

8-PLEX BARRIER FREE SENIORS APARTMENTS

Project	8-Plex Barrier Free Seniors Apartments
Location	Yellowknife, NWT, Canada
Service	Full A/E Services
Process	Design/Bid/Build
Value	\$2.2M
Status	Completed 2007

This 1000m² 3-storey facility consists of 8 two-bedroom units designed to be barrier free for persons with different forms of disability. To this end an intensive consultation process was adopted. Stakeholders included persons who would be living in the building, the NWT Association for Persons with Disabilities, the CNIB, Stanton Hospital Home Care Specialists and the NWT Housing Corporation. The building accommodates common gathering areas on each floor and a large second level deck nestled in the trees. Each living unit is generously proportioned with corner windows. Specific design considerations incorporate extensive and accessible switching, thoughtfully researched appliance selection, low-level kitchen cabinetry, adjustable-height cooking ranges and kitchen sinks, and large flexible bathrooms capable of re-configuration to suit specific disabilities in a public housing context.

Colour schemes and material selection account for persons with visual impairments. Additional fire-safety measures include areas of refuge on each floor, sprinklers and added fire resistance ratings.



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