



NORTHUMBERLAND HILLS HOSPITAL

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NHH recognized nationally for environmental responsibility by the Canadian Coalition of Green Health Care

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY, Tuesday, November 29, 2022—Northumberland Hills Hospital (NHH) has been recognized on a national level by the Canadian Coalition of Green Health Care for its ongoing work toward energy conservation and environmental responsibility.

The Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care works with health care facilities to share green health care best practices and to support organizations interested in enhancing their environmental responsibility and becoming better equipped to deal with the unique challenges facing health service organizations.

To be considered for the Green Health Care Awards, NHH was required to track its performance against key indicators also measured by hospital peers on a national scorecard maintained by the Coalition known as the Green Hospital Scorecard.

The Scorecard is the only comprehensive health care environmental performance benchmarking tool in Canada, measuring energy conservation, water conservation, waste management and recycling, corporate commitment, and pollution prevention.

In the year just reported (2021), NHH earned recognition in five categories, including a top ranking nationally for pollution prevention and silver recognition (second place overall) for Green Hospital of the Year (also a national award).

In total, NHH's recognitions in the 2021 Green Hospital Scorecard are as follows:

- Energy – Ontario (winner)
- Pollution – Canada Wide (winner)
- Green Hospital of the Year (honorable mention, silver award)
- Leadership – Canada Wide (honourable mention)
- Water – Canada Wide (honourable mention)

“Much has been said about our society’s collective responsibility to protect the environment through a conscious effort to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, while improving energy and water usage wherever possible,” said Susan Walsh, President and CEO at NHH. “While it is critical to maintain a smooth continuum of operations and services at the hospital, NHH is also committed to continuing to find innovative solutions that effectively combat the ongoing threat of climate change.”

“It is an honour for NHH to be recognized so highly on a nationwide level in relation to our peers,” said Chad Gyorfi, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at NHH. “Our facilities and engineering team is always working diligently to find greener solutions to ensure the hospital is functioning smoothly while doing our part to reduce NHH’s overall carbon footprint.”

To learn more about the Canadian Coalition for Green Health Care, please visit <https://greenhealthcare.ca/ghs/>.

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About Northumberland Hills Hospital – Located approximately 100 kilometres east of Toronto, NHH delivers a broad range of acute, post-acute, outpatient and diagnostic services. Acute services include emergency and intensive care, medical/surgical care, obstetrical care and palliative care. Post-acute specialty services (PASS) include restorative care and rehabilitation. Mental health care, cancer and supportive care, dialysis and other ambulatory care clinics are offered on an outpatient basis through partnerships with regional centres and nearby specialists. NHH offers a full range of diagnostic services, including magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), computed tomography (CT) and mammography. The hospital serves the catchment area of west Northumberland County. A mixed urban and rural population of approximately 63,000 residents, west Northumberland comprises the Town of Cobourg, the Municipality of Port Hope, Alderville First Nation and the townships of Hamilton, Cramahe and Alnwick/Haldimand. NHH employs more than 700 people and relies on the additional support provided by physicians, midwives and volunteers. NHH is an active member of Ontario Health (East)—formerly the Central East Local Health Integration Network—and the Ontario Health Team of Northumberland. For more information, please visit nhh.ca or follow us on Facebook [@northumberlandhillshosp](https://www.facebook.com/northumberlandhillshosp) or Twitter [@NorHillsHosp](https://twitter.com/NorHillsHosp).

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