# HOME INSPECTION REPORT



# 63 Cowan Ave

# Toronto

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<sup>\*</sup>please see credentials at end of report

# SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

This page should not be considered as the complete report.
Please read all other forms contained within the Home
Inspection Report

For the purposes of this report, the front of the house is considered to be facing: West

ROOFING	High quality shing	les in good re	pair.				
EXTERIOR	Overall well maint maintenance.	ained. Well b	uilt porch. S	See details	for genera	l repairs a	nd
STRUCTURE	Overall well built h	nouse.					
ELECTRICAL	The 400 AMP ser ungrounded -see		oove avera	ge and the	wiring is co	pper grou	inded and
HEATING	8-yr-old high-effici	ency forced-a	air gas furn	ace with a	typical life e	expectanc	y of 20-yrs.
COOLING/ HEAT PUMPS	The air-conditione	er is older. Co	ntinue serv	icing until r	eplacemen	t become	s necessary.
INSULATION/ VENTILATION	Restricted access	to roof and w	/all spaces	therefore i	nsulation no	ot determi	ned.
PLUMBING	The watermain ha good water pressu						
INTERIOR	Overall well maint	ained.					
OVERALL RATING							
The following rating reflects both the original quality of construction and the <i>overall</i> current condition of the home, based on a comparison to <i>similar</i> homes.							
					✓		
Below Typical		-	ГурісаІ			Above Ty	pical

REFERENCE LINK	ENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/2_Roofing_Reference_Guide.pdf						
63 Cowan Ave	ROOFING/Chimneys				May 8 2021		
	Description						
Roofing Material: Asphalt Shingles:	Location: Slope:	Leakage Probability: Low	Chimr	ney(s) Type:	Location:		
Limitations							
Roof Inspected By: Binoculars	ed By:  Access Limited By:  Height			Chimney Access	s Limited By:		

# Observations/Recommendations

Sloped Surface: overall surface in good repair







REFERENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/3_Exterior_Reference_Guide.pdf					
63 Cowan Ave	EXTERIO	May 8 2021			
Description					
Gutters & Downspouts:	Downspout(s) Discharge:	Lot Topography:	Walls & Wall Structures:		
Aluminum:	Below/Above Grade	Flat	Brick		
			Wood siding		

#### Limitations

Exterior Inspection from Ground Level

Underside of Porch(es) Inspected from Access Door

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

WALL SURFACES:

Brick: overall in good repair

Soffit & Facia: requires general repairs and maintenance Wood siding: requires general repairs and maintenance





\*\*Walk(s): overall in good repair

basement window close to grade- provide threshold

BALCONIES: safety rails requires repairs/replacement





Note: Maintain Gutters & Downspouts annually. Extend Downspouts at least 6-feet away from the house

\*\* Any or all these items may contribute to **Basement Leakage**. Please see Interior Form

REFERENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/4\_Structure\_Reference\_Guide.pdf STRUCTURE May 8 2021 63 Cowan Ave Description Floor: Roof/Ceiling Framing: Configuration: Foundations: Walls: Wood Joists Masonry (Double-Brick) Basement: Stone Masonry Party Wall Wood Frame (Siding) Limitations Restricted Access to: Foundation Wall Not Visible: 60 % Wall Space Roof Space

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

overall well built house

FOUNDATIONS: general mortar maintenance under front porch



FLOORS:

Stair Opening: minor typical sagging for older house

basement: main level portions of floor replaced with engineered joists,

main level shored up with newer beam and columns

WALLS:

Masonry: minor/typical surface spalling, repair as required







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REFERENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/5\_Electrical\_Reference\_Guide.pdf

#### ELECTRICAL 63 Cowan Ave May 8 2021

#### Description

400 Service Size: AMP (240volts) Service Entrance Cable: Distribution Wire:

Main Disconnect/Service Box Location: Overhead Copper

Rating: 400 AMP Type of material: Aluminum Grounded & Ungrounded

Description: Fuses Location: Basement

Distribution Panel System Grounding: Rating: 100 AMP Description: Copper

**Description: Breakers** Location: Water Pipe Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter:

Location: **Basement** Location: Outside

Auxiliary Panel(s): Outlets Bathroom(s)

Rating: 30 AMP Description: Grounded/Ungrounded

Description: Breakers Number of Outlets: **Typical** Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter:

Location: Basement Location:

#### Limitations

Main Disconnect Cover Not Removed

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

SERVICE ENTRANCE: overall in good repair Main Disconnect: overall in good repair

splitter box in good repair

SERVICE PANEL: overall in good repair







#### **BRANCH WIRING:**

Knob & Tube: none found during random sampling though ungrounded outlets

suggest some knob and tube present, further evaluation and replace if

required by insurance, see Outlets below

Ungrounded Outlet(s): provide GFCI's (ground fault circuit interrupters)

Junction Box(es): minor repairs in basement

Note 1: All recommendations are safety issues - Treat them as high priority.

Note 2: Please ensure accurate labelling on panels.

