

## Measure Twice, Cut Once

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WHAT WAS SAID

Mortgage-broker suggests how to prepare for change

"Locking in [a variable-rate mortgage] would mean at least a two-[percentagepoint] increase in your current rate -- but would give you peace of mind for three to five more years/ While locking in is a very conservative strategy, it's also a very responsible one. Find out if you can afford to make the jump from variable to fixed by increasing your minimum payments on your variable-rate mortgage first."

-- Averbach Mortgages, in its January newsletter

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