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Residents get first tour of former GV-site apartment



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The former GV Hotel has been transformed into one of the newest apartment buildings in the city. Residents were given a chance to take a look around the new Sixth Avenue Suites during an open house on Sunday.

TIMMINS - Seniors looking for an apartment now have another option to look at.

The Sixth Avenue Suites held an open house Sunday, allowing residents a chance to look around and see what the recently built apartment building would look like.

The 34-unit apartment building is located on the site of the former GV Hotel, which was demolished in order to make way for the new development.

The apartments are available for seniors 55 years old and older. The building offers both one and two bedroom apartments with a social room in the basement. The building also has 34 storage lockers for extra storage and has a secure entrance with video surveillance.

Owner Pete Beaucage Jr. said he knew there was a demand out in the community for more apartments which is why he wanted to purchase the former hotel. He explained that they originally wanted to renovate the old building and incorporate it into the new structure. But they found it was not feasible and ended up demolishing the old structure.

Beaucage said one of the key challenges they encountered was the frigid temperatures last winter which made it difficult during construction.

"We made it through and I'm very proud to say that it is completed," he said. The old building "was an eyesore. I think I cleaned up the area and built something with great value and something the community can enjoy for lots of years to come. I wanted to gear it towards 55 plus because I know there is limited housing for these people. I wanted something new and a great place for them to live. I'm from the community, I was born and raised here. I put a lot of heart in the city as well and I think Timmins is a great city to live in. I'd like these people to stay in Timmins."

Beaucage said he has about half of the apartments already spoken for with four of those already occupied.

Those wishing to get more information about the apartment building can phone 705-264-7729.

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