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## **Consulting Engineers Save Energy and Water for Years to Come with Building Retrofit**

**(OTTAWA) October 25, 2016** – Consulting engineers from Morrison Hershfield championed the green retrofit of the Robinson Place Ontario Government Building in Peterborough. For its work on this project, the firm won an Award of Excellence Tuesday night at the 2016 Canadian Consulting Engineering (CCE) Awards gala. Morrison Hershfield's team engineered numerous sustainability initiatives increasing the building's energy efficiency, conserving water and contributing to creating a healthier work environment. Thanks to their innovative work, the project was recognized for its technical excellence and its social, economic and environmental contribution to the Peterborough community.



“These awards showcase the outstanding talent and expertise of consulting engineers across Canada,” said ACEC President and CEO John Gamble. “By recognizing top projects with national awards, we highlight the important contributions of engineering firms to Canadians and the huge impact they have both here at home and around the world.”

### **Promoting a healthier, greener future**

Thanks to the efforts of these consulting engineers, the project contributes to a healthier future for generations to come, by reducing energy consumption, greenhouse gas emissions and water consumption, and by reintegrating natural habitat and ecosystems into the built environment. Not only did Robinson Place achieve an ENERGY STAR score of 89, meaning it performs better than 89% of its peer buildings nationwide; but it's the first government building to achieve LEED EB:O&M Platinum in Canada. In addition, the building's rooftop community garden promotes the local food movement, and educates participants and volunteers on organic food, native plants, composting and rainwater conservation.

### **A bold target to save water and energy for years to come**

Infrastructure Ontario made a strategic decision to pursue LEED Canada EB:O&M Platinum certification for Robinson Place, a 21,368 m<sup>2</sup> government building in Peterborough, Ontario. Unlike other LEED certifications, LEED EB:O&M focuses on the operation and maintenance phase of an existing building's lifecycle rather than its construction phase. “Achieving LEED EB:O&M Platinum certification for Robinson Place has been an exciting and fulfilling achievement for Infrastructure Ontario. We are thrilled that ACEC and *Canadian Consulting Engineer* have recognized Morrison Hershfield with an Award of Excellence for their outstanding leadership and technical innovation in making Robinson Place a model for others,” said Gilles Taillefer, Senior Project Services Manager, Infrastructure Ontario.

In November, follow the [#20DaysOfExcellence](https://twitter.com/20DaysOfExcellence) in engineering campaign on Twitter and at [www.acec.ca/20daysofexcellence](http://www.acec.ca/20daysofexcellence) to watch videos of award-winning projects like this one and to learn more about the impact of consulting engineering on our quality of life.

The award-winning projects are described in full in the October-November 2016 issue of *Canadian Consulting Engineer* at <http://www.canadianconsultingengineer.com/digital-edition/>.

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