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My **Home Addition**

For more space and more comfort

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From dreams…to reality!

A home addition is a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a project you want done right. Everyone has their own reasons for wanting to add an extension to their home. It could be for more space, for innovative purposes, for the love of your neighbourhood or because it's where you raised your family and you don't want to leave.

Whatever your reasons for wanting to add an extension to your home, the bottom line is that it must fit your needs.

This guide will help you think freely and creatively about your addition. You'll learn about new trends, see what your options are in terms of materials, and get to know the pros and cons of each. By the end, you'll have a better idea of your needs so you can start your renovation with confidence.

At Reno-Assistance, we know that a project like this requires an enormous amount of time and investment. Our Advisors are eager to share their expertise and help guide you on your quest to achieving your dream renovation!

To great designs and successful projects!

Let yourself be inspired!

Laferriere Project

Knafo Project

Dube Project

Weber Project

9 steps to a Home Addition

STEP 1

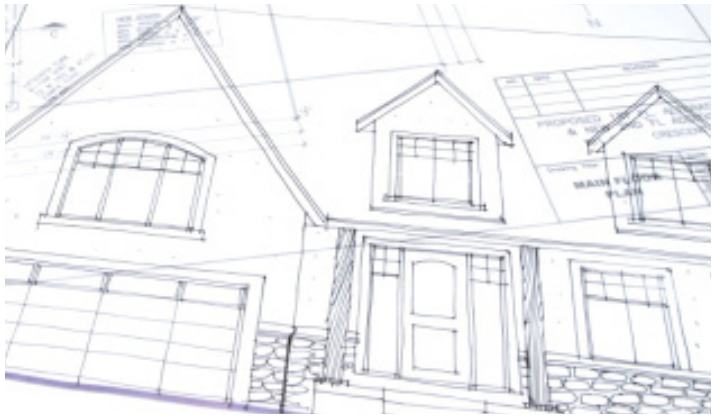
Municipal by-laws

The first step in a home addition project is checking its feasibility with your city planning office. This lets the architect, builder or architectural technician know what's legally possible, so they don't waste their time on unworkable ideas. To keep things moving quickly, be sure to have the deed to your home and photos of your property readily available

STEP 2

Planning your home addition

Hiring an architect, an architectural technician or an engineer for your renovation is a smart move. Their main tasks include drawing up plans, conducting environmental studies, considering legal or budgetary constraints, suggesting the use of certain materials and even designing eco-friendly approaches. At Reno-Assistance, we are committed to finding the right professionals to help you move forward with this project. For any residential project not exceeding 300 m2 and two floors, you can enlist the services of an architectural technician to draw up your plans.



STEP 3

Vetting contractors

Once you have your renovation plans in hand, it's time to select the contractor that will make your dream home a reality. We ensure that any contractor who bids on your project is an insured, solvent, and licensed 360° Verified Contractor with references from previous customers.

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STEP 4

Contractor visit

Your Renovation Advisor will organize meetings with your selected contractor(s) at your convenience. These meetings will be free of charge and without obligation on your part. The contractor will have been given a copy of your renovation plans so they can come prepared.

STEP 5

Quote submissions

You will get up to three quotes. This will let you compare the costs associated with your renovation. Your Renovation Advisor will help you understand each quote so you can make the most informed choice

STEP 6

Choosing a contractor

First and foremost, your choice should be based on your criteria selection and needs. Though, your Advisor will help you compare the pros of each contractor so you can make the best choice.

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STEP 7

Signing the agreement

Before signing an agreement with a contractor, be sure of its contents. Make sure they've included details of the work to be done, what's not included in the agreement. the beginning and end dates of the project and what happens in case of delays. Of course, the more details you have, the better.

STEP 8

Project execution

It's finally time to break ground. Be sure to make yourself available in the beginning stages to be able to report on the progress of the work or any changes you would like to make.

STEP 9

Settling up

Before signing off on the completion of your renovation and making your final payment, be sure to verify that the work has been completed to your satisfaction and in compliance with your contract.

Types of Additions

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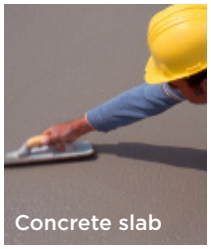
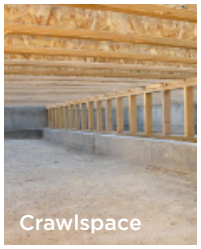
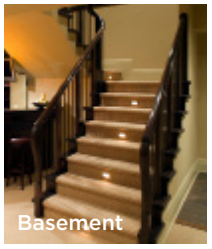
Type	On piers	Second floor addition	With foundation
			  
Pros	> Does not require excavation > More cost efficient (time and money) > Good solution for flood-prone properties > More eco-friendly (restricted use of concrete)	> More in-home space without taking away from your lot > Great resale value > Often less expensive than a new purchase	> Good thermal insulation > Various layout options > Optimized living space (use of the basement)
Cons	> Special insulation is required for the flooring to counter the exposure to external elements (climate and animals)	> Not always approved by the city > Addition dependent on existing dimensions	> Higher cost (time and money) > Less eco-friendly

Choose the home addition that fits your lifestyle. We promise to be there for you from beginning to end!

