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Dear Colleagues,

Today on April 22, please join me in acknowledging **Earth Day** and celebrating the incredible culture of sustainability here at UHN. This culture and strong track record are driven by the efforts of our **Energy & Environment** colleagues within UHN's Facilities Management – Planning, Redevelopment & Operations (FM-PRO) department.

The team – alongside more than 700 staff who volunteer as part of the **Green Team** – work hard to bring a green lens to our vision of A Healthier World, furthering our collective delivery of patient and planet-centered care, research and education. Most recently, their commitment to sustainability led to [UHN being named one of Canada's Greenest Employers](#). Over the past decade, the Energy & Environment team has helped UHN reduce greenhouse gas emissions by **25%**, saved **\$30M** in utility costs and, of course, made our sites more resilient and reliable – creating an efficient and comfortable environment for patients, TeamUHN and the community. We are deeply grateful for the work they are doing.

On behalf of UHN's Board of Trustees and Senior Management Forum, happy Earth Day! If you work with any Energy & Environment professionals or Green Team members, I encourage you to send them a note of appreciation and ask how you can help support environmental sustainability.

With thanks,

Kevin

About Energy & Environment at UHN

The Energy & Environment team has been steering environmental stewardship across UHN since 1999. Their dedication to sustainability has led UHN to become a top energy performer among its peers. Our collaboration and leadership on healthcare environmental sustainability locally, nationally and around the globe has been recognized with multiple awards, including Green Hospital of the Year and Canada's Greenest Employer.

Learn more and useful links

- For more information about the **Energy & Environment** department and renewable energy projects, [visit the team's blog, Talkin' Trash.](#)

- Download the [Earth Month Bingo Card](#) and join the **Earth Month challenge**.
- **Support sustainable transportation and bike to work.** [There are more than 1,000 bicycle parking spots across UHN sites.](#)
- **Energy & Environment's latest project:** [UHN reducing emissions with huge new wastewater energy system.](#)
- Connect with green@uhn.ca to **learn more about the Green Team.**

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