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**Determination, Resolve and Perseverance.** Three words that come to mind when I think about the short time that has passed since our last newsletter.

Predictable and unexpected challenges like cost increases; supply chain, material and labour shortages; and the lingering effects of Covid, we have succeeded in accomplishing many great projects. Our brilliant team, our trade partners, suppliers, and clients all came together to build some spectacular new spaces. It took perseverance to continue pushing forward on projects despite constant material delays. We resolved to find creative solutions when we needed to pivot. Why? Because each person committed to our renovations – clients, designers, project managers, trade partners, and of course our lead carpenters and apprentices on the front lines - were all determined to craft inspiring spaces to be proud of for years, long after the challenges of our current reality have been replaced by something new.

Our core focus is “Better than we found it”. It sounds simple until you really dig into what that means for us, but this past summer we certainly succeeded, and we will continue to succeed by ensuring the trust you place in us is earned each day.

*Jamie*

Jamie Adam, President

## Feature Renovation





# Setting the Bar

for a Seamless and  
Symmetrical Solution

The kitchen always tends to be the main hub for guests to mingle and connect with loved ones over conversation, laughter, and delicious food. Following a long separation due to Covid, the time came for family and friends to gather again. This client yearned for a truly great entertaining space with a seamless flow between indoor areas, while creating a more welcoming invitation to their beautiful backyard patio.

The combination of the existing kitchen windows, distinct flooring separation lines, single-person patio door and a visually awkward support post with a half-wall hampered the options to expand the kitchen footprint. Willing to forego the dinette, the client and designer established a plan that included a spacious 6-seater island instead. The game-changer was the relocation of the window openings to create satisfying symmetry within the kitchen and the creation of a bar peninsula was a creative solution to visually delineate this open concept plan, incorporating the support post within the tower design.





The Pioneer *Different by Design* philosophy inspired several small but mighty impactful elements to this dream renovation.

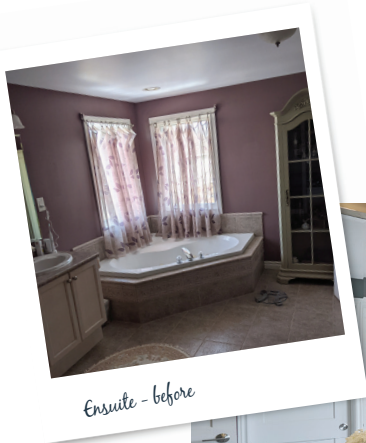
**1 Blending the kitchen cupboard detail** with the feature clock wall significantly expanded the visual appearance of the kitchen instead of abruptly ending the space at the pantry.

**2 The crisp white features** up top and along the fridge wall, balanced with the grounding element of deep charcoal down below, the corner of the base cabinets were intentionally separated by color, also lending to a beautiful bookended finish to the entire space matching the bar peninsula.



**3 Custom drawers and storage** provide ample secure space to house the most essential kitchen tools and supplies. Just left of the fridge is a hidden appliance garage to store everyday items without cluttering the counter tops.

**4 Considering the large footprint of the ensuite,** the original shower was dark and small, and the corner tub heavily weighed down the room. We considered the closets that transitioned into the ensuite as part of the whole flow which lent space for a larger shower and luxurious bathtub setup.



*Ensuite - before*

The most successful renovations combine beauty with functionality and purpose, and at Pioneer our designers are experts at creating the perfect balance between each element.



**5 The location of the powder room** just past the main entry of the home inspired a desire for some architectural drama that would also pair well with the clients own chosen vanity. By dropping the ceiling over the sink alcove the elegant tile backdrop has become an eye catching feature for the client and their guests to swoon over. Finally, the dark shaded ceiling and a series of stacked molding pieces created a striking crown fit for this throne room.

The magic of inspired renovations didn't stop in the kitchen and bathrooms. With so many fresh beautifully designed features throughout, entering through the new front door sets the tone for cohesive elegance from start to finish.

Stay tuned to our website gallery for additional photos!



### Cabbage Roll Soup brought to you by Andrea Mut at My Pocket Kitchen

After a bustling holiday season spent in the kitchen, soothe your soul with the comfort of cabbage rolls without all the work!

#### Ingredients

- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 lb ground beef, can substitute any ground meat or beans
- 1 large onion, diced
- 1 large carrot, diced
- 2 stalks celery, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced (1½ tbsp)
- 1 small head green cabbage, chopped or sliced
- 1 teaspoon hot or mild paprika
- 2 tablespoon tomato paste
- 1 tablespoon brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 x 796 ml/28 oz can whole tomatoes, chopped or pureed
- 6 cups beef, chicken, or vegetables stock/broth
- ¾ cup black rice, wild rice, brown or white rice, uncooked
- 2 bay leaves
- Salt and pepper

#### Optional Toppings

- Sour cream or plain yogurt
- Fresh, chopped parsley
- Parmesan cheese

#### Instructions

1. In a large soup pot, heat oil over medium-high heat. Add ground meat, onions, carrot, and celery. Cook, stirring occasionally for about 10 minutes or until beef is cooked and onions are soft.
2. Add garlic, cabbage, paprika, tomato paste, sugar and Worcestershire sauce. Stir to combine well.
3. Add canned tomatoes, stock/broth, rice, and bay leaves. Bring to a boil, reduce heat, cover and simmer for 25 minutes or until cabbage is soft. Add salt and pepper to taste.
4. Serve garnished with sour cream, plain yogurt, fresh parsley and/or Parmesan cheese.





# KW FUN

The Waterloo Region is never short on fun things for you or the whole family to do!

## Outdoor Skating

Skate your way through the winter with a variety of public skating opportunities to choose from at local arenas and outdoor rinks.



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## Getting board already?

Visit one of the local Board Game Café's and play until your hearts content! Choose from hundreds of classic games or try your hand at a new intriguing game you've never heard of before!

These cafes are well stocked with knowledgeable and friendly staff, delicious snacks, local brewery creations, and enough laughter to warm your soul until Spring arrives!

**GamesOnTap.ca – Waterloo**

**AdventurersGuildCafe.com – Kitchener**

**RoundTableKingdom.ca – Kitchener**

# Here We Grow Again!

We are excited to introduce you to our newest Pioneer team members! Say hello to those joining our carpenter crew – David Kane, Nathan Holdbrook, Brendan Tracey, and Charlie Birrell. Supporting the design team is the talented Maggie Venne. Pioneer welcomes the magical Jennifer Ferreira as our Special Projects Coordinator. And, welcome back to Katie Neil, rejoining us as our Office Manager and the friendly voice answering all your calls and questions.



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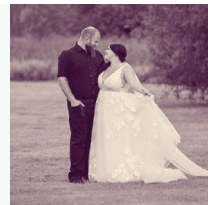
Katie Neil

Please join us in congratulating our in-house designer, Sydney Murawsky, her husband Kevin and big brother Leo on welcoming twin girls, Addie and Ava into the family. May you always have twice the fun everywhere you go!



Josh Pesant is growing up so fast – buying his first home, and now engaged to be married! Congratulations Josh & Samantha on your next adventure!

There's no shortage of love in the Pioneer family! Ben Mayberry celebrated getting married this summer to his lovely bride, Samm. Congratulations Newlyweds – the best is yet to come!



If you have a minimum of five years' experience as a Lead Carpenter in residential renovations (including full additions), and are committed to providing excellent customer service, we'd love to hear from you! Please email your resume with references to: [hr@pioneercraftsmen.com](mailto:hr@pioneercraftsmen.com) or fax 519-743-6991