For the past 50 years, the Yorkdale Shopping Centre in Toronto’s North York area has been no stranger to leading the retail industry with innovative new initiatives, including a number of market-leading sustainability efforts as part of its green program.

Following the Parksmart certification of its G Parkade, Yorkdale’s newly constructed E Parkade achieved Parksmart Bronze certification by achieving 119 points. Together, Parkade G and Parkade E are the first Parksmart certified projects in Canada – and the first retail certifications in the world.

ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RESOURCE CONSERVATION

- Collects rainwater through five cisterns with a capacity of 809,000 liters. This water is used for irrigation of the centre’s landscaping and garage cleaning.
- Energy-saving programmable lighting that uses occupancy sensors and photocells to conserve energy.
- Robust recycling program.

IMPROVING ACCESS AND MOBILITY

- Installed 14 electric vehicle charging stations.
- Incorporated a complimentary tire inflation station in each garage. These are available to all drivers and cyclists.
- Bicycle racks and secure bike rooms offer both covered and uncovered bicycle parking, promoting usage of alternative modes of transportation.
- Digital signs at all of Yorkdale’s parkade entrances indicate the number of available spaces to reduce idling times.
- Dedicated carpool parking spaces.
- Located in close proximity to cycle routes and mass transit, including city buses and the subway.

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