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From all of us at Pioneer, to all of you, our clients, who have placed your trust in us to renovate your home we offer a heartfelt Thank-you. We have worked with many great people during the pandemic, and we renovated many of your homes. On top of the fine craftsmanship our talented carpenters, apprentices and trade partners perform it's the changes to your lifestyle that we are so happy to be a part of. Our built environment, - the warmth of heated floors as you enter your home, the sunlight from beautiful windows, the relaxing flow of hot water in a shower, and the cozy feeling of your family room all help to melt away the stresses of the day and allow you to enjoy precious time with family.

Now that many of us are able to once again open our homes to friends, we value our built environment in slightly different ways. Our thoughtful designs will allow many of you to proudly show-off your new space.

Over 25 years ago I joined Pioneer Craftsmen. I have learned more than I ever thought possible, but one thing I know for certain; Home is our safe space. Our refuge from whatever the world throws at us and the place where we celebrate many of life's greatest moments. We are honored that so many of you have asked us to help you create a home that you can enjoy, take refuge in, celebrate in, and share with those closest to you.

Jamie
Jamie Adam, President

Feature Renovation





Light and Airy Space Has Unimpeded Views

Having completed an addition and major overhaul of the main floor with Pioneer in 2010, the client thought that they were done with renovations. However, as they both neared retirement and were in their space more often they began to dream of a main floor office – a space that would control all the paper clutter in the home. At the same time, the client, an engineer by trade and a part time musician by passion, was dreaming of a music room with easy access to the driveway to ease the chore of schlepping amps, guitars and microphone stands to and from gigs. So, it seemed it was time to visit Pioneer again.





This tiny 1950's post-war story and a half house has been transformed. The vaulted ceilings and numerous windows make for a light and airy space with unimpeded views of the yard. The addition of the wooden ceiling in the music space makes for a warmer acoustic in the room than drywall. Two sets of double doors make for easy access to the deck. The rooms are graciously proportioned making it a welcoming space.

Along with the main floor office and music room, the client also longed for more entertaining space and room for out-of-town guests. Over a series of appointments, together with the client a one-story addition with office, great room, and music room all on the main floor and guest suite in a walk out basement was planned.

"Why Pioneer? We have collaborated with them on three major renovations and several smaller projects in our home and our rental property. We know from experience that they strive to be professional at every level, from the project manager, designer, on-site foreperson to the youngest members of the team. Our first experience with Pioneer was in 2000 and it has been a delight to watch them grow and evolve into a professionally managed and customer centric business. One of my favourite moments of construction was hearing the crew sing and hammer together as they began framing."

– The Happy Client



Essential Features of a High-End Home Remodel

If you have the means to undertake a high-end remodel of your home, take plenty of time to dream about the luxuries you might include. And then start prioritizing your list of features to determine which ones will be essential to your remodel. Of course, everyone's list will be different, based on lifestyle, family situation, interests, and budget. Here are some features that will appear on most lists, and some more extreme choices that won't be for everyone.

1. Luxury primary suite (formerly called master suite)

Your primary bed and bath should make you feel happy, comfortable, and pampered. The bedroom should have carefully placed windows for views and natural light. The best bedroom remodel ideas have a spacious walk-in closet and dressing room, and a spa-like bathroom. A glass-enclosed, walk-in shower with multiple shower heads usually is high on homeowners' lists, and don't forget separate sinks and vanity areas, plenty of storage, and in-floor heat.

2. Home Office

Whether you occasionally work from home or do it daily, you'll want an office space that allows you to be comfortable and productive. Install a desk that is the perfect size for every project, with a supportive chair that is easy to adjust on the fly. Add organization, like drawers, file cabinets, and recessed shelving for books or binders. If you have room, create a separate station for the kids to do their homework. You will have a haven of productivity, without having to give up your kitchen table.

