

Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan 2025-29

Overview

St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton (SJHH)'s Energy Conservation and Demand Management Plan (ECDM) provides a summary of accomplishments to date and projects planned to continue our path to a greener, sustainable Healthcare System.

As a Broader Public Sector (BPS) organization, SJHH is required to develop an ECDM Plan and update the same every 5 years. This plan was developed in compliance with O. Reg 25/23 (formerly 507/18). The plan has been reviewed and approved by senior management.

Purpose and Goals

SJHH is committed to working towards net zero carbon emissions by year 2050. Efforts and initiatives are carried across four focused pillars: energy/utility management, waste reduction, pollution management and education and awareness.

SJHH seeks continual improvement in lessening its impact on the global environment through incorporating environmental sustainability measures into strategic planning, as well as day-to-day operations.

Completed Measures

The following projects were completed or will be completed during the period 2020 through 2024:

	Location	Ar	nual Saving		Annual	
Project		Electricity	Natural	CO ₂ e	Net Cost	Annual
		(MWh)	Gas (m ³)	(tonnes)		Savings
Room/Corridor LEDs	Charlton	404		7.3	\$138,728	\$52 <i>,</i> 458
BAS Recommissioning	Charlton	541	557,000	1,061.4	\$0	\$279,150
Chiller Optimization	Charlton	384		6.9	\$0	\$49,929
Exterior Signs & Lighting	Charlton	18		0.3	\$3,015	\$2,340
Entrance Air Barriers	Charlton	119	67,300	129.2	\$13,000	\$40,701
Blowdown Heat Recovery	Charlton		78,000	147.3		29,242
Steam Trap				90.6		
Replacement/Line	Charlton and King		48,000		\$20,140	\$17,995
Insulation/Wireless			40,000		\$20,140	\$17,995
Monitoring						
Electricity, Natural Gas,	Charlton				\$10,000	
Water Online Dashboard	Chanton				\$10,000	
Reheat Control Valves	Charlton		31,400	59.3		\$11,772
King St Lighting	King St	57		1	\$18,288	\$7,410
TOTAL		1,523	781,700	1,503	\$203,171	\$490,997

• Calculated electrical energy reduction of 1,523 Megawatt Hours per year [MWh/yr.]

• Calculated natural gas consumption reduction of 781,700 cubic meters per year [m³/yr.]

 Calculated Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Carbon Dioxide equivalent (CO₂e) emission reduction of 1,503 metric tonnes (tonnes)



• Equivalent to removing 734 passenger vehicles from the road for one year

Proposed Measures

The following potential projects will be investigated over the next 5 years and those with the best business cases will enable St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton to meet its plan for a greener Healthcare System over the next 5 years. The projected annual savings are: 5,040 MWh & 1,688,220 m³

	Location	Projec	ted Annual Sa	Estimated	Projected	
Project		Electricity	ity Natural CO ₂ e		Cost	Annual
		(MWh)	Gas (m ³)	(Tonnes)	COST	Savings
Room/Corridor LEDs	West 5th	1,824		73	\$633 <i>,</i> 450	\$237,120
Room/Corridor LEDs	Charlton	438		18	387,109	\$54,869
	King St					
Solar PV (1,000 kW)	King St	1,240		50	\$1,960,200	\$161,200
Window Films	Charlton	938	5,000	48	\$200,000	\$123,815
Condensing Heat	Charlton		1,593,220	3,186	\$3,450,000	\$597,298
Recovery	Charlton		1,393,220	3,180	\$3,450,000	JJ, 1, 2, JU
Battery Electric	Charlton				\$100,000	\$400,00
Storage	Charleon				\$100,000	\$ 100,00
OR Unoccupied	Charlton	450	75,000	168	\$250,000	\$86,618
Setbacks			, 3,000	100	<i>\</i>	+00,010
Existing Building						
Commissioning, ISO	Charlton					
50001 Ready, EEBO	King St	150	15,000	36	\$75,000	\$25,124
Staff Training and	West 5th.	130	13,000	50	\$75,000	ŞZJ,124
BOMA Best/Energy						
Star Canada *						
TOTAL		5,040	1,688,220	3,578	7,055,759	1,286,044

*: Multiple initiatives (i.e. HE AHU filters, coil cleaning, compressed air leak survey etc.), training, employee engagement and initiate a limited energy management system

