

Southbridge – A Community to Call Home

Now, more than ever before, upgrading outdated homes to meet modern, high quality design standards is both a provincial and Southbridge objective. Southbridge proudly represents community culture and has embraced the design shift away from institutional care environments.

The new objective in Long-Term Care is to provide a home-like environment where both our residents and staff can thrive. Gathering local inspiration, our designs incorporate natural elements and nature-inspired details to provide interactive, amenity rich spaces for our resident community. Southbridge introduces a vibrancy into our new buildings by combining timeless features within a cozy and familiar residential space.

The interior scheme integrates natural textures with stone, tile, faux-brick, and wood-look materials. The colour scheme is neutral for a timeless and bright space. Vibrant colour accents are used to provide wayfinding and emphasize key areas and design features.

Our interior design team will deliver tactile elements, such as a faux moss feature wall, where residents can feel stimulated and engaged with their environment. There will also be interactive activity spaces throughout the building where the resident community can socialize with each other, staff members, and visitors. The wall-mounted scrabble boards, arts & craft spaces, and fitness rooms are just some of the features incorporated in the new builds that will promote resident physical health and emotional well-being.



Figure 1. Interior Rendering for Concept Design Purposes Only.

Southbridge recognizes the importance of balance. Homes will also include areas of calm respite where residents and their families can enjoy quiet time. Lounges, reading nooks, and worship/theater rooms are located throughout the homes.

The interactive nature of the interior continues outside with landscaped walking paths, benches, outdoor lounge seating, and terraces off every resident home area. Providing this connection to the outdoors will enrich the lives of our resident community members.

Every selection has been made with the resident and staff usability in mind. Research led design elements include millwork, furniture, and material applications. Details such as specific cabinet pulls, counter heights, and colour contrasts between vertical and horizontal applications have all been considered. These elements promote functional, safe, and ergonomic spaces for our residents and staff members.



Figure 2. Interior Rendering for Concept Design Purposes Only.

It is crucial that the care environment supports the independence, safety, and dignity of each of our resident community members. Southbridge recognizes that the care environment must function not only as a home for our residents, but also as a workplace for our staff members.

Professional areas have been developed throughout the building to achieve optimal workflow and staff satisfaction. These areas include comfortable staff lounges, secure and organized locker rooms, ergonomic office spaces, as well as meeting rooms in each resident home area to support staff collaboration.

With construction underway on four of our projects, we are counting down the days till grand-opening, where we can invite the community into our new buildings and welcome our residents' home.