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A big league project with big league results

A true home field advantage

- 1 Thanks to the client's love for outdoor living and the Toronto Blue Jays, their sun-drenched oasis by the pool just got a major league makeover! The existing 10 x 10 bathroom and storage structure next to the pool were transformed to include a grand outdoor living room.

With this stunning new outdoor living space, these homeowners now have a place to catch the game with friends and family. Move over, 7th inning stretch – it's time for the 7th inning swim!

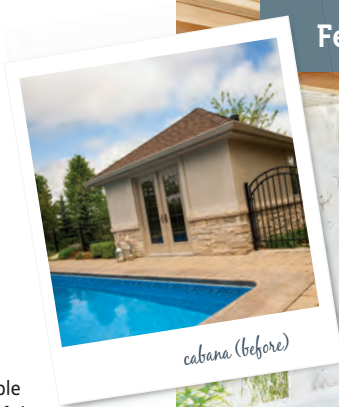
With a natural stone fireplace for ambiance and warmth, and additional radiant heaters installed for those cooler nights, it's the perfect spot on those cooler autumn nights to catch the Jays as they head into the playoffs. The fir beam at the center of the cedar ceiling provides an added touch of strength and beauty to the project.

- 2 The second home run of this project was the fir and jatoba wood pergola. Maintaining the theme of outdoor living, the clients

desired a defined seating area for casual yet comfortable socializing. The pergola's roof slats create the perfect balance between sun-soaked gatherings and cool relaxation during the dog days of summer

- 3 On the inside, the staircase is a warm and welcoming feature upon entry into the home. Featuring a walnut railing and treads, iron pickets, and a custom carpet runner, the nod to mid-century modern design sets the tone for the rest of this gorgeous interior makeover.

- 4 Moving into the primary ensuite, the refreshing serene oasis of neutral hues offers an escape from the mundane. Navy blue accents dance on the stand-alone bathtub and subway tile vanity provide a canvas of tranquility and ease. The crystal knobs add a touch of elegance to the reeded drawers, making morning routines and unwinding a delight. Clever storage solutions like a central slide-out trash bin keep the area visually clean and ultra-functional.







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5 Laundry days? More like laundry moments. With this pristine setup, laundry isn't a daunting chore anymore. Innovative ventless solutions and heat pump technology team up in the stacked washer-dryer combos, elevating sustainability and efficiency to a whole new level. Sorting baskets and a hidden slide-out drying rack keep the space tidy and ultra functional.

6 With a passion for learning, this client longed for a space to reflect while paying respect to their love of literature. This den/study is where stories will come to life, where imagination is nurtured, and where wisdom resides. Behold the custom-made desk crafted

with walnut ribbon detailing, leather inlay and wrought iron legs, inviting creativity and thoughtful contemplation.

It's a library of the heart, where every shelf carries the weight of countless worlds waiting to be explored.

7 Inspired by the client's love of baking, we cooked up something extra sweet for this kitchen! A fresh feast for the eyes and a treat for the soul, everything from the silverware drawer to the coffee station, to the large working areas and appliances tucked or hidden away, everything is intentional and has specific home to return to.

Designer *notes*

The existing cabinetry was refinished with a bright cream color and topped with new quartz counters.





Kitchen (before)

Design credit and a standing ovation goes out to Beth Hanson of Bridestone Design for collaborating with us to help deliver a stunning home for these magnificent clients.

But the real MVP of this renovation? The clients themselves! Our expertise was set on fire by their brilliant inspiration and desire for a tidy finish throughout the home. Thanks to these clean lines and finishes, it's easy to see why this renovation was such a success and how its beauty will stand the test of time.

It's always a treat when our clients enjoy the selection process, like choosing unique features and hardware to add personality to the functional aspects of the home. When they sprinkle a bit of themselves into the planning aspect, homeowners often get

the most gratification from projects like these. After all, it's your home, so why not make it work best for your everyday life?

It was a genuine team effort to create this stunning renovation, now these homeowners can enjoy their home that looks and feels as brilliantly as it functions. We hope these clients enjoy their brand-new renovation courtesy of Pioneer Craftsmen.

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Our 70th Anniversary

What have Gary & Marie Adam been up to?

70 years. Seven decades.

Multiple generations.

