



## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

### AMERICAN SOCIETY OF HEATING, REFRIGERATING AND AIR-CONDITIONING ENGINEERS

AND

### CANADA GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL



The Canada Green Building Council (CaGBC) and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) are leading organizations committed to green building and sustainable community development.

The CaGBC and ASHRAE agree to work cooperatively to advance building design, construction and operation, and community developments that are healthy and productive, environmentally responsible, and economically viable. The two organizations have complementary expertise, skills, resources and interests that will accelerate green building and sustainable community development practices in Canada.

#### Areas of Cooperation

The two organizations are committed to work together in the following areas:

1. development & maintenance of technical standards and guidelines;
2. communications & marketing;
3. research & education of members, and the building industry at large;

#### Guiding Principles:

1. Fostering technical cooperation in areas of common interest to CaGBC and ASHRAE by
  - o encouraging members in each organization to participate on technical committees and task forces;
  - o providing opportunities to participate in and comment on proposed standards, guidelines, policies, and position statements developed on technical subjects as they relate to buildings and community developments; For example, contributing to the development of a North American baseline sustainability standard for green buildings and supporting its implementation in Canada;
2. Ensuring effective communications between CaGBC and ASHRAE to be pursued at all levels of the organizations (national organization and chapters) by:
  - o establishing liaison for committees that involve common interest in technical educational, government interaction, codes and other activities;
  - o actively pursuing opportunities to support, promote, or disseminate information of events,
  - o activities and initiatives to the other organization for possible inclusion in publications and on-line information resources;
  - o establishing web links between the two organizations' website to provide easy access to information for CaGBC and ASHRAE members;
3. Realizing opportunities to share knowledge where it is mutually beneficial to CaGBC and ASHRAE by
  - o promoting ASHRAE and/or CaGBC research in areas where research results will add to the body of knowledge on green building and community development practice;
  - o providing access to each others publications, standards and professional development courses at a reduced rate for members;

#### Implementation of this MOU

An executive liaison committee comprised of two representatives of ASHRAE and two of CAGBC will meet face-to-face once a year. The purpose of the committee will be, under this MOU, to:

1. establish specific goals and objectives annually for delivery in each organization's business plan;
2. monitor joint programs and activities and identify opportunities for further collaboration.

Neither CaGBC nor ASHRAE will be bound by the other organization's review and internal processes in moving forward.

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