

Sustainable buildings

In keeping with our commitment to continuous improvement and our goal of remaining an industry leader in sustainable practices, Bell has developed an integrated, sustainable real estate vision that addresses all building activities with a potential impact on the environment.

Part of the vision, which goes beyond compliance with regulatory standards, is that **BOMA BEST** (Building Owners and Managers Association's Building Environmental Standards) and **LEED** (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building certifications are central to the way we ensure all environmental impacts are taken into account. Bell actively works to obtain environmental assessments and certifications for buildings.

We have BOMA BEST certifications for 47 of the buildings we occupy across the country: 16 in Québec, 26 in Ontario, 2 in British Columbia, 2 in Alberta, and 1 in the Northwest Territories. Of these,

- 5 have achieved the prestigious BOMA BEST Gold or Platinum certification level
- 1 was awarded the BOMA Earth Award
- 1 obtained the BOMA 360 certification for commercial properties that demonstrate best practices in all major areas of building operations and management, including life safety/security/risk management, training and education, energy, environmental/sustainability, and tenant relations and community involvement.

Bell occupies 9 buildings with LEED certifications:

- 1 LEED-NC Certified (Montréal)
- 1 LEED-EB Platinum (Toronto)
- 1 LEED-NC Gold for our data centre in the Gatineau area
- 1 LEED-NC Silver (Mississauga)
- 2 LEED-EB Silver (Winnipeg), and
- 3 LEED-EB Gold (Toronto, Vancouver, and Calgary) and
- The Montréal Nuns' Island Campus is the largest office LEED building for new construction in Québec.

Our LEED-certified data centre in the Gatineau area is designed to be in the top 2% of data centres in North America with the most effective use of power, using green hydro power on a grid separate from that used by most National Capital Region consumers. It also complies with the strictest security standards, including advanced biometric access controls. Bell intends to expand the Gatineau data centre while maintaining its LEED-NC



Gold certification. The expansion will include LED lighting with time- and motion-based controls, and rainwater recovery.

Our data centre in Markham, Ontario uses power from a local district energy utility. The building produces emergency power and cold water on a massive, highly efficient scale, augmented by a solar array on the roof of the facility. It also repurposes the cold water used to cool equipment in the centre by returning the now warm water to the community, where it is used to heat nearby schools and community centres.

In total, over 25,000 employees work in BOMA BEST or LEED buildings, representing more than 65% of Bell team members located in office buildings, switching centres and work centres. Overall, over 8 million square feet of Bell's occupied space is certified, representing more than 60% of all building space owned or leased by Bell. This is equivalent to about 50 baseball fields.

Our sustainable real estate vision goes beyond the environmental impacts of our buildings, and aims to offer a healthy and inspiring work environment. With that in mind, we conducted a research project in 2019 demonstrating that green building features have a positive impact on the health and satisfaction of our team members. We will use these research results as a base for determining how improvements in key building features could be achievable in Bell's operations.