



MOVING FORWARD

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THE HISTORY: In 1865, at the end of the American Civil War, Andrew Cuneo (who had emigrated from Italy a decade prior) and his family left Baltimore and settled in Toronto, where Andrew practised his barbering profession. Among his clientele were Canada's first Prime Minister, Sir John A. Macdonald, as well as D'Arcy McGee, whose assassination remains one of the greatest murder mysteries in Canadian political history. Talk about a local connection to the Fathers of Confederation! Around 1873, the Cuneos moved north to Walkerton where Andrew set up his barber shop, but unfortunately, lost everything in the great Walkerton fire of 1877 that destroyed a significant part of the downtown business section. Undeterred, Andrew rebuilt and opened his new shop in 1891 at 207-209 Durham St. E. in Walkerton, which is where

Cuneo Interiors Ltd. is located to this day.

THE PRESENT: Cuneo Interiors in Walkerton and **Cuneo Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home** in Hanover are the third generation of the paint, wallcoverings, window fashion and floor covering supply business that was started in Walkerton by Tony Cuneo in 1948. Tony's son Steve was 12 years old when he began tagging along to help out with in-home drapery installations. In 1976, Steve took over the family business, expanded into Hanover, and joined the Carpet One group along with 1,500 other stores across North America. Steve's son Jordan joined the company in 2003 as General Manager and Vice President of Cuneo Interiors Carpet One Floor & Home in Hanover.

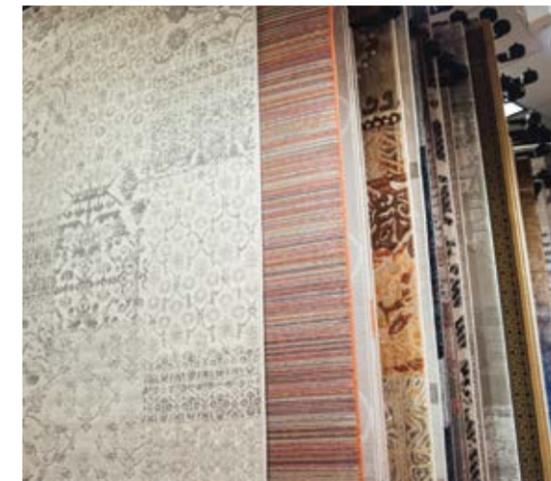
THE PHILOSOPHY: With a long-standing history in the area, it is evident how much Steve, Jordan and their expert team value the personal relationships they develop. Steve explains that "Cuneo's business philosophy is to provide the best products and services for the best cost value for our customers. This has enabled us to retain three generations of loyal customers."

THE GOODS: As an authorized Benjamin Moore dealer they are proud to offer residential and commercial/industrial paints. They also offer a variety of wallcoverings, custom window fashions and drapery carefully hand-crafted in their Hanover facility, and a large showroom filled with all types of flooring, including carpet, area rugs, wood, laminate, vinyl and ceramic tiles.

WHAT'S NEW: The recently expanded showroom features ideas and inspiration along with their custom-built porcelain and ceramic shower enclosures. There's more room for an even larger collection of in-stock area rugs, making it easier for you to find a favourite.



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