Performance Assessment Report

CMHC Loan Insurance Application MLI Select for New Construction



Merivale Apartment

917 Merivale Road Ottawa, ON



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ENGINEERING DECLARATION

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This is to confirm that the Merivale Apartment project to be located at 917 Merivale Road in Ottawa, ON, is projected to result in a 44.7% reduction in annual energy use and a 62.6% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions relative to the CMHC Reference Building. The proposed project meets the energy efficiency criteria to achieve 50 points under CMHC's MLI-Select program.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

EVNA Engineering was commissioned to prepare energy models for Merivale Apartment multi-unit residential building, located at 917 Merivale Road in Ottawa, to demonstrate the designed performance improvement relative to a CMHC NECB 2017 compliant reference building —as part of the CMHC MLI-Select program environmental efficiency requirement.

The proposed Merivale Apartment Apartments project is a 6-storey multi-residential building with 20 dwelling units, located in Ottawa, Ontario. The building has a total Modeled Floor Area (MFA) of approximately 1,455 m² (15,655 ft²). Energy simulations were prepared using eQUEST 3.65.

<u>CMHC – MLI Select Multi-Unit Residential Building – New Construction</u>

The energy analysis evaluates the performance of the Proposed Building design relative to a static CMHC NECB 2017 Compliant Reference Building, hereinafter referred to as Reference Building, or CMHC Reference Building.

This report aims to confirm that the proposed design will achieve an energy use and greenhouse gas emissions reduction of at least 40% relative to the Reference Building, qualifying the property for 50 MLI Select points.

The proposed project site demonstrates a 44.7% reduction in annual energy use and an 62.6% reduction in annual greenhouse gas emissions over the Reference Building.

Description	Proposed Building	Reference Building	Savings
Total Annual Energy Consumption (GJ/year)	999.1	1,806.0	44.7%
Total Annual Greenhouse Gas Emission (tons of eCO ₂ /year)	29.5	79.1	62.6%

Table 1.1 – Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Summary

1.0 PROPOSED BUILDING SIMULATION OVERVIEW

The proposed Merivale Apartment Apartments project is a 6-storey plus basement multi-residential building with 20 dwelling units, located in Ottawa, Ontario. The building has a total Buildable Floor Area (BFA) of approximately 1,455 m² (15,655 ft²). The Modeled Floor Area (MFA) is equal to the BFA.

Space Type Area (m²) Area (ft²) 948 10,202 **Dwelling Units** Common Area (Corridor, Lobby, etc.) 482 5,188 Mechanical/Electrical 25 265 0 0 Parking 1,455 15,655 Total Buildable Floor Area (BFA) 1,455 15,655 Total Modelled Floor Area (MFA)

The following table summarizes the building's floor areas by space type:

The energy simulations were performed using eQUEST 3.65. The CWEC2020 weather file for Ottawa, Ontario was used in the simulations, on the basis this weather file was the most representative of the project's location.

NECB 2017 Climatic Zone 6 (4000°C \leq HDD18 < 5000°C) was applied to the Reference Building according to the 2017 NECB Division B Climatic Information, Table C-1.

The following is a list of Energy Conservation Measures (ECMs) that were incorporated into the Proposed Building design:

- In-suite heat recovery ventilators with a 65% sensible effectiveness @0°C
- High efficiency air-source heat pumps with a COP 4.1 (@47°F)
- Low window to wall ratio (≈ 21%).
- 90% efficient gas fired make-up air unit
- 96% efficient condensing gas fired domestic water heater
- Reduced domestic hot water load by 36.0% via low flow fixtures.
 - Lavatory: 0.5 gpm, Kitchen faucet: 1.0 gpm, Showerhead: 1.75 gpm

Lighting power densities were modeled using the Space-by-Space Area Method for a Multi-Unit Residential Building type per NECB 2017 Table 4.2.1.6.

The building operates 24 hours per day, 7 days per week. The NECB 2017 operating schedules applied are Type C, and G, per Table A-8.4.3.2. (2)-A.

