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Ottawa's Southway Hotel (and its Shallows Grill), ushers in a new era... announces its impending transformation into the luxurious Waterford Retirement Residence.

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For nearly 60 years, the National Capital's venerable Southway Hotel has distinguished itself by exceeding the accommodation and culinary needs of generations of overnight visitors, meeting delegates and diners while playing a prominent role in Ottawa South's social and economic evolution. Moving forward, that mission will be modified in a dramatic and progressive new way... the Zlepnig family, the owners of The Southway Hotel, announced today that the landmark property at the corner of Bank and Hunt Club will be transformed into the newest member of the family owned and operated brand of Waterford Retirement Residences.

Opening in January 2016, the Waterford Retirement Residence - Ottawa, will set the standard for luxury while providing affordable full service lifestyle experiences for those who are seeking independent, enhanced care or memory care living opportunities. Following a \$6 million transformation that begins in July, the Ottawa property will offer 115 elegant suites for lease complete with lavish amenities and an array of elite features and services that have become synonymous with the Waterford brand...

### *Waterford Ottawa Features*

- Year-round 3-story Indoor Atrium with a retractable roof
- Indoor Pool
- Fitness Centre
- HD Cinema
- Demonstration Kitchen
- Craft Studio
- Café and Pub
- Therapeutic Spa
- Hair, Nail and Esthetics Salon
- Social Lounges
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### *Waterford Exclusive Services*

- Exceptional Social Programs
- 24-hour On-site Staff
- Emergency Call System
- Exercise Programs
- Cardio and Strength Equipment
- Weekly Housekeeping
- 3 Home Cooked Meals Daily
- Special Dietary Supervision
- Specialized Clinics
- Medication Administration
- Nursing Support/Monitoring

It will be **The Retirement You Live For®** and for those interested, inquiries can be made to the Waterford Ottawa's marketing office at 613-737-0812, Ext. 198.

It should be noted that during the construction and transition period from July 1st to the end of 2015, the Southway Hotel will continue to operate 75 guestrooms. Reservations can be made online at [www.southway.com](http://www.southway.com) or by calling 1-877-688-4929.

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## BACKGROUND

The Southway Hotel's origin dates back to 1958 when immigrants Peter and Theresia Zlepnic built a modest 7-unit motel and their family home on a 10-acre site at what was then the southernmost end of Bank Street. Known as the Southway Motel, the property served as the community's first and only airport motel.

As Ottawa's south end began to grow over the next three decades, so did the Zlepnic family business but this time it did so under the leadership of Peter and Theresia's son Bill and his wife Louisa. The couple successfully guided the property through a series of expansions that resulted in the current edition of the respected hotel that boasts 170 guestrooms, the Shallows Grill as well as fitness facilities and meeting space.

Today, Bill and Louisa Zlepnic are entrusting the Southway legacy to their sons, Fred and Stephen, who along with Fred's wife Karen and son Adam and Stephen's wife Leslie, have re-imagined their birthright and will reshape it into the National Capital Region's finest full service retirement residence... the 115-suite Waterford Retirement Residence - Ottawa.

The Waterford Ottawa will be a sister property to two other grand but affordable Waterford Retirement Residences currently pampering seniors in Barrie and Kingston that were also developed by the Zlepnic Family over the past decade. The hallmark of all of these Waterford Residences is an unabashed luxurious lifestyle for seniors who can choose their own Waterford level of care;

- *Independent Living*
- *The Birches Enhanced Care Neighbourhood*
- *Windsong Memory Care Neighbourhood (currently in Barrie and coming to Kingston in 2016).*

Competitively priced and value-oriented, all of the Waterford lifestyle care options utilize state of the art medical services and equipment provided by licensed and trained medical staff.

As the new era at Hunt Club and Bank begins, the Zlepnic family would like to extend their heartfelt gratitude to the thousands of people from around the world and close to home who placed their trust and faith in allowing the family to host them at the Southway Hotel and Shallows Grill. In particular, the Zlepnic family would like to acknowledge the very special relationship the Southway Hotel enjoyed with its many guests from Canada's Northern Territories who called the hotel "Their Home Away From Home" for nearly 60 years.

The Zlepnic family are extremely grateful and offer their eternal appreciation to their remarkable employees who were the mainstay of the Southway Hotel's reputation and success. The family thanks each and every one of them for their professionalism, dedication and loyalty.



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And lastly, ever since becoming a beacon of light for visitors to the capital back in 1958, the Southway Hotel's magnificent and breath-taking outdoor Christmas lights display of 100,000 bulbs has inspired and raised the festive spirits of those residing and working in Ottawa's south end. The Zlepnigs are pleased to announce that the dazzling annual tradition will continue at Bank and Hunt Club for years to come and that the December 2015/January 2016 edition of the lighting display will serve to both mark and illuminate the historic passing of the torch from the Southway to the Waterford Ottawa! Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 3, 2015!

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