It's hard to imagine anything being a constant for 70 years, but that's exactly what Pioneer Craftsmen has accomplished. Thanks to a multi-generational family committed to the art of remodeling and renovations, Gary and Marie Adam reflect on the days gone by and the people that contributed to the 70 years of success.

It started with a passion for craftsmanship

The family business was the brainchild of Ken Adam. He spent the early years of his career working for a construction company, building new homes within the mining community of Sault Ste Marie. After honing his craft in Northern Ontario, Ken returned home to Kitchener to the family homestead, called "Pioneer Farm". The historic Pioneer tower was the inspiration behind the name and the logo of the company, which changed from Ken Adam & Sons Construction to Pioneer Craftsmen. Ken's sons – Gary & Glen began working with him in the 1950s, and later took over the helm of the company to become the 2nd generation owners of Pioneer. Gary said, "renovation wasn't even a word in the dictionary back in the 70s." As the popularity of home renovations grew throughout the 80s and 90s, the Adams sailed through these uncharted waters.



The family business grows

Quite early, it was clear Gary's son Jamie was destined to carry the torch from his father as the president of the family business. Just like his dad, Jamie always wanted to help with projects around the house, and when he was old enough to help with the company, he rode his bike to job sites for summer work.

24 years ago, Paul Meier started with Pioneer as a carpenter. With his architectural degree, Paul helped the team see the value of a formalized design service. Paul later began buying into Pioneer, allowing both to invest in each other, securing Paul and Pioneer's future.

Fast forward many years later, and Gary & Marie knew Pioneer was in excellent hands with Jamie and Paul, the design-build duo. The pair eased into the leadership role as Gary & Marie backed away from the

day-to-day involvement of the business. Walking away from a company they helped grow was a bittersweet endeavour, but Gary & Marie were confident that Pioneer Craftsmen had a clear vision with the right systems in place to take the business into the future.

Gary and Marie Adam have been retired for a number of years and thoroughly enjoying the next chapter of their lives, making the most of their adventures.

A foundation for a bright future

Looking back, the Adams often wonder how they persevered through the tough times and the recessions, but their perseverance and determination led Pioneer Craftsmen to where it is today. At times they were unsure where their next meal would come from, still always ensuring their employees were paid first.

Those employees were and still are the heart of what makes Pioneer a true family company. As the years passed, Gary and Marie witnessed their employees' progress from novice apprentices and new graduates into lead carpenters and project managers.





In fact, many of these employees now have families of their own, and it's amazing to reflect on their journey from then to now. They've continued to contribute to Pioneer's strong foundation and have a promising future ahead of them.

Community and client support makes the difference

It wasn't just the dedicated employees that made Pioneer a success story, it's been the loyal clients over the last 70 years.

"Without their support and trust, it's difficult to imagine where Pioneer Craftsmen would be today."

People place their faith in companies like Pioneer Craftsmen, and time and time again, we are humbled at the countless kind referrals received from family and friends of our clients.

Sometimes there is no clear direction, but with determination and faith, you can blaze a new trail. Just make it happen. The Pioneer way.

Gary & Marie Adam



The next chapter for Gary & Marie

Gary is spending his days checking items off his lifelong bucket list. Ever the thrill-seeker, he's strapped himself into a race car and went racing at the track. Marie is also living life to the fullest, hiking in Banff, and her next adventure will be a solo scramble up a mountain.

Gary and Marie visit their cottage through every changing season to create memories with cherished family and friends. Once a renovator, always a renovator; they're keeping busy and creative by refreshing their home and cottage with constant improvements.

Glen Adam Memorial Golf Tournament



"It's been said that grief is just love with no place to go, and that couldn't be truer today.

Glen, it's been ten years since you left us all too soon. You were an instrumental pillar for Pioneer to grow upon, and the hole left behind in our hearts finds peace within your legacy of deeply rooted values that live on in all our work and all our lives. You were a truly cherished and admired man among all those in your life, and you are greatly missed."

Since Glen's passing, each year his dearest friends from the West Montrose Family Camp put together an annual Memorial Golf Tournament to celebrate his life and remember an incredible man.

As luck, or perhaps fate would have it, the winners of this year's tournament at Ariss Valley Golf & Country Club were four of Pioneer's finest! Congratulations gentlemen!



Left to right:
Lee Seabrook,
Grant Erb,
Josh Pesant,
Nathan Presley

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