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Celebrating Our Commitment To Quality Care- Accreditation Success

I have some great exciting news! We recently completed a rigorous four-year care review with Accreditation Canada, and I'm proud to announce that we met an impressive percentage of the criteria.

“Accreditation is an important validation of our efforts and demonstrates our ongoing commitment to meeting national standards of excellence. We are dedicated to fostering resident choice, dignity, and quality of life while ensuring a safe and welcoming home for those we serve.”

Frances Marshall, AVENS Chief Nursing Officer

This accomplishment is a testament to our Chief Nursing Officer, Frances Marshall and her Teams, our Support Services Teams, our HR

and our Financial Support who all together exhibit an incredible commitment to quality care, safety, and the continuous improvement of our services. Accreditation Canada helps us ensure that we're not just meeting the bar but exceeding it, allowing us to provide the best possible environment for our seniors.



A proper cake to mark the celebration!

To celebrate this remarkable achievement, our Board of Directors did sponsor a fantastic BBQ on July 14, 2026, bringing together residents, their families, staff, volunteers, and stakeholders for a day of food and fun.



A HUGE thank you to our **Board Chair, Colleen Wellborn, and board members Debbie DeLancey and Lynda Koe**, who joined us in celebrating this milestone. They spent quality time speaking to many of our residents. Your support means the world to us!



A special shoutout goes to our incredible Food Services Team who prepared such a delicious feast! And let's not forget Rick Marshall, our Supervisor of Maintenance, whose smoked rib recipe stole the show—truly a culinary masterpiece!

Lastly, I'd like to give a big thank you to my wonderful wife, **Cindy Dolyunny, from Shoppers**

Drug Mart, for sponsoring many of our summer door prizes. Everyone had the chance to enter the summer themed prize draws, adding an extra layer of excitement to our celebration.

This accreditation is not just a badge of honour; it's a reflection of the dedication and hard work each of you brings to AVENS every day. Together, we're creating a community where seniors can thrive and enjoy the best quality of life.

Here's to four more years when we get to do this all over again.

Paving The Way To Safety

A significant transformation has recently taken place, one that would enhance both safety and accessibility for our residents and tenants. The Aven Pavilion, a cornerstone of our community, had an oversight challenge: its walkways didn't connect seamlessly with the Aven Cottages, resulting in several important safety egress points leading into grassy areas. This gap posed a weakness in our emergency management plan for our Aven Cottages, and we knew it was time to act.

Recognizing the importance of this project, we decided to collaborate with **Carl Rossignol's ACE Enterprises and CR Enterprises**.

Together, we embarked on creating a solution that would not only connect our walkways but also ensure that all emergency exits were easily accessible. The task was no small feat, especially since we needed to work above our existing underground tunnel. However, our teams approached the challenge with determination.

Aven Cottage/Pavilion Pathway Project Highlights

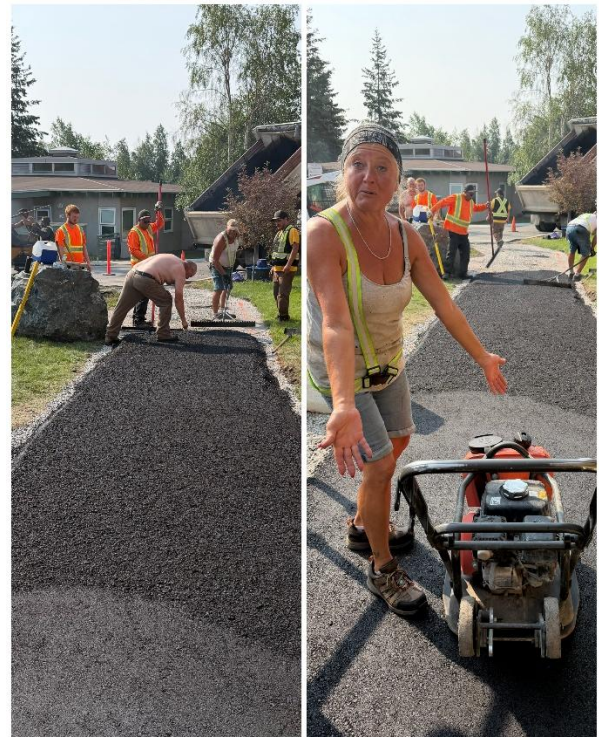
- **Timeline:** July 13th to 15th, 2026
- **Cost:** Just under \$15,000
- **Outcome:** A beautifully integrated walkway that enhances safety and accessibility for staff, residents, and tenants alike.

