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Woodstock Hospital Receives National Recognition for Environmental Stewardship Initiatives

Woodstock Hospital is the proud recipient of the Canadian College of Health Leaders' 2021 Energy and Environmental Stewardship Award.

The award recognizes organizations that have demonstrated environmental responsibility through the reduction of energy usage, the preservation of natural resources and effective waste diversion solutions.

"Nearly 10 years ago when our new hospital was built, we were recognized as one of the first hospitals in Canada to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certification," said Perry Lang, Woodstock Hospital President & CEO. "We have continued on our environmental stewardship journey since then, and this award validates the work that Woodstock Hospital has completed over the years."

The hospital established an Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) in 2013 to focus on building a culture that embraces change and is open to new ideas. Some of the most successful environmental initiatives have come from front line staff.

"As an example, the hospital increased our waste diversion from landfill by 15% due staff input," said Chris Marion, Director of Capital Projects and Chair of the EAC. "That success has only encouraged us to continue forward with a goal of 50% waste diversion by 2025 and we are well on track to exceed that target."

Other notable projects include the hospital's installation of 21 electric car-charging stations, a 135 kW solar power project on the Medical Professional Building, and the development of an Organics Waste Program.

"We are proud of our successes and honoured to be this year's recipient," added Mr. Lang. "I would like to thank the Canadian College of Health Leaders for recognizing our commitment to environmental responsibility, and Honeywell for sponsoring this award."

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About the Canadian College of Health Leaders

The Canadian College of Health Leaders (CCHL) is a national, member-driven, non-profit association. The College strives to provide the leadership development, tools, knowledge and networks that members need to become high impact leaders in Canadian healthcare. Through LEADS, the CHE designation, credentialing, training, conferences, mentoring and a nationwide careers network, we support health leaders in every sector and region, from every professional background and at any stage of their career. Located in Ottawa, the College collaborates with 20 chapters across the country and engages with its 4,000 members and 80 corporate members to promote lifelong learning and professional development while recognizing leadership excellence.

Built in November 2011, Woodstock Hospital is a 178 bed, full-service community hospital, providing primary care to a population of 55,000 and specialized care to nearly 110,000 within the County of Oxford. The new facility offers a wide range of health programs including Maternal Child, Women's Health, Specialized Surgical Services, Inpatient and Outpatient Mental Health Services, Dialysis and Rehabilitation Programs, a Systemic Therapy Program and an MRI. Our full service facility works closely with our community partners to provide our patients with healthcare services, close to home.

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