2.0 CMHC ENERGY MODELLING SUMMARY

2.1 Building Envelope

The Reference Building envelope was modeled according to NECB 2017 for Climatic Zone 6. The energy simulations are based on the architectural design drawings dated June 24, 2024, prepared by the architectural design team at Biosis Design Inc.

The following tables are a side-by-side comparison of the building envelope input between the Reference and Proposed Building models:

Building Envelope	
Reference Building	Proposed Building
Climatic Zone	Climatic Zone
NECB 2017 Division B - Table C-1	NECB 2017 Division B - Table C-1
Province: Ontario	Province: Ontario
Location: Ottawa	Location: Ottawa
Degree Days Below 18°C: 4500 HDD18	Degree Days Below 18°C: 4500 HDD18
Design Temperature (Jan 2.5% °C): -25°C	Design Temperature (Jan 2.5% °C): -25°C
Exterior Walls ¹	Exterior Walls ¹
NECB 2017 Division B - Table 3.2.2.2. (Zone 6)	Exterior Wall
Assembly Performance: USI-0.247 U-0.043	Assembly Performance: USI-0.385 U-0.067 Including the effects of thermal bridging
Exterior Roof ¹	Exterior Roof ¹
NECB 2017 Division B - Table 3.2.2.2. (Zone 6)	Roof
Assembly USI: 0.156 U-0.027	Assembly Performance: USI-0.144 U-0.025
Slab Construction	Slab Construction
NECB 2017 3.2.3.1.(5)	Uninsulated Concrete Slab
Same as Proposed Building.	Treated as an adiabatic surface by modeling
	software.
Fenestration Type ¹	Fenestration Type ¹
NECB 2017 Table 3.2.2.3. (Zone 6)	Glazing
Assembly Performance: USI-1.9	Effective Assembly Performance: USI-1.9
SHGC (Other): 0.40	SHGC-0.40
Properties above include glazing and frame, and apply to fixed and operable windows, as well as glass doors	Properties above applies to fixed and operable windows, as well as glass doors
Fenestration & Door to Wall Area Ratio (FDWR)	Fenestration & Door to Wall Area Ratio (FDWR)
NECB 2017 Section 3.2.1.4 (4000 < HDD ≤ 7000)	Vision Glass, Glass Doors & Opaque Doors
FDWR = (2000 - 0.2·HDD)/3000 = 36.6%	Proposed Building FDWR = 21%
According to NECB 2017 8.4.4.5.(5)(c)	
Infiltration	Infiltration
Same as Proposed Building, no credit.	NECB 2017 Allowance: 0.25 L/s-m ² @ 5 Pa
	NECB Infiltration: 892 cfm
	Air Changes @ 50 Pa: 1.52 ACH50
	Air Changes @ 12.2 Pa: 0.61 ACH12.2

All Reference Building space loads not addressed in NECB 2017 standard were modeled the same as the Proposed Building design. ¹ Effective thermal performance: USI units: W/m^2 -K | U-value unit: Btu/hr-°F-ft² | RSI units: m^2 -K/W | R-value units: hr-ft²-°F/Btu

2.2 Interior & Exterior Loads

The Reference Building's lighting system was modeled using the lighting power allowances prescribed by the NECB 2017 Space-by-Space Method. The Proposed Building's interior and exterior lighting loads were modeled in compliance with NECB 2017.

The following tables are a side-by-side comparison of the building electrical load input between the Reference and Proposed Building models:

Miscellaneous Plug Loads	
Reference Building	Proposed Building
Interior (Dwelling Units)	Interior (Dwelling Units)
NECB 2017 Table A-8.4.3.2.(2)-B	NECB 2017 Table A-8.4.3.2.(2)-B
Reference Equipment Power Density (EPD) input	Proposed Equipment Power Density (EPD) input for
for dwelling units set to 5 W/m ² (0.46 W/ft ²) per	dwelling units set to 5 W/m ² (0.46 W/ft ²) per NECB
NECB 2017 Part 8.	2017 Part 8.