3. Single Level

A home on one level has many advantages, including ease of outside maintenance, better regulation of temperature throughout the house, and the biggest plus: no stairs for people with limited mobility to contend with. Besides increasing your outdoor living space, you might consider installing shed dormers to make a steep roof pitch more spacious inside. You may notice a big difference in the interior space,

even if it's on the ceiling. Otherwise, a bump-out can add 50 or 100 square feet to your home without dramatically changing your home's exterior footprint. This might be just the space you need to expand your kitchen or another room that feels too small.

4. Outdoor Living

There's no question that spending time outdoors is good for you, and a pleasant, comfortable space that allows you to do that is well worth the cost and effort. So be sure to put livable landscaping and outdoor living spaces high on your list of essentials. You might be wondering, does adding a fence increase property value? Yes, but adding other things such as an outdoor kitchen allows you to take advantage of better weather days, with much more space for entertaining and a much better increase in property value.

What Makes a Remodel "High End"?

Trying to figure out what qualifies as a "high-end" remodel may take some consideration. By increasing your budget, you are getting a different service that will result in a better long-term investment in your home. Although there are many ways to remodel your home on a lower budget, you certainly have to make concessions on quality craftsmanship and other areas. By investing more and hiring an expert design-build company to put your dream to life, you get precisely what you expect.

Summer Fun in KW

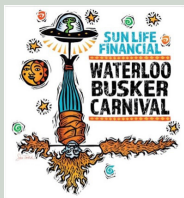


Kitchener Blues Festival



August 4 – 7, Waterloo Region plays host to one of Canada's largest blues festivals. The TD Kitchener Blues Festival is a four-day family-friendly event, packed with some of the best blues talent.

The festival features stages located around Kitchener, including the main stage at City Hall, the Downtown Kitchener BIA tent, the OLG Clock Tower Stage at Victoria Park, and even a Children's Stage. Kids will stay entertained with the educational performances that explain the origins of music, which allows them to appreciate this event just as much as blues fans and music lovers do.



Waterloo Busker Carnival



The Sun Life Financial Waterloo Busker Carnival is a not-for-profit, volunteer-driven carnival that has been entertaining families in the Waterloo Region since 1989. From acrobatics, to comedians, magicians and fire breathers, the carnival brings the best international artists in the world to UpTown Waterloo for four days.

Be prepared to laugh and be amazed. Take some time to stop at our vendors to enjoy some international foods and do some shopping. Take in some of your favourite shows, try your hand at the midway games and don't forget a ride on the famous ferris wheel! There is fun for the whole family!



Summer Recipe

Ingredients (makes one cocktail):

- 1 oz lime juice (juice of a lime)
- 2 oz gin
- 1 oz mint syrup (recipe follows)
- 4 oz chilled sparkling water
- Thinly sliced cucumbers
- Sliced limes
- Sprig of mint

For the Mint Syrup

- 1 cup water
- 1 cup sugar
- Handful of torn mint leaves

Instructions

Peel the length of a cucumber with a vegetable peeler to create a couple long slices of cucumber (or simply cut small slices of cucumber). Then line an 8 oz glass with cucumber (or add a few cucumber slices to the glass). Add lime juice, gin, and mint syrup, and top with sparkling water. Carefully add ice and stir gently. Garnish with a sprig of mint, lime wedge and cucumber slice. Enjoy!



Recipe by Christine Dainard, Owner and Operator of Buzz Tour Co.

Do you have a favourite recipe to share? If so, please send your recipe to laura@pioneer craftsmen.com and it could be featured in our next newsletter!

The Pioneer family wishes to congratulate the anniversaries of **Brian Carson**, 20 years; and **Nathan Presley**, 10 years. Thank you both for your incredible tenure of service and commitment to the Pioneer difference!

We are delighted to introduce you to our three new team members that have joined the Pioneer family. Welcome **Trevor Stinson**, who joins our expert crew of Lead Carpenters! Please also welcome **Hannah Hildebrand** and **Isaiah Lobraico** who have joined our talented crew of Apprentices!



Brian Carson



Nathan Presley



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