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Congratulations to everyone who worked on the Markham Museum Collections Building project and to the City of Markham. The project has been awarded LEED Gold by the Canadian Green Building Council (CaGBC). This is a significant achievement. LEED Gold is awarded to projects that successfully demonstrate they have met the requirements of between 39 to 51 ‘points’. The Markham Museum project was awarded 46 of the 48 points that we applied for, and of particular note we achieved 10 points out of 10 available under the category of “Optimize Energy Performance” because the building achieves a 69% energy reduction as compared with the Model National Energy Code of Canada for Buildings.

The Markham Museum Collections building is an expansion on to the existing Visitor’s Centre and forms the “Gateway” to the Markham Museum Pioneer Village. The architectural design is a modern interpretation of the industrial and agricultural heritage for the Town. The new building was built using a prefabricated steel structures for maximum area with minimum cost. The final result is reminiscent of a 19th century barn housing collections, archives, studios, and administration.

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