Exhaust Fans		
Proposed Building		
Dwelling Units Exhaust		
Power per fan: 0.5 W/cfm		
Total Exhaust Power: 2.55 kW (2 h/day)		

Lighting	
Reference Building	Proposed Building
Interior (Dwelling Units)	Interior (Dwelling Units)
Reference Lighting Power Density (LPD) input for	Proposed Lighting Power Density (LPD) input for
dwelling units set to 5 W/m ² (0.46 W/ft ²) per NECB	dwelling units set to 5 W/m ² (0.46 W/ft ²) per NECB
Interior (Other)	Interior (Other)
Reference Lighting Power Densities (LPDs) set to	Space-by-Space Method was followed, as the
NECB 2017 prescribed Space-by Space LPD	electrical design drawings were not available at time
allowances. No credit taken for occupancy	of writing. Input was set to the LPDs prescribed in
controls.	NECB 2017.
Average adjusted LPD: <u>4.3 W/m²</u> (0.40 W/ft ²)	Average adjusted LPD: <u>4.3 W/m²</u> (0.40 W/ft ²)

All Reference Building space interior/exterior loads not addressed in NECB 2017 standard were modeled the same as the Proposed Building design.

2.3 Air-side HVAC Systems

The Reference Building's air-side HVAC systems were modeled according to the minimum compliance requirements defined by the NECB 2017, per the CMHC MLI Select program allowance.

The Proposed Building's air-side HVAC systems were modeled based on the mechanical design briefs dated May 1, 2024, prepared by the mechanical design team at LRL Engineering, as well as energy savings measures recommended by EVNA Engineering.

The following tables are a side-by-side comparison of the building air-side HVAC input between the Reference and Proposed Building models:

Secondary Systems (Air-side HVAC)		
Reference Building	Proposed Building	
Supply & Ventilation Air	Supply & Ventilation Air	
 Total supply air flow = 20,535 cfm 	 Total supply air flow = 20,040 cfm 	
 Total min outdoor air flow = 2,000 cfm 	 Total min outdoor air flow = 2,000 cfm 	
 Total fan power = 2.9 kW (CS) 	 Total fan power = 2.1 kW (VFD) 	

Secondary Systems (Air-side HVAC)		
Fresh Air Systems		
Reference Building	Proposed Building	
System	System	
<u>NECB 2015 Table 8.4.4.7-B Note (2)</u> "For HVAC systems serving dwelling units, outside air requirements shall be met by a ventilation system identical to that of the proposed building."	System - Make-Up Air (MUA) Unit One (1) 100% outdoor air MUA unit with air-cooled DX cooling and gas heating serving the building fresh air needs. MUA unit to supply supplementary outdoor air to dwelling units via corridor pressurization, at a rate of approximately 35 cfm/suite.	
System Properties - Fans & Outdoor Air • Outdoor Air Supply: 600 cfm (to dwelling units) • SF Control: Variable Volume SF Power: 1.00 kW (Per NECB 2015 8.4.4.18.(5)) • No heat recovery required (Per SB-10 (2017) 5.2.10.1.)	System Properties - Fans & Outdoor Air • Outdoor Air Supply: 2,000 cfm • SF Control: Variable Volume SF Power: 0.50 W/cfm • No heat recovery installed	
 System Properties - Cooling & Heating Cooling: Air-cooled DX coils Cooling Cap: Sized to meet loads Cooling Efficiency: COP 3.17 Heating: Gas Heating Cap: Sized to meet loads Heating Efficiency: 80% 	 System Properties - Cooling & Heating Cooling: Air-cooled DX coils Cooling Cap: Sized to meet loads Cooling Efficiency: COP 3.43 Heating: Gas Heating Cap: Sized to meet loads Heating Efficiency: 90% 	
<u>System Properties - Control Setpoints</u> Cooling Supply Air Temperature = 72°F Heating Supply Air temperature = 72°F Economizer: n/a (fixed fraction)	System Properties - Control Setpoints Cooling Supply Air Temperature = 72°F Heating Supply Air temperature = 72°F Economizer: n/a (fixed fraction)	