During the week of July 13th to 15th, 2026, our vision began to take shape. With meticulous planning and a focus on safety, the construction crews worked tirelessly to lay the groundwork for our new walkways.



Before and after site preparation

By the end of the project, we were thrilled with the results. The new walkways were not only functional but also visually appealing, enhancing the overall aesthetic of our campus. For our staff, residents, and tenants, these pathways created a user-friendly environment that made navigation a breeze.



Paving crew hard at work on a hot day

This renovation was more than just a construction project; it was a commitment to the safety and well-being of our community. With the successful completion of this project, we took a significant step forward in ensuring that AVENS remains a safe, welcoming home for all.

As we continue to invest in our campus, the excitement for future improvements grows. Together, we're building a brighter, safer future for everyone at AVENS.

Baker Community Centre Paint Refresh

As we continue to enhance the quality of life for Yellowknife seniors, I'm excited to share some of the significant investments we've made in the Baker Community Centre, the heart of the Yellowknife Seniors Society. This facility plays a crucial role in our community, providing wellness

services to hundreds of seniors both on our campus and in the greater Yellowknife area.

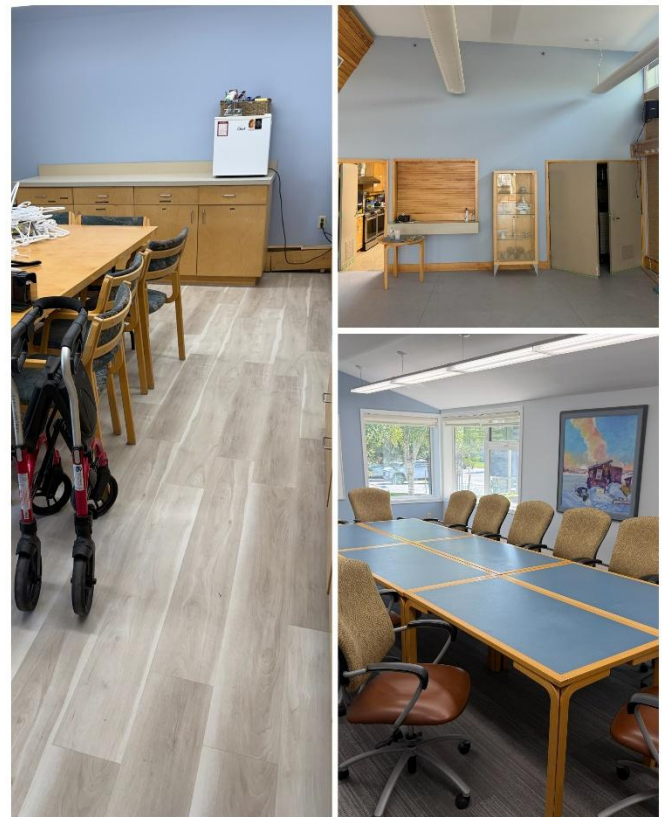


Over the past few years, our team has worked diligently to ensure that the Baker Community Centre remains a welcoming and functional space. Here are some of the key improvements we've made as of late:

- **LED Lighting Project:** We've upgraded to energy-efficient LED lighting throughout the building, promoting sustainability while providing brighter, more inviting spaces for our residents.
- **Energy-Efficient Windows and Window Coverings:** To enhance comfort and reduce energy costs, we've installed new windows along with stylish window coverings that not only look great but also improve insulation.
- **Main Flooring Replacement:** The main floors of the Baker Centre have been completely updated, creating a more aesthetically pleasing and safe environment for our residents and visitors.

NEW Interior Painting: Just last week, we completed a fresh coat of paint throughout the entire building, thanks to the skilled work of **Sebastien from SL Painting**. This project of approximately \$14,000 has revitalized the atmosphere of the Baker Centre.

In addition to these improvements, we recently received an incredible surprise donation from **Carey McKiel of Elite Commercial Flooring**. Carey generously donated and installed new flooring in the coffee room and board room, further enhancing these vital gathering spaces. We are deeply grateful for this unexpected gift, which exemplifies the spirit of community support that we cherish at AVENS.



As we move forward, we remain committed to ensuring that the Baker Community Centre continues to serve as a wellness hub for our seniors. Thank you for your continued support and engagement as we strive to make AVENS a place where every resident feels at home.