



the lowDOWN
with Don Warkentin

Downsize Your Home, Upgrade Your Life

Shedding square footage doesn't have to mean a downgrade to your lifestyle. There are many reasons why downsizing can still allow you to 'live large'! If you're considering a move to a smaller abode, consider the following:

- A more compact space means less to maintain. From yard work to housework, exterior maintenance or internal clutter, you'll save time, resources, & energy, particularly if your residence is managed by a strata board or homeowner's association, not to mention lower property taxes, utilities, and other associated fees
- Less to maintain means more opportunities to save. You'll also cut costs with a decreased need for large volumes of furniture or décor and you can sell excess items from your previous residence
- If you choose to make your new home within a condo, townhome, or duplex style community, these dwellings often give you access to shared amenities that may include a gym, pool, or social space. None of which you are personally responsible to maintain but have full reign to enjoy!
- With your increased cash flow & extra time, you'll have an opportunity to further invest in your future & enhance your way of life- whether you boost retirement savings, pay off debt, take time to travel, purchase a boat, or whatever may strike your fancy! The options are endless for maximizing your quality of life in a reduced space.



The LowDOWN is a brand new, twice-monthly column from Don Warkentin, founder of Kelowna-based **Fortune Marketing**. As the former Senior Vice President & Director of Merrill Lynch Canada and an ardent stock market & real estate investor, Don will share his unique perspective on the local & global economy as it pertains to investors at every level, exploring topics related to finance, business, commerce, and real estate.

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