

# Sustainable real estate

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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 and other infrastructures with a potential impact on the environment.

## Buildings



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 43 of the buildings we occupy across the country: 13 in Québec, 26 in Ontario, 2 in British Columbia, and 2 in Alberta. Of these, 6 have achieved the prestigious BOMA BEST Gold or Platinum certification level.

Bell occupies 9 buildings with LEED certifications:

- 1 LEED-NC Certified (Montréal)
- 1 LEED-NC Silver (Mississauga)
- 4 LEED-EB Gold (Ottawa, Toronto, Calgary and Vancouver)
- 3 LEED-EB Platinum (Toronto and 2 in Winnipeg)

The Montréal Nuns' Island Campus is the largest office LEED building for new construction in Québec.

In total, over 28,000 employees work in BOMA BEST or LEED buildings. Overall, over 8 million square feet of Bell's occupied space is certified; 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 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.

## Street furniture

In addition to maintaining a range of certifications for its buildings, Bell strives to limit the environmental impacts of street furniture deployed in various Canadian cities, including Toronto. In this metropolis alone, more than 4,600 bus shelters and 2,200 benches have been designed to promote the use of recycled materials and FSC-certified wood. While the use of recycled materials promotes circular economy, the use of FSC certified wood promises responsible forest management. Also during the design of this street furniture, the modular design is privileged, because it will make it possible to easily replace (and only) the damaged parts while greatly reducing the volume of waste generated.

An eco-friendly maintenance program that limits the use of chemicals complements these sustainable attributes. In addition, the upstream selection of materials that are easy to clean allows to erase graffiti and vandalism marks, and at the same time reduce the waste generated by the replacement of damaged parts.



## Workplace electric vehicle charging stations



Driving gas-powered vehicles to and for work contributes to Canada's carbon footprint and has a negative impact on the environment in general. Moreover, evidence suggests that increasing the substitution of gasoline for electric power in fueling vehicles aligns with the Government of Canada's commitment made at the United Nations climate-change conference in Poland (COP24) to support the transition to electric vehicles.<sup>1</sup>

As part of the "Branché au travail" program in Québec and the former Workplace Electric Vehicle Charging Incentive Program in Ontario, Bell added many charging stations to our buildings over the last few years. We now have 97 electric vehicle charging stations installed in 24 sites across Québec, Ontario and Manitoba for use by our team members. Our two main campuses located in Montréal and Mississauga feature 20 or more charging stations each. These charging stations use IoT technology from Bell Mobility, making Bell, AddEnergie, and the provinces of Québec, Ontario and Manitoba all partners in transforming transportation in those provinces.



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<sup>1</sup> To learn more about Driving Change Together – Katowice Partnership for E-mobility, [click here](#)