



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 3, 2024

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, held via MS Teams, at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, B.C.

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Present (voting):</b>	Brad Harasymchuk (Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk (Vice-Chair), Bridget Chandakasarira, John Church, Kai Bauman, Poonam Poonam, Shelley Church, James Gordon, Robyn Hollas, Heather MacLeod	
<b>Present (non-voting):</b>	Anna Rogers, Carolyn Ives, Pete Arkesteyn, Natalie Yao	
<b>Guests