Secondary Systems (Air-side HVAC)		
Lobby Systems		
Reference Building	Proposed Building	
System	System	
NECB 2017 System 3 (Tables 8.4.4.7.A & 8.4.4.7.B)	Air-Source Heat Pumps (ASHPs)	
Space Type: General Area max 2 storeys	Amenities and lobbies are served by ASHPs,	
System Type: Packaged Single Zone Rooftop Unit w/	operating down to an outdoor temperature of -15°C	
gas-fired furnace and electric baseboards	with electric resistance backup. Fresh air to be	
	supplied by MUA unit.	
Supply & Return Fans	Supply & Return Fans	
 Total air supply: 650 cfm (auto sized) 	 Total air supply: 800 cfm 	
 Supply Air per unit: 650 cfm/unit 	 Supply Air per unit: 800 cfm/unit 	
 SF Control: Constant Volume 	• SF Control: Variable	
 SF Power: Fan power (kW) equal to Proposed 	 SF Power: 0.2 W/cfm per suite 	
(Per NECB Sentence 8.4.4.18.(5))		
Ventilation	<u>Ventilation</u>	
 Outdoor Air Supply: 400 cfm 	 Outdoor Air Supply: 400 cfm (MUA Unit) 	
ERVs	<u>ERVs</u>	
 No heat recovery installed 	 Not installed 	
In accordance with NECB Table 5.2.10.4.		
Cooling & Heating	Cooling & Heating	
 Cooling Source: DX cooling coil 	 Cooling Source: Air-source DX cooling coil 	
 Cooling Cap: Sized to meet load (Auto sized) 	 Cooling Cap: 24 MBH per unit 	
 Cooling Efficiency: EER 11.8 	 Cooling Efficiency: EER 13.1 	
 Heating Source: Gas furnace 	 Heating Source: Air-source DX heating coil 	
 Heating Cap: Sized to meet load (Auto sized) 	 Heating Cap: 24 MBH per unit 	
 Heating Efficiency: 81% 	 Heating Efficiency: COP 4.1 (@47°F) 	
Control Setpoints	Control Setpoints	
Cooling Supply Air Temperature = 55°F	Cooling Supply Air Temperature = 55°F	
Heating Supply Air temperature = 109.4°F	Heating Supply Air temperature = 109.4°F	
(Per NECB Sentence 8.4.4.18.(2)(a)(b))		

Secondary Systems (Air-side HVAC)	
Residential Systems	
Reference Building	Proposed Building
System	System
NECB 2017 Table 8.4.4.7-A & B	Air-Source Heat Pumps (ASHPs)
Dwelling Units are served PTACs. Outdoor air	Dwelling Units are served ASHPs. Fresh air to be
dampers provide 50 cfm of outdoor air per suite,	supplied by ERVs at a rate of 50 cfm/suite, with
with supplemental fresh air supplied by MUA unit	supplemental fresh air supplied by MUA unit via
via corridor pressurization at a rate of 30 cfm/suite.	corridor pressurization at a rate of 30 cfm/suite.
Supply & Return Fans	Supply & Return Fans
 Total air supply: 18,456 cfm (auto sized) 	 Total air supply: 16,000 cfm
 Supply Air per Suite: 326-710 cfm/suite 	 Supply Air per Suite: 800 cfm/suite
 SF Control: Constant Volume 	 SF Control: Variable
 SF Power: Fan power (kW) equal to Proposed 	 SF Power: 0.2 W/cfm per suite
(Per NECB Sentence 8.4.4.18.(5))	
Ventilation	<u>Ventilation</u>
• Outdoor Air Supply: 1,000 cfm (50 cfm /suite)	 Outdoor Air Supply: 1,000 cfm (ERV: 50 cfm/suite)
ERVs	<u>ERVs</u>
 No heat recovery installed 	 HRVs with a 65% sensible effectiveness @0°C
In accordance with NECB Table 5.2.10.4.	recovery w/ power consumption of 38 W/ERV
Cooling & Heating	Cooling & Heating
 Cooling Source: DX cooling coil 	 Cooling Source: Air-source DX cooling coil
 Cooling Cap: Sized to meet load (Auto sized) 	 Cooling Cap: 24 MBH per suite
 Cooling Efficiency: EER 12.0 	 Cooling Efficiency: EER 13.1
 Heating Source: Hydronic heating 	 Heating Source: Air-source DX heating coil
 Heating Cap: Sized to meet load (Auto sized) 	 Heating Cap: 24 MBH per suite
	 Heating Efficiency: COP 4.1 (@47°F)
Control Setpoints	Control Setpoints
Cooling Supply Air Temperature = 55°F	Cooling Supply Air Temperature = 55°F
Heating Supply Air temperature = 109.4°F	Heating Supply Air temperature = 109.4°F
(Per NECB Sentence 8.4.4.18.(2)(a)(b))	

2.4 Water-side HVAC Systems

The Reference Building's water-side HVAC systems were modeled according to the minimum compliance requirements defined by the NECB 2017, per the CMHC MLI Select program allowance.