Cost Influencers

The size of the addition

Of course, the amount of space you want to add will directly impact the amount of money you spend.

The kind of addition

The cost of building a bathroom or kitchen can be higher than building a living room because of plumbing, appliances, toilets, sinks, etc.

Cost Influencers

Maintaining continuity

A home addition can require existing spaces to be modified in order to make new and existing areas of the home work well together.

We try to use the same exterior finishes, but in cases where materials used in your original home have been discontinued, we may have to replace existing exteriors to match the new exterior.

Demolition

Demolition work to create a new access point or change the position of staircases can add to the cost.

Choices of finishes

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Exterior options	**Vinyl siding**	**Brick**	**Stone**
Roofing options	**Shingles**	**Metal**	**Slate**
Window options	**Vinyl**	**Fiber glass/wood**	**Aluminium**

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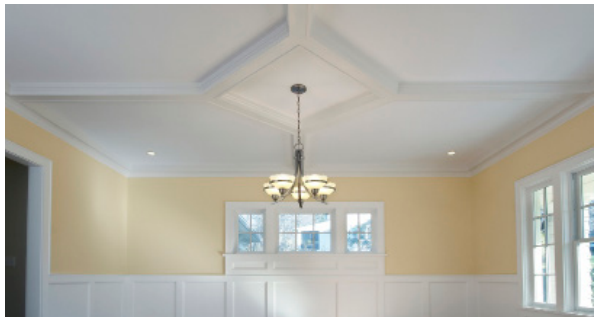
Floors	**Floating/Interlocking**	**Parquet**	**Hardwood**
Ceilings	**Drop ceiling**	**Plasterboard**	**Moulding**
			
Walls	**Paint**	**Wallpaper**	**Stone**

My Budget

Write in the amounts you have budgeted for each step to calculate the total budget of your dream renovation.

Home addition components	Yes/No	Quantity	Dimension (in square feet)	Min $	Max $
Drawing				$	$
Types of addition and dimensions					
☐ Addition on concrete slab/Garage				$	$
☐ Elevated/stilt/pile/pier				$	$
☐ Second-storey addition				$	$
☐ Addition on crawlspace				$	$
☐ Addition basement				$	$
Kitchen				$	$
Bathroom				$	$
Furniture				$	$
Window coverings				$	$
Fixtures				$	$
Landscaping				$	$
			Budget totals	$	$

Pricing scales for different home addition projects

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Type	**Turn-key garage**	**Addition on piers**	**Second-floor addition**	**Home extension on foundation**
Price	Between 150$ and 180$ / sq. ft*	Between 175$ and 225$ / sq. ft*	Between 175$ and 225$ / sq. ft*	Between 215$ and 265$ / sq. ft*

*Prices shown are per square foot and do not include demolition fees, if applicable.

5 Reasons to work with Reno-Assistance

Learn more about our 360° verification :

renoassistance.ca/en/360-verification/

1 Trusted 360° Verified Contractors

We only refer you to the contractors that meet all of our evaluation criteria and have high customer satisfaction ratings.

2 Advisors experienced in working on thousands of projects

Our experts will accompany you through each step of your project and help you understand the quotes you receive from contractors.

3 Pay the right price

We get you up to three 360° Verified Contractors to compete against one another so you get the best price.

4 More than 65,000 projects completed

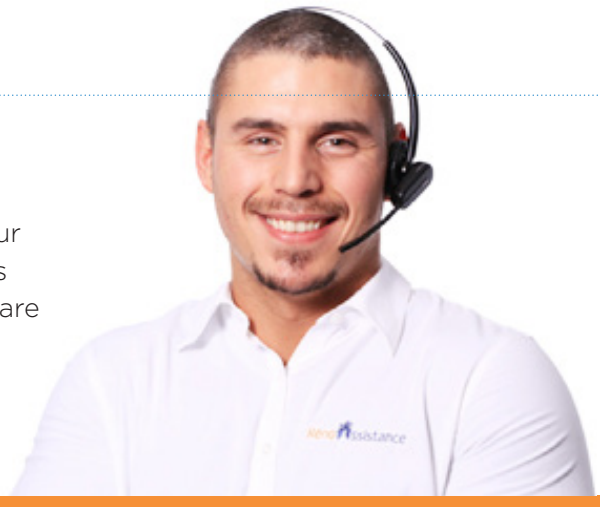
With the number of projects we have worked on, rest assured that we have the expertise to help you with your renovation project.

5 No cost, no obligation

We'll never pressure you into choosing one of our contractors, but we're confident that you'll notice that they stand out from the rest.

How can this service be free?

Our service is free of charge to our clients. The 360° Verified Contractor you choose pays for our services as they do not need to invest in advertising, tradeshows, etc. to grow their business. It's cheaper and a low-risk investment for them to do business with us. Also, every contractor is aware that they are bidding alongside others, which ensures they offer you a fair price.



My notes

My plan

Go ahead! Sketch your dream renovation.

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