

Physical Infrastructure



Resilience in Practice: Stewardship Excellence at the Wiciwakan Building



The Wiciwakan Building in Meadow Lake has become a standout example of how practical, steady improvements and forward-looking stewardship can shape sustainable, efficient public facilities.

During 2024, staff worked together to reduce waste sent to the landfill and improve how materials are managed throughout the building. These efforts helped the facility reach a 70.8 per cent waste diversion rate and a 97.6 per cent capture rate, meaning almost every recyclable or compostable item was placed in the correct bin instead of ending up in landfill. Small changes, including replacing paper towel dispensers with hand dryers, helped lower waste while simplifying daily maintenance.

The building also stood out for its careful energy use. Its energy consumption was 14 per cent below the National Energy Star average and 29 per cent lower than the Ministry of SaskBuilds and Procurement's BOMA-certified office average. Mid-year adjustments to the building management system supported a 20 per cent drop in electricity use, with further savings expected as these improvements continue to take effect.

Why It Matters

Smart building management at the Wiciwakan Building blends simple day-to-day choices with deliberate upgrades and improved operating practices. Actions that cut waste and reduce energy and water use ease pressure on building systems, improve energy efficiency and lessen the amount of material sent to Saskatchewan's waste facilities. Together, these efforts highlight how public facilities can lead through responsible stewardship and a steady commitment to resilience.

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