The Proposed Building's water-side HVAC systems were modeled based on the mechanical design briefs dated May 1, 2024, prepared by the mechanical design team at LRL Engineering, as well as energy savings measures recommended by EVNA Engineering.

The following tables are a side-by-side comparison of the building water-side HVAC input between the Reference and Proposed Building models:

Building Plant Equipment (Water-side HVAC)			
Reference Building	Proposed Building		
Plant Heating	Plant Heating		
Reference Hot Water (HW) Loop	PB - Heating Plant Loop		
Reference HW loop serves the heating needs of the	There is no hot water loop in the Proposed Building		
heating coils in the Reference Building. The loop is	as the building is DX heated and cooled.		
served by atmospheric gas-fired boilers.			
 HW Loop Temperature: 180°F 			
 HW Loop Delta: 28.8°F 			
• Outdoor air reset: 180°F @ OA 3.2°F, 140°F @ OA			
32°F			
Plant Heating Equipment	Plant Heating Equipment		
Reference Hot Water (HW) Loop	There is no heating plant equipment in the Proposed		
Boiler	Building as the building is DX heated and cooled with		
 Boiler Type: 1 Gas-fired atmospheric boiler 	ASHPs.		
 Capacity: Sized to meet loads 			
 Efficiency: 83.0% 			
Loop Pumps (Per NECB 2017 8.4.4.14.(2))			
 Pump Quantity: 1 Pump 			
 Pump Control: Constant Speed 			
 Pump Head & Efficiency: 75 ft @ 65% eff (22 			
W/gpm)			

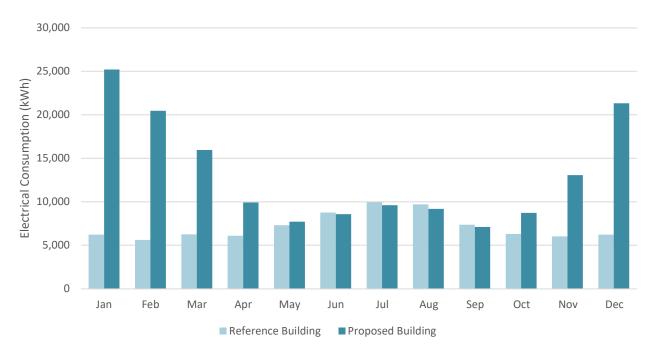
Building Plant Equipment (Water-side HVAC)				
Reference Building	Proposed Building			
Plant DHW Heating Loops	Plant DHW Heating Loops			
Reference Domestic Hot Water (DHW) Loop	Proposed Domestic Hot Water (DHW) Loops			
Reference DHW loop serves the building's service	Proposed DHW loop serves the building's service			
water loads. Same as proposed.	water loads.			
In accordance with NECB 8.4.4.20	 DHW Loop Design Temperature: 140°F 			
 DHW Loop Design Temperature: 140°F 	◦ Loop DT: 100°F			
• Loop DT: 100°F				
Domestic Hot Water Heating Equipment	Domestic Hot Water Heating Equipment			
Equipment Serving Reference DHW Loop	Equipment Serving DHW Loop			
Water Heaters	Water Heaters			
 Boiler Type: Atmospheric gas fired water heater 	 Boiler Type: Condensing gas fired water heater 			
• Heating Capacity: 240 MBH (12 MBH/suite assumed)	• Heating Capacity: 240 MBH (12 MBH/suite assumed)			
 Storage Capacity: 120 gals (6 gal/suite assumed) 	 Storage Capacity: 120 gals (6 gal/suite assumed) 			
 Efficiency: 80% 	• Efficiency: 96%			
Service Water Heating Loads	Service Water Heating Loads			
Water Fixtures	Water Fixtures			
No low flow faucets/showerheads. NECB 2017	36.0% DHW reduction per LEED v4 calculator			
values used for loads.				
Standard Fixtures:	Low Flow Fixtures:			
 Residential Lavatory: 1.5 gpm 	 Residential Lavatory: 0.5 gpm 			
 Residential Kitchen Faucet: 2.2 gpm 	 Residential Kitchen Faucet: 1.0 gpm 			
 Residential Showerhead: 2.0 gpm 	 Residential Showerhead: 1.75 gpm 			
• Reference Building DHW load = 2.325 GPM	 Proposed Building DHW load = 1.488 GPM 			

