

THE BUILDING DESIGNER - WHO ARE THEY + WHY YOU NEED ONE

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Introduction

You have a vision of your new home.

Hold that image in your mind... how does that make you Feel?

So, you can see yourself in the home you've always wanted, and you are ready to Enjoy that vision.

Good stuff!

Okay, here's a question or two to start you off:

- Do I have enough information for such an endeavor?
- Who should I reach out to?

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Now you may be asking yourself:

- Why do I Need one?
- Who do I Look for?

With the ever-increasing complexity of residential home design and requirements needed for submitting your design for permit and construction, it makes perfect sense to find a professional who is experienced in these matters.

Much like when you have an ailment of some sort and are not feeling quite right, you make an appointment to see your Doctor. Right?!

Seeking out an experienced Building Design Professional to “diagnose” and design your new home is also a good move!

Do building designers need to be registered to provide building design Services in this Province? Currently, no. And there are experienced people out there who have chosen not to go that extra step and provide their Services in a more formal way.

However, in selecting someone to provide such Services you will most likely get what you paid for, and if you make a choice based on fees alone, you may not necessarily end up with an acceptable workable design for your building permit submission.

Things to consider when reaching out to anyone providing design Services are:

- Are they aware and understand what is required to design a residence?
- Are they aware and understand current Municipal/Regional bylaws?
- Are they aware and understand the BC Building Code?
- Are they aware and understand the Part 9 Lateral Design for Houses?

There is a lot of information, experience and specific skills required today to accurately design a residential building in this Province.

The thought of getting your mate who has Grade School level drafting and a hacked CAD program to draw up some plans for cash on the side may have been fine in the past, but those days and train of thought are outdated and not actually encouraged by most planning officials and building inspectors currently.

In fact, as of October 2017, the Municipal & Regional building inspections departments within this Province are openly advocating mandatory registration to anyone providing building design Services as a way of expediting the permit submission process.

Inexperienced people drawing house plans are creating a bottleneck at the permit process stage, and thus creating longer permit processing timelines for everyone else.

Your home is by far the most expensive “investment” of your life...

Why would you entrust its design to someone who is not qualified in undertaking such responsibility for the safety of You and Your Family!

Working with us!

It is hoped that if you are still reading this, you are interested in learning more about what is required to make your new home design work... for You!

Datum Point Studios is a professionally licensed small business residing in Nanaimo, BC and experienced in the building design Services it provides to clients.

Heck, we've even seen some recognition along the way since starting off in January of 2015:

2018 Finalist - Business Excellence Award

2017 Winner - Planning/Design Firm of the Year

2017 Winner - Best of Houzz

The founder and principal building designer Austin Werner CTEch, RBD is well versed in multiple disciplines of building design and project management, and is registered and in good standing with the following associations:

ASTTBC (Applied Science Technologists & Technicians of BC)

ASTTBC-BD (Building Designers - Technical Specialists)

CHBA-VI (Canadian Home Builders Association - BC)

Greater Nanaimo Chamber of Commerce

If you are ready to get started to see how good it will Feel to be in your New Home, the next step is quite easy...

Get in touch through our website to schedule your 'Needs and Options Review' with us.