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	Description	
63 Cowan Ave	HEATING	May 8 2021
REFERENCE LINK	http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/6_Heating_Reference_Guide.pd	if

Description: Efficiency: Rated Input: Approx. Age: Life Expectancy: Fuel: Shut Off at: Forced Air Furnace: High 120 x1000BTU/hr 8 yrs. 20 yrs. Gas Meter-Exterior

Exhaust Vent Arrangement: Plastic Through-Wall Vent

Limitations Furnace Performance

Heat Loss Calculations Not Done Supply Temp F: 110

Heat Exchanger- Inaccessible Return Temp F: 70

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

FORCED AIR FURNACE: service annually



Registers: some not found due to storage

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# REFERENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/7\_AC\_Heat\_Pump\_Reference\_Guide.pdf

# 63 Cowan Ave COOLING/Heat Pumps

## Description

Description: Cooling Capacity: Approx. Age: Typical Life Expectancy:

Air Conditioner (air-cooled): 42 x1,000 BTU/hr 20 yrs. old 15 to 20 yrs.

# Limitations Cooling Performance Supply Temp F: Return Temp F: Observations/Recommendations

AIR CONDITIONER: not tested: should be serviced before using old unit, continue servicing until replacement becomes necessary



Comments: 3rd level typically more difficult to cool- may require supplemental unit

REFERENCE LINK	http://redbrickins	spections.ca/docs/8	_Insulation_Ventilation_Re	eference_Guide.pdf	
63 Cowan Ave			TILATION		May 8 2021
		Description			
Material:	Location	R-Value	Air/Vapour Barrier:	Venting: Roof Ridge	
		Limitations			
Access Not Gained					
Access Not Gained		tions/Recom	mondations		
	Observa	ilions/kecom	inenuations		

R-values are estimated

Note: adding insulation is considered an improvement rather than a repair

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REFERENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/9\_Plumbing\_Reference\_Guide.pdf **PLUMBING** 63 Cowan Ave May 8 2021 Description Service Piping into House: Main Shut Off Valve at: Water Flow (Pressure): **Basement-Front** Good Copper Supply Piping & Pump(s): Waste Piping & Pump(s): Water Heater **Plastic** Copper **Cast Iron** Type: Conventional Fuel Type: Electricity Capacity: 60 Gal Age Yrs.: 20 Life Expectancy: 20 Limitations

Concealed Plumbing not Inspected

Tub/Sink Overflows Not Tested

### **Observations/Recommendations**

WATERMAIN: upgraded to copper

SUPPLY PIPING: all piping examined was in good repair

WATER HEATER: old, replace

Isolating/Relief Valves & Main Shut Off Valves Not Tested

Kitchen and Laundry Appliances Were Not Inspected

WASTE PIPING: all piping examined was in good repair

Basement Floor Drain: older main drain, recommend video-scan

may require repairs/replacement upgrade if renovating basement

Washroom(s): overall in good repair

Kitchen(s) overall in good repair

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REFERENCE LINK http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/10\_Interior\_Reference\_Guide.pdf INTERIOR May 8 2021 63 Cowan Ave Description Floor Finishes: Wall Finishes: Ceiling Finishes: Windows: **Exterior Doors:** Wood Plaster/Drywall Plaster/Drywall Single/Double Hung Wood Ceramic Tile **Double Glazing** Metal **Fixed** 

Casement

Fireplaces: Fireplace Fuel:

Non-Functional

#### Limitations

Restricted/No Access To: excessive storage in some areas Foundation Not Visible 60 %
CO Detectors, Security Systems, Central Vacuum, Chimney Flues Not Inspected Drainage Tile Not Visible Storage/Furnishings in Some Areas Limited Inspection

#### **Observations/Recommendations**

Walls: 3rd level southwest minor dampness- appears older

Floors/Walls/Ceilings: overall in good repair

Trim/Cabinets/Counters: overall in good repair

Windows/Doors: overall in good repair

\*\*Basement Leakage: typical efflorescence, staining and dampness for older foundation see steps below

recommend damp-proofing if renovating basement

minor mouldy areas - can be cleaned and treated



CO/Smoke detectors: please ensure one per level each with annual maintenance, this is a life

safety concern and mandatory by law

\* Steps recommended in order to minimize basement leakage

1. gutters, downspouts, grading, driveways: ongoing maintenance and repair/see Exterior

2. cracks/form ties on foundation: monitor/repair as required

3. excavation/damp-proofing: monitor basement, consider step 3 as a last resort

Environmental/Health Concerns: http://redbrickinspections.ca/docs/11\_Environmental\_Reference\_Guide.pdf



#### **Bob Papadopoulos P.Eng, RHI**

- Over 20 years of building inspecting experience in Toronto and the GTA
- Over 6,000 residential and commercial buildings inspected

Bob has inspected over 6,000 residential and commercial buildings of various descriptions and reporting on conditions of major systems including structure, building envelope and mechanical systems, specific problem investigations and pre-renovation inspections. In the past Bob has helped train Home Inspectors and assisted in the creation of educational courses on home inspecting as well as taught Home Inspection courses at Seneca College. Bob also has experience in the construction industry inspecting many large scale projects through-out the GTA. He also served in the Canadian Navy as a Marine Mechanic and Ships Team Diver.

#### **Professional Designations**

• P.Eng. (Professional Engineer of Ontario)

• RHI Registered Home Inspector

• Environmetal Site Assessment: ESA Phase 1 Certified

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