

# WOLF WILLOW SENIORS CO-HOUSING

## Saskatoon, Saskatchewan



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The Wolf Willow Seniors Co-Housing project is the first co-housing project built in Saskatchewan, and the first seniors cohousing in Canada. The Owners were seeking an alternative living arrangement where they could age in place within a close-knit community that would support healthy, active, and vibrant lifestyles well into their senior years. The cohousing model balances the autonomy of private dwellings with the advantages of shared resources and community living.

Wolf Willow strives to address the three pillars of sustainable development: environmental, social, and economic. The design incorporates energy efficiency features, and infrastructure to allow future alternative energy sources. True to the cohousing concept, residents participated in the building's planning and design so that it would directly respond to their needs.

In addition to common amenity spaces such as a guest suite, multi-purpose rooms, a workshop, and a gathering space of dining/living/kitchen, this 21-unit multi-family development contains individual suites for the Owners and covered parking. Outdoor spaces include individual suite decks, a common Second Floor patio, and a Fourth Floor roof deck, plus large areas for landscaping and gardening.

The suites have 9' ceilings, large windows, and in-floor heating. The corridors surround and look into the Second Floor patio, providing an opportunity for daylight on both sides of suites, and cross-ventilation through operable windows.



Wolf Willow is the first project to be approved for incentives under the City of Saskatoon's Vacant Lot and Adaptive Reuse Incentive Program. Wolf Willow is adjacent to the multi-use 17<sup>th</sup> Street Green Space Linkage, and is blocks away from the Meewasin Trail, providing easy access to the South Saskatchewan River, River Landing, the Farmer's Market, and downtown Saskatoon.