

## **The LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) designation.**

LEED® Canada for New Construction and Major Renovations version 1.0 is an adaptation of the US Green Building Council's (USGBC) Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design Green Building Rating System (LEED®), tailored specifically for Canadian climates, construction practices and regulations. It was adapted from the USGBC's LEED-NC® 2.1 and influenced by anticipated changes planned for version 2.2.

### **LEED® Canada Structure**

The Prerequisites and Credits are organized in the five principal LEED® categories:

- Sustainable Sites
- Water Efficiency
- Energy and Atmosphere
- Materials and Resources
- Indoor Environmental Quality

An additional category, Innovation & Design Process, addresses sustainable building expertise as well as design measures not covered under these five environmental categories.

Project ratings are certified by the CaGBC based on the total point score, following an independent review and audits of selected Credits of documentation submitted by a design and construction team. With four possible levels of certification (certified, silver, gold and platinum), LEED® is flexible enough to accommodate a wide range of green building strategies that best fit the constraints and goals of particular projects.