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Food for Thought

Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is indicated. You can't cross a chasm in two small steps.

- David Lloyd George

REAL ESTATE SMARTS

Million Dollar Question: "How does one BUY, RENOVATE and RESELL a home at a PROFIT?"

If one approaches the project with good planning it is possible to buy, renovate and resell a home profitably.

THE ECONOMICS:

I have established Rules of Thumb to evaluate homes that are good candidates for the project.

- 1. In a given neighbourhood buy a home at a price at least 20% below the average sale price of homes in the neighbourhood. The home would be available at the lower price because the property has been neglected over a period of time and requires upgrades that the average homebuyer is not willing or able to undertake. The lack of buyers drives down the sale price.
- 2. The cost of renovations should not exceed 15% of the average sale price of the house.
- 3. After renovations the home should sell at a price about 20% higher than the average selling price in the neighbourhood because the home will now be in a move-in condition and attract buyers.
- 4. Provide for 15% for selling, carrying, legal and overhead costs.
- 5. At the end of the transaction one should expect a minimum return of 10% of the average selling price.

THE PROPERTY:

The MLS data for Winnipeg shows that ALMOST 50% of homes sold in Winnipeg in the year 2012 were in the price range of \$ 150,000 to \$ 300,000. By choosing a house in this price range will target a large number of buyers. This is crucial for a quick sale.