3.0 PROPOSED AND REFERENCE BUILDING ENERGY USE

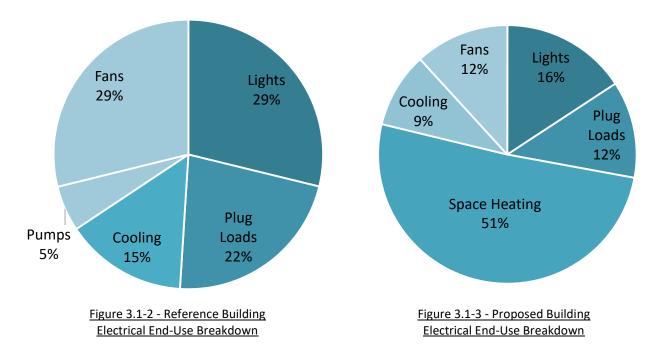
3.1 Energy Use Breakdown

3.1.1 Electricity Use

The following graphs show the monthly electrical consumption and end use breakdown of the Proposed and Reference Buildings.

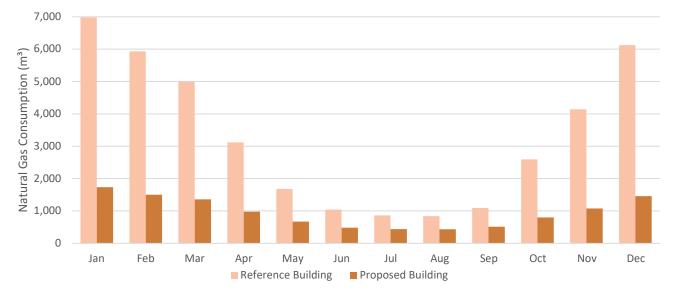


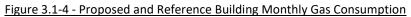


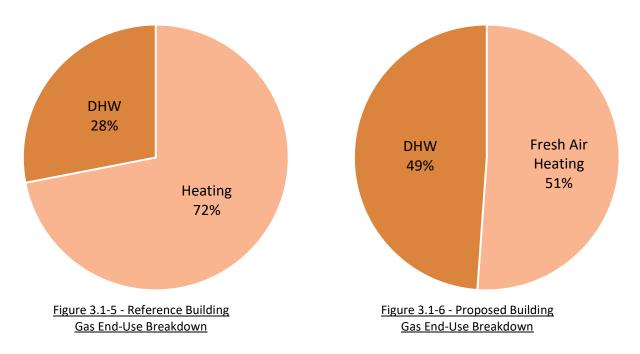


3.1.2 Gas Use

The following graphs show the monthly natural gas consumption and end use breakdown of the Proposed and Reference Buildings.

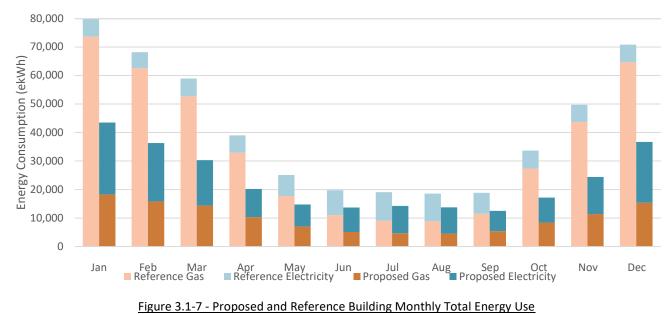






3.1.3 Building Energy Use Summary

The figure below shows the monthly total energy use of the Proposed and Reference Buildings.



4.0 MLI-SELECT – RELATIVE PERFORMANCE

CMHC's MLI-Select program for new and existing multi-unit residential buildings offers building owners access to reduced mortgage premiums and longer amortization periods based on building performance in three categories: affordability, accessibility, and energy efficiency.

The program has a point-based system and 3-levels of lending flexibilities. The insurance flexibilities for new construction are shown below:

	Premium	LTC	DCR ³	Amortization	Rental Achievement	Recourse or Limited Recourse	Replacement Reserve
Min. 50 pts				Up to 40 years		Recourse	
Min. 70 pts	Fees and premiums at- Up to 95% Min. 1.1	Waived	Recourse	Discretionary			
Min. 100 pts	<u>a-glance</u>			Up to 50 years		Limited- Recourse	

New Construction - Insurance Flexibilities

Figure 4.1 - Select Insurance Flexibilities

To achieve the maximum 100 points available, building owners can implement measures from all three improvement categories: affordability, energy performance, and accessibility. The point distribution for energy performance is shown below:

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Energy Efficiency and GHGs Reduction over NECB 2017			
20 Points	20 Points 35 Points 50 poin		
20% reduction	25% reduction	40% reduction	

This project aims to achieve 50 points based only on the energy performance pathway by reducing energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions by 40% or more relative to the Reference Building.

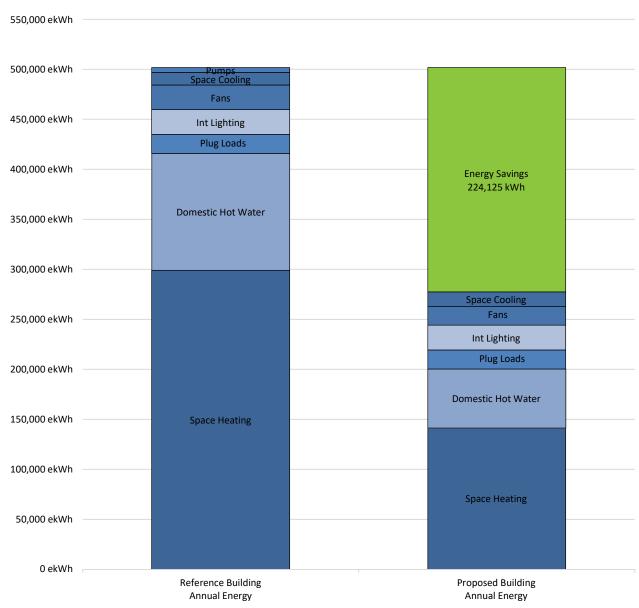
The following tables summarize the Proposed and Reference Building's annual energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.

Table 4.2- Energy Use and Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Summary

Description	Proposed Building	Reference Building	Savings
Total Annual Energy Consumption (GJ/year)	999.1	1,806.0	44.7%
Total Annual Greenhouse Gas Emission (tons of eCO ₂ /year)	29.5	79.1	62.6%

4.1 MLI SELECT – SUMMARY OF PERFORMANCE RESULTS

The following graph and table summarize the energy by end-use and type of the Proposed and Reference Buildings:



Energy Model	Natural Gas (m³)	Electricity (kWh)	Total Energy (ekWh)	CO₂ Emissions* (ekg)
Reference Building	39,391	85,820	501,659	79,095
Proposed Building	11,430	156,865	277,528	29,549
Savings	71.0%	-82.8%	44.7%	62.6%

*GHG Conversion: 1 kWh electricity = 0.05 ekg CO₂ | 1 m³ gas = 1.899 ekg CO₂. Reference: Ontario MMA Supplementary Standard SB-10 2016

Based on these energy simulations results, the Proposed Building is expected to achieve energy and greenhouse gas savings of 44.7% and 62.6%, respectively, relative to the Reference Building, qualifying the project for 50 MLI Points under the Energy Efficiency and GHGs Reduction pathway.