



MAHC Earns Bronze in Green Hospital Scorecard

(Monday, March 10, 2014, Muskoka, ON) – Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare has received a Bronze Seal award through the Ontario Hospital Association’s inaugural Green Hospital Scorecard.

The Green Hospital Scorecard is a benchmarking and recognition program that evaluates environmental performance in five areas: energy, waste, water, pollution prevention, and corporate leadership, planning and management. It is a tool that helps hospitals to assess their environmental performance relative to peers and helps identify potential areas for improvements to environmental performance and operational efficiencies.

“I am delighted the organization has been recognized with a Bronze seal,” says Natalie Bubela, Chief Executive Officer at MAHC. “We are among 47 hospitals receiving that distinction, while only 24 hospitals earned silver. In the first year of the scorecard, no organization was successful in achieving gold status.”

This is the first scorecard to be released by the OHA and is based on MAHC’s 2012 data.

According to the scorecard, MAHC was most successful in waste management. Through a robust recycling program, we have successfully diverted 32% of our conventional, non-hazardous waste from the landfill. The scorecard also points to areas for improvements, like our energy intensity, for example, which is higher than our peers.

“The scorecard is a testament to our efforts to improve our environmental performance and further validates our Energy Project and why we are retrofitting our facilities to reduce our carbon footprint,” says Bubela. “The investments we are making through our Energy Project to install energy efficient lighting and improve each facility’s automation and heating, ventilation and cooling, will position us for an even better scorecard next year.”

For more information about energy efficiency at MAHC, please visit www.mahc.ca.

Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare (MAHC) is a multi-site healthcare organization providing acute care services at the Huntsville District Memorial Hospital and South Muskoka Memorial Hospital in Bracebridge. Find out more about Muskoka Algonquin Healthcare by visiting www.mahc.ca.

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