

## **CaGBC's Zero Carbon Building Standard: The new measure of green building innovation in Canada**

Launched by the Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC) in 2017, the [Zero Carbon Building Standard](#) is the country's first green building program to make carbon emissions the key indicator for building performance. The Standard reinforces the importance of energy efficiency, while also driving careful choices about the types of energy used and encouraging more renewable energy generation both on and off the building site. The Standard is currently being piloted in a two-year program involving 16 building projects across Canada.

First-hand experiences and in-depth learning from the participants of this pilot program, as well as the results of an upcoming Zero Carbon Costing Study, will be the focus of the year's **Zero Carbon Summit taking place in Toronto on June 5, 2018**. The full-day Summit is part of the pre-conference activities for [CaGBC's annual Building Lasting Change industry event](#), which will be held June 5 to 7 at the Beanfield Centre.

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Building Lasting Change, with the 2018 conference focused on driving global action toward a low-carbon economy. Building Lasting Change 2018 will also serve as host to WorldGBC Congress and will share the successes of green building councils across the globe in the mission to transform the built environment.

Zero carbon building strategies will be also highlighted in two of the conference's five education streams, including one focused specifically on innovation in achieving net zero building performance, and the International Stream spearheaded by the WorldGBC, which will showcase new approaches for international Net Zero Carbon buildings. The International Stream will also cover major trends in urban planning with inspiration from the world's cutting-edge cities, and ground-breaking insights into the link between green building and health, well-being and productivity, generated from case studies from around the world. As well, as part of the other education streams, industry experts will present their insights on retrofits, resilient cities and LEED v4.

*To learn more about the Zero Carbon Summit and Building Lasting Change 2018 with WorldGBC and to register, visit [caqbc.org/blc2018](http://caqbc.org/blc2018).*