



Finding love again can be a golden opportunity even for a home. The original structure, built in the early 1980s had decidedly “good bones”, a solid floor system and decent exterior wall framing but did nothing to coexist with the spectacular four-seasons of beauty blossoming just beyond its walls. The objectives of the homeowner were clear; create modern aesthetics in harmony with the surrounding property; utilize elements of the existing structure; and design with an active family in mind. Enter Baylyn Construction, the primary builder on this project. The challenge was to strip the existing structure down to the studs and rebuild throughout the winter months to ensure the family could enjoy the property in time for the beautiful Escarpment summer.

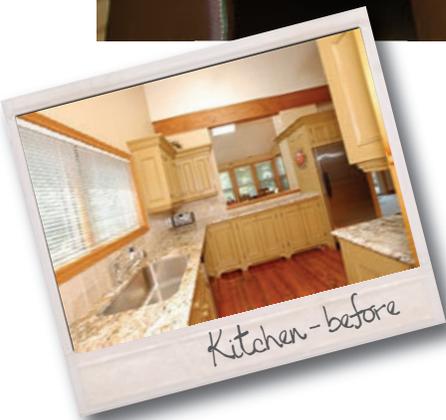
Anchored by an oversized granite fireplace with drywall detailing, the great room features acoustical sound panels to dampen noises throughout the rest of the house, while at the same time maximizing the auditory state-of-the-art sound system. Custom light fixtures add whimsy to the modern aesthetic while rich, black walnut floors bring warmth and luxury to this airy, open and welcoming space. ➡



Living rm - before



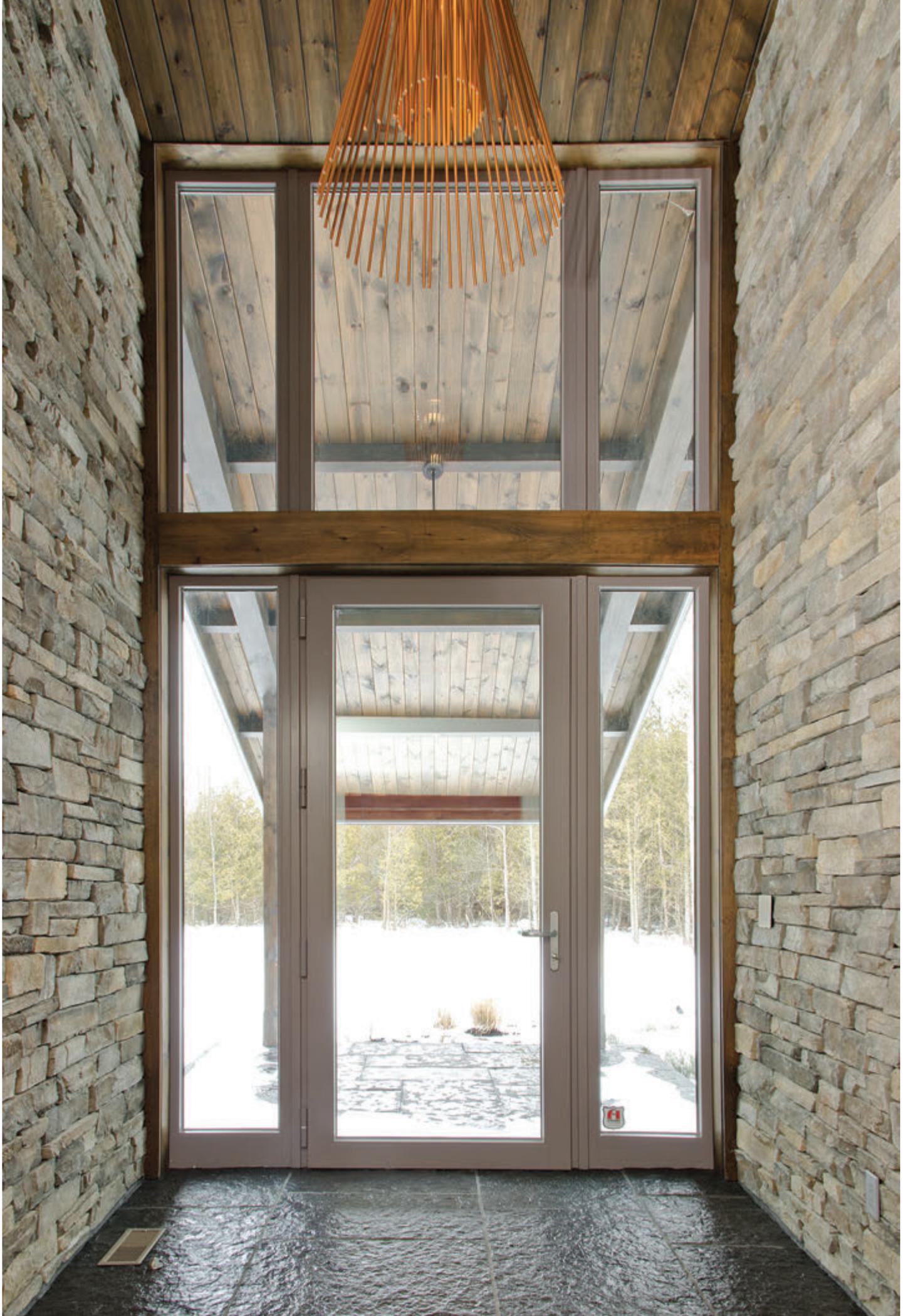
Dining - before



The clutter-free, galley-style kitchen is outfitted with sleek counters and cabinetry, imported from Germany, combined with state-of-the-art appliances that include stacked ovens, an oversized “hidden” refrigerator/freezer, recycling compartments, wine cooler and an efficient, induction cook top with stainless steel hood and recessed lighting. The simplistic visuals of the design feature clean lines, yet disguise ample storage. By day, the plethora of natural light projects serenity on the contemporary design, while at night an air of warmth and romance befalls the minimalistic space.



The south wall of the home features floor to ceiling Tiltco Lift and Slide glass doors; the perfect system for extremely large, two panel sliding configurations. Unlike other sliding door systems, the heavier the sash weight, the better the weatherproof seal is when locked. When opened, the sash raises 2-3mm on a roller type system. This hardware is what gives the Tiltco Lift and Slide its feather light operability. This feature certainly adhered to the homeowners desire to increase the glazing of the area without impeding on the interior space. The thermally broken sill profile is recessed into the floor for a seamless interior to exterior transition. ➤





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