Results

2019 Data

Facility	Address	Electricity [kWh]	Natural Gas [m3]	GHG Emissions [kg CO2]	Energy Use Intensity [GJ/m ²]
Charlton Campus	50 Charlton Ave. E.	30,475,856	4,890,464	10,174,734	2.552
West 5 th	100 West 5 th	12,613,825	1,518,127	3,254,593	1.301
King Campus	2757 King St. E.	3,501,725	604,362	1,249,331	3.609
Total		46,591,406	7,012,953	14,678,658	2.118



2023 Data

Facility	Address	Electricity [kWh]	Natural Gas [m3]	GHG Emissions [kg CO2]	Energy Use Intensity [GJ/m ²]
Charlton Campus	50 Charlton Ave. E.	30,068,726	4,134,648	8,738,345	2.308
West 5 th	100 West 5 th	12,193,018	1,355,197	2,936,596	1.259
King Campus	2757 King St. E.	3,339,890	562,932	1,166,352	3.262
Total		45,601,634	6,052,777	12,841,290	1.938

From the above data, it may be seen that utility consumption, energy use intensity and GHG emissions are all trending down as a result of the initiatives implemented from 2020 through 2023 and continuing in 2024.

Energy savings may be calculated by means of Cumulative Sum analysis and weather normalization. Below is a Cumulative Sum (CUSUM) graph that represent the savings obtained starting in 2020. Weather Normalized regression analysis is the starting point for the analysis. The consumption difference between actual energy consumption and the regression predicted values provides a robust means of identifying changes in energy consumption. Positive, increasing values indicates overconsumption or poor performance. Negative, decreasing values indicate improvement or savings. Operating 'status quo' is represented by a flat line.



Charlton/West 5th/King St – Total Energy Consumption (GJ) CUSUM

The cumulative energy savings and resulting GHG emissions reduction is the equivalent of taking 1,505 cars off the road for one year.

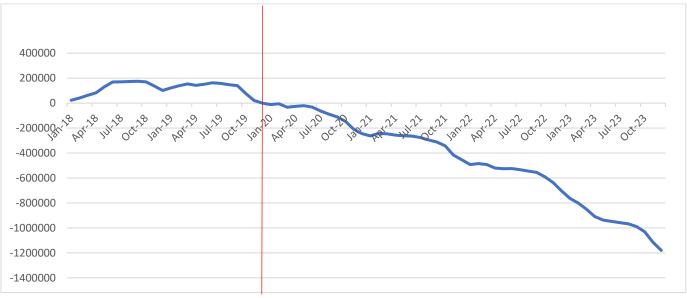
The West 5th site is a much newer building and is a part of an Alternative Finance & Procurement (P3) contract with Plenary Group. The hospital continues to be one of the most energy efficient in Ontario as may be seen by the low Energy Use Intensity (EUI) value of 1.259 GJ/m².

The King St. Campus is significantly smaller than the other sites but has a greater EUI. Our goal is to install LED lighting throughout this location and improve the Building Automation System (BAS) operation to maintain employee and patient comfort. Decreasing the number of operator override decisions via improved BAS logic will reduce the site EUI.



Energy consumption reduction activities have focused on the Charlton Campus as approximately 70% of the natural gas and 65% of the electricity is used at this acute, academic hospital location.





Charlton Campus – Electricity (kWh)CUSUM



St. Joseph's Healthcare Hamilton has seen a significant decrease in electricity and natural gas consumption at the main site (50 Charlton Ave E) since 2020 primarily driven by the prior noted completed measures.



Next Steps: 40% Reduction in GHG Emissions by 2030, Continuous Improvement and Renewables

40% Reduction in GHG Emissions by 2030

Implementation of proposed measures will reduce GHG emissions in line with the federal Canadian Net-Zero Emissions Accountability Act. A major initiative is underway at the Charlton Campus to install a Condensing Heat Recovery system at the boiler plant.

Continuous Improvement

Healthcare is a continuously evolving environment where energy efficiency will quickly vanish if not monitored and maintained. Staff engagement ("Green Team") and training are key initiatives to maintain and improve energy efficiency and sustainability.

Renewables

The Energy Demand from the Hospital will not go away. In order to reduce our demand from 'the grid', we will investigate and incorporate where feasible renewable energy into our supply mix. This may include the installation of solar Photovoltaic and Battery Electric Storage. These projects require careful analysis, due to their long lifespans projected to last 25+ years.