



A Conference Centre
at Exhibition Place

ALLSTREAM CENTRE GREAT AND GREEN FAST FACTS

- Allstream Centre is Canada's most environmentally responsible conference centre.
- As a part of Exhibition Place's commitment to a reduction of its environmental footprint, Allstream Centre has secured a 100% Green Power purchase agreement for the next two years, via Direct Energy Business. The purchase is the equivalent of removing 168 cars off the road per year, and offsets the same amount of carbon dioxide as 422 acres of planted trees annually. This renewable Green Power is sourced from Ecologo-certified generation facilities, which ensures that the generation is derived from natural sources that replenish themselves over short periods of time.
- Allstream Centre is the first building at Exhibition Place to be fully powered by renewable energy.
- Allstream Centre is the only conference facility in Canada targeting LEED Silver designation. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) is an internationally recognized system for evaluating the sustainability of building design, construction and operations. LEED certified buildings incorporate leading-edge features that protect the environment and promote healthy working and living conditions. LEED promotes a whole-building approach to sustainability by recognizing performance in five key areas:
 - Sustainable site development
 - Water efficiency
 - Energy efficiency
 - Materials selection
 - Indoor environmental quality
- To decrease the amount of new construction materials in Allstream Centre, the shell of the 1929 building was retained. In making the original building more energy efficient while preserving its historic charm, the large replica windows feature high-performance glazing units filled with argon gas and a low-emissivity coating to maintain heat transfer.
- Landscaping plans for Allstream Centre include a formal garden and tree plantings at the south entrance.
- Allstream Centre is one of the first public buildings in Toronto to install a rainwater harvesting system eliminating the use of city-treated water to flush toilets. A rainwater cistern, stored below the building, collects water from the roof for use only in water closets. The Centre will use 66% less water than the LEED benchmark building.
- High indoor air quality is provided by low-VOC adhesives, sealants, paints, coatings, and carpets.
- Proper humidity levels are maintained by energy recovery ventilators, which transfer heat and humidity from exhaust air to ventilation air during the winter and the reverse in the summer.

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- The highly reflective white roof features cost-effective, long-span joists, at 150 ft., the longest ever installed in Canada. The new joists carry 30 ft. high acoustic track mounted partitions, and the new roof deck is acoustically perforated to reduce sound reverberation.
- Major areas in Allstream Centre benefit from natural light and throughout the Centre energy efficient lighting has been installed, with LED-technology for exterior lighting.
- A small transportation footprint includes preferred parking for both energy-efficient hybrid vehicles and carpools, as well as bike racks.
- CO2 sensors monitor number of room occupants so only the necessary amount of ventilation air is provided.
- All demolished materials and construction waste was sorted into separate bins for recycling.
- Allstream Centre will join Exhibition Place's waste diversion program which aims to achieve an overall diversion rate of 80% by 2010 and includes a vigorous compostable food packaging program. The Centre will use either china service or compostable products including hot and cold cups, lids, plates, napkins and utensils.
- Cerise Fine Catering, the exclusive food service provider for Allstream Centre, has established a program serving locally grown food and a perishable food donation program.
- Much recycled content was used in the construction of Allstream Centre, including concrete, compost wood, ceiling tiles, and gypsum board. Inside, recycled elements include low VOC carpets, Green Certified ballroom chairs, classroom tables and meeting room chairs.
- The Green Municipal Fund, an endowment financed by the Government of Canada and managed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, provided financial resources and services to Allstream Centre. The Fund supports partnerships and leveraging of both public and private sector funding to reach higher standards of air, water and soil quality, and climate protection.

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