



- BWPKH&S is recognized for its leadership & commitment to protecting the environment through wide ranging policies & procedures.
- Mature programs that involve management, employees, guests and in public have shown substantial & measureable results.

via Hotel Association of Canada.



- Green meeting and events incorporates environmental designation addresses their negative impact on the environment in the following categories:
- Carbon, Energy Waste, Water, Air
  - Communication, Information, Training
  - Activities, Purchasing, Auditing Community
  - People, Staff Health
  - Exhibitions
  - Audio Visual

via Hotel Association of Canada.



- Carbon Offset program includes purchasing from emission-reducing projects like renewable energy initiatives, sustainable forestry like tree planting, methane gas capture from landfill sites and fuel efficiency improvements.
- 2012 Carbon Neutral Certified, purchasing sufficient offsets to balance off all our operational emissions.
- Registered with CSA Standard GHG Clean Project™ Registry.



Best Western Plus Kelowna Hotel & Suites Environmental Wing

LEED = Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design.

- Point system rating is an internationally recognized mark of excellence & based on total point score achieved following an independent review.
- Recognizing performance in 5 key areas:
  - Sustainable site development
  - Water efficiency
  - Energy efficiency
  - Materials Selection
  - Indoor environmental quality

## ENVIRONMENTAL AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- ✓ **2012** City of Kelowna Mayor's Environmental Innovation Award Nominee
- ✓ **2012** LEED Silver Certification for Environmental Wing
- ✓ **2012** Hotel Association of Canada's Green Global Green Meetings Certification
- ✓ **2011** Carbon Neutral Certification
- ✓ **2010** Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Green Business Sustainability Leader of the Year Award
- ✓ **2010** Environmental Wing Open
- ✓ **2009** Partnership formed Eco Stay for Carbon Offsetting Program
- ✓ **2009** BC Tourism Industry Award 2nd Nomination for Environmental Responsible Tourism Award
- ✓ **2009** Climate Smart Certification
- ✓ **2009** Minister' Environmental Award of Excellence for Climate Action
- ✓ **2009** Kelowna Chamber of Commerce Green Business Hospitality Award
- ✓ **2008** Partnership formed with Zerofootprint for Carbon Offsetting Program
- ✓ **2007** BC Tourism Industry Award Nominee for Environmental Responsible Tourism Award
- ✓ **2007** Hotel Assoc of Canada Energy & Environmental Award
- ✓ **2006** Hotel Assoc of Canada 4 Green Key Eco Rating designation



### Environmental Programs

- Eco-Stay/Carbon Offsetting
- Energy Star Appliance Program
- Green Housekeeping Program
- Alternate Transportation Program
- Linen & Towel Reuse Program
- Green Building Site Tour Program
- Purchasing locally made furniture
- Purchasing FSC lumber and plywood
- Using as much recycled and reclaimed product as possible
- Diverting normal construction waste from the landfill by separating all of the metals, plastics, wood and drywall from the demolition part for recycling.
- Selecting wall coverings made from reused vinyl
- Selecting carpet tile made from recyclable product
- Using low VOC paints and sealants

### The BEST WESTERN PLUS Kelowna Hotel & Suites has installed the first EV charging station within our local business community

The new 90 volt charging station, installed by Sun Country Highway, will take between 20 minutes and 2 hours to charge an electric car, complimentary to all hotel guests.

The number of electric vehicle owners is growing rapidly in BC, and the Best Western Kelowna wants to stay on the leading edge of this market trend. According to the Pembina Institute, by 2030, 1 in 3 vehicles on the road in BC will be electric. BC is already a leader in hybrid ownership, doubling the national average. **"We know that battery electric vehicles saves about 80% of greenhouse gas emissions compared to a conventional car and we want to be a part of that movement towards renewable energy,"** adds Greg Salloum, Owner of the Best Western PLUS Kelowna Hotel & Suites.

