

The Mortgage Strategy Playbook (Ontario Edition)

How to choose the right mortgage, avoid expensive mistakes, and build a plan that actually fits your life.

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Why this guide exists

Most people shop for a mortgage like it's a commodity. The problem is that mortgages can look similar upfront, but the fine print can cost you thousands later.

This guide will help you:

- Understand what matters more than rate
- Avoid common penalty traps and restrictive products
- Choose a mortgage that supports your 5-, 10-, and 20-year goals

My approach is simple: strategy first, clarity always, no pressure.

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The 5 decisions that matter more than rate

A low rate is nice. A smart mortgage is better.

Mortgage type & structure

Fixed, variable, adjustable, HELOC, offset options

Prepayment flexibility

Lump sums, double-ups, payment increases

Penalty risk

What happens if you break early

Your future plans

Move, upgrade, refinance, invest, life changes

Cash flow strategy

How your mortgage fits your monthly life

 **Danny's Tip:** Two mortgages can have the same rate, and wildly different real costs.

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Fixed vs Variable (plain English)

Fixed rate

- Your rate and payment stay stable
- Great for certainty and budgeting

Variable rate

- Your rate can move up or down
- Often more flexible, but depends on your risk tolerance and timeline

The right question isn't "what's the lowest rate?" It's:

- How long are you keeping this home?
- Do you need flexibility to refinance or access equity?
- Can you handle payment changes if rates move?

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The penalty trap (the thing nobody explains)

A mortgage is only "cheap" if it still makes sense when life changes.

Common reasons people break early:

Moving sooner than planned

Life changes happen

Refinancing to consolidate debt or renovate

Accessing your equity

Switching lenders for a better structure

Optimizing your terms

Turning a home into a rental, or buying another property

Building your investment portfolio

Some mortgages are designed to look great upfront, but punish you later with big penalties or restrictions.

 **Danny's Tip:** We don't just compare rates. We compare the total cost and the flexibility.

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The Mortgage Fit Check

Check any that sound like you:

- I might move in the next 1–3 years
- I might refinance to consolidate debt or renovate
- I'm an investor or plan to become one
- I want to pay down my mortgage faster
- Flexibility matters more than the absolute lowest rate
- My income is variable (commission, self-employed, seasonal)

If you checked 2 or more, you need a strategy-first mortgage, not a cookie-cutter approval.

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My Promises to You



Long-term strategy planning

Every client gets a mortgage strategy built around future goals, not just today's rate.



Transparency and clear communication

No jargon, no confusion. You'll understand the numbers and the "why."



Personalized solutions tailored to goals

Your situation is unique. Your mortgage should reflect that.



Ongoing support before, during, and after closing

I'm here before, during, and after closing, adjusting your plan as life changes.

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What I Believe

A low lending rate is great, but there's much more to it than that.

01

Your mortgage is a wealth-building tool

When structured properly, it helps you grow, invest, and get ahead faster.

02

Strategy matters more than the lowest rate

The cheapest rate isn't always the smartest option. Long-term planning wins.

03

Every client deserves clarity

You should understand the numbers, the plan, and the impact on your future.

04

Financial decisions should be simple

No pressure. No confusion. Straightforward advice and a clear path forward.

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What I need from you (to build your plan fast)

To build your mortgage strategy efficiently, here's what I typically collect:

If you're buying:

- Income documents
- Down payment details
- Credit and liability snapshot
- Property details (once found)

If you're renewing/refinancing:

- Current mortgage statement
- Property tax amount
- Existing debts and monthly payments
- Renovation / payout goals (if any)

Don't worry. I'll tell you exactly what applies to your situation and keep it simple.

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Next steps

If you want a mortgage plan built around your goals (not just a rate), here's what to do next:

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Let's get your mortgage moving.

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