



Indigenous Green Building Summits

In partnership with



anfca
alberta native friendship
centres association

The Challenge

- Many of Alberta's Indigenous Friendship Centres, a network of interlinked service agencies serving Alberta's urban Indigenous communities, are grappling with aging building infrastructure, rising energy costs, and tight budgets.

4 Participating Centres



**Mannawanis
Friendship Centre**
St. Paul, AB
March 24, 2023



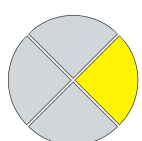
**Grande Prairie
Friendship Centre**
Grande Prairie, AB
August 24, 2023



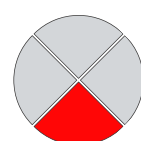
**Miywasin
Friendship Centre**
Medicine Hat, AB
October 30, 2023



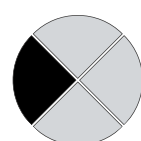
**Nistawayou
Friendship Centre**
Fort McMurray, AB
February 2024



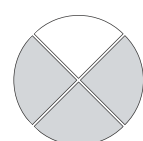
Spring



Summer



Fall



Winter

Successes We're Celebrating

- Through the partnership and planning process for these in-community events attended by Indigenous youth, Elders, local industry, government and members of regional First Nations and Métis settlements, SAIT's GBT team were guided through helpful processes and thinking the EFL employs in inclusive event design, dynamic facilitation and our unique approach to community and Indigenous engagement.
- The event participants learned about green building technologies, energy bill literacy, solar panels, and emerging technologies for businesses.
- Through open-hearted conversations, listening, and sharing stories the initiative opened many eyes to the challenges facing urban Indigenous communities across the province and highlighted the importance of energy literacy in an inclusive transition, as well as the central role reconciliation and good relations have to play in forging a better, more equitable path forward.

The Initiative

- An initiative originating from a partnership between SAIT's Green Building Technologies Lab (GBT) and the Alberta Native Friendship Centre Association (ANFCA) was brought to the Lab by Fellow Melanie Ross.
- Over the course of 2023, the partners hosted green building summits at four Friendship Centres across Alberta as one part of a larger project focused on retrofitting the centres to develop demonstration hubs to serve as learning and training projects for applied energy efficiency building retrofits.
- Along with conducting energy assessments and retrofitting the centres, the project also included a large engagement and training component, intended to facilitate cross-cultural learning and build capacity on all sides.
- The summits took place at each of the four hubs in St. Paul (Mannawanis Native Friendship Centre Society), Grande Prairie (Grande Prairie Friendship Centre), Medicine Hat (Miywasin Friendship Centre) and Fort McMurray (Nistawayou Association Friendship Centre).
- The EFL's Impact Studio supported their design and delivery with facilitator training for the SAIT team, and recommendations on successful approaches to community engagement, as well as with the participation of Fellows and EFL team members.

Participating Fellows



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2023 Highlights



**Cross Cultural
Knowledge
Sharing**



**New
Relationships
Created**

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Register to attend the Feb. 13
event with Nistawayou Friendship
Centre in Fort McMurray.