in the theatre and event management world, rubbing shoulders with real estate folks in a very unassuming way. On occasion I was the guy who would help my boss-at-the-time with showings, walking the dog, and making sure the property looked clean and tidy. Little did I know this was my unofficial initiation into real estate.

Then came the call. The real estate team I had unknowingly impressed while helping out back in Toronto asked if I would return to Canada and dive into the property world.

So, I traded the showtunes for showings and embraced the change. The early years? They were a rollercoaster. Learning on the job, making mistakes, and growing faster than I could have imagined. I quickly realized that not all agents, and not all clients, are created equal. It was a journey of finding my tribe, connecting with kind, honest individuals who valued transparency as much as I did.

Fast forward to today, and I'm proud to say that my business is vibrant and always growing. My measure of success is not that I am in the top 5% of agents in the GTA but rather that I am in the top 5% because of my almost exclusively repeat and referral clients. I'm here because of the trust and relationships I've built. That's my measure of success.

But it's not all contracts and closings. Remember my love for musical theatre? It's still very much alive. I occasionally host what are affectionately known as 'Piano Parties'. Imagine a talented piano player and cabaret singer, a bunch of people who love to sing, showtunes, and good wine. It's a blast! And my clients? Many of them are right there with me, joining in the fun and sometimes singing along.

When I'm not selling homes or belting out a tune, you might find me traveling the world, but always on call, ready to broker a deal, even if it's in the middle of a safari in South Africa. Yes, that actually happened.

And there you have it, my journey through the twists and turns of real estate and life. With over twenty years in the industry, I've learned that every day is a new opportunity for growth and connection.

TODAY I FOCUS ON GUIDING MY CLIENTS IN THEIR DOWNSIZING JOURNEY USING MY DECADES OF EXPERIENCE, CONNECTION, AND COMMITMENT.



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If you're ready to downsize your home,

REACH OUT AND LET'S CHAT
ABOUT NEXT STEPS.

Every journey begins with a single step. If you're contemplating the idea of downsizing and need a caring, experienced guide to help navigate this chapter, I'm just a call or an email away. Together, we can explore what the future holds and create a plan that feels just right for you.

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