Thank you for considering Element Building Group Inc. As a leader in home renovation services, our team will take care of everything from quote to completion so you can enjoy the transformation. Our experts will coordinate the design, construction, permits and all the approvals necessary to ensure your project is done on time, on budget and up to your standards.

Whether you are considering a complete home makeover, a basement development, or anything in between, this information will help answer some questions you might have about the design and construction process.

### RENOVATION CONSIDERATIONS

#### Project Time Frame
Like Rome, renovations are not built in a day. Depending on the size and complexity of your project, it can take several weeks to properly plan and make the necessary selections prior to construction. Some guidelines to help you prepare for renovation construction times are as follows:

- **Basements**: 2-3 months
- **Bathroom**: 1-2 months
- **Kitchen**: 1-3 months
- **Main floor renovation**: 3-6 months
- **Addition**: 3-6 months
- **Custom home**: 9-12 months

#### Project Budget
One of the key drivers for any project is the cost of construction. Setting, and sticking to, a realistic budget makes some of the decision making process easier. We usually ask about your budget, not because we want to maximize it, but because we want to help you stay within it. Our experts are very skilled at working within a budget and can tailor advice to help you manage every dollar.

#### Project Scope
A great way to start the planning process is to take some time and walk around your home listing all the things that bother you, or that you would like changed. Once you have made the list, prioritize the items from most important to least. After you have made this list we encourage you to spend some time online looking at design ideas for some of the spaces on your list; this may make your list a little longer than you expected. Having a list of items at the beginning of your project will provide peace of mind that you haven’t missed anything once construction starts. In addition, it is much easier and cheaper to add items during the planning stage than it is to add items during construction.

#### Living Through a Renovation
If your renovation project is large or complex, you should evaluate the pros and cons of staying in your home for the duration of the project. Consideration should be made for the following:

- Living in a construction zone can be very stressful and difficult should you work from home or get sick and need to rest at home. Your daily routine may be interrupted and some areas will be off limits when work is being done or product is setting.
- Your home will be a construction zone and could be hazardous for children and pets. In addition, proper safety equipment may be required to be worn at different stages of construction.
- Often construction stages are staggered to accommodate clients that live in their home during a major renovation. This often results in return trips for trades and construction delays which reduce efficiencies and increases project costs.

#### Project Preparation
It is the homeowner’s responsibility to make sure the home is prepared for construction. All furniture and personal belongings must be removed from areas within, or providing access to, the project scope. These items must remain clear of construction areas until the site supervisor has authorized they can be moved back.