



INTRODUCTION

The Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC) has been at the forefront of green building certification, advocacy and education since 2002 and is supported by a broad cross section of the industry. Representing this significant concentration of expertise, the CaGBC is well positioned as the voice of the green building sector to play a catalyzing role in advancing national, provincial and municipal initiatives, new approaches, partnerships and commitments to see significant advancement in the performance of the built environment.

In an effort to promote policies and practices for green buildings, CaGBC Atlantic Chapter is convening a series of roundtables to encourage dialogue among government leaders and policy makers.

The roundtable schedule is:

- New Brunswick – Thursday, April 28, 2016, Fredericton Convention Centre, Fredericton, NB
- Prince Edward Island – Friday, May 20, 2016, Location TBC, Charlottetown, PE
- Nova Scotia – Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Halifax Central Library, Halifax, NS
- Newfoundland & Labrador – Wednesday, May 25, 2016, Confederation Building, St. John's, NL

GOAL

To convene a roundtable which will connect public officials with an interest in policy, development and delivery of sustainable buildings at municipal, provincial, and federal levels with each other and experts in this area, to explore latest developments and solutions to common green building policy implementation barriers.

The roundtable will provide a forum to present findings and generate discussion in four key areas:

- Green Building Market Impact Report
- New Developments in the Green Building Sector (LEED v4, WELL Standard)
- National Energy Benchmarking Framework Report
- Nationwide Green Building Policy Review

We intend to generate discussion that will support the exchange of information, solicit updates on existing green building policy and provide information on successes and challenges of green buildings practices. The roundtables will act as a vehicle to inform public officials and staff of developments within the green building industry which could support their work in policy development, planning, and implementation of actions for the greening of the existing building stock.

TARGET GROUP

Policy makers and Influencers including from the following areas:

- Federal : PWGSC, DND, DFAIT, OGG, Environment, Natural Resources
- Provincial: Infrastructure, Economic Development, Energy, Environment, Municipal Affairs, Natural Resources
- Municipal: City Managers, directors of physical resources, environmental policy economic development departments.



FOCUS AREAS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Green Building Market Impact Report

CaGBC has recently released a new market impact report with The Delphi Group titled [Green Building in Canada: Assessing the Market Impacts & Opportunities](#), which details the wide economic impact that the green building industry has had in Canada over the past decade. Among its many findings, the report finds that, when indirect and induced contributions are included, the overall economic impact of Canada's LEED projects certified from 2005 – 2015 will lead to \$128 billion in gross output over their lifetime, \$62.3 billion in total GDP, and create 701,700 jobs.

2. New Developments in the Green Building Sector (LEED v4, WELL Standard)

As a movement and an industry, green building is evolving rapidly. Recognizing leadership in this field means periodically moving the goal posts, and rethinking the measures by which leadership is assessed. That's the reason for LEED Version 4, the next exciting step in the continuous improvement of the LEED rating systems. LEED v4 has the potential to drive the reduction of building carbon emissions and take a stronger stand on human health, more so than any previous version of LEED.

The CaGBC is also working to promote and advance the WELL Building Standard (WELL) in the Canadian market. WELL is the first building standard to focus exclusively on the health and wellness of the people in buildings. WELL marries best practices in design and construction with evidence-based medical and scientific research – harnessing the built environment as a vehicle to support human health and wellbeing.

3. National Energy Benchmarking Framework Report

The recently released National Energy Benchmarking Framework Report shows that a standardized approach to energy benchmarking simplifies policy development and implementation. By providing reliable data to support strategic building improvements, energy and GHG emissions targets, benchmarking is fundamental to achieving objectives in corporate and community energy plans.

4. Nationwide Green Building Policy Review

As part of the CaGBC's ongoing efforts to develop tools for municipal staff, the Green Building Policy Toolkit was developed. The Toolkit provides Canadian municipalities with practical guidance for implementing sustainability solutions within their community. It contains principles, best practices, guidelines, and case studies from across Canada, representing municipalities of varying sizes. Its contents reflect the transition currently underway in the green building community - broadening thinking from the building scale to the community scale.



ROUNDTABLE AGENDA

- 9:00 Opening & Introductions
- 9:15 Information sharing
- Green Building Market Impact Report
 - New Developments in the Green Building Sector (LEED v4, WELL Standard)
 - National Energy Benchmarking Framework Report
 - Green Building Policy – How does Atlantic Canada Stack Up?
- 10:15 BREAK
- 10:30 Questions and clarification from presentation
- 10:45 Roundtable Discussions
- What can we learn from these policies and programs?
 - Barriers to adoption?
 - Opportunities?
- 11:30 Reports back from roundtable groups
- 11:45 Wrap –Up and Next Steps
- 12:00 Adjourn

About CaGBC

The CaGBC (www.cagbc.org) is the leading national industry organization advancing green building and sustainable community development practices. We work closely with our member organizations who are involved in the design, construction and operation of buildings and homes in an effort to make every building greener. The CaGBC reduces environmental impacts from the built environment through education/training, project certification, advocacy and research. The CaGBC is the license holder for the LEED green building rating system in Canada. In addition to LEED, the CaGBC also supports the WELL Building Standard and GRESB (Green Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark) in Canada, and oversees the Canada Coalition for Green Schools. The CaGBC is member of the World Green Building Council supporting international efforts to reduce environmental impacts from the built environment.