

The Abbey St. Andrews

Saint John, New Brunswick



The Abbey St. Andrew is a new apartment and townhouse complex built adjacent to the historic St. Andrews and St. David Church in uptown Saint John. The property once housed a wooden church that burnt down during the Great Saint John Fire of 1877. Since then the property has been used for various reasons by the congregation and the community. The church decided that a high-quality, yet affordable apartment complex would be a good addition to the community and have had a great influence in the development of The Abbey St. Andrews.

The apartment complex is located within Trinity Royal, a historic district in uptown Saint John that houses many national historic sites. Most of the historic sites are Victorian brick buildings, constructed after the great fire. To keep with the Victorian theme, the architect decided to stay with a brick exterior, but also added other Victorian details such as lintels, sills and door frames – all made using precast concrete. Strescon Limited worked with the developer and the architect to come up with an efficient design, while still producing a high-quality product. Overall 96 architectural precast concrete units were produced and shipped to site in May-June

2011. The precast concrete pieces are an important element of detail in the façade, emphasizing the elegance of the building. The arch detail on the main entry way adds height, making it great and welcoming, similar to the church the building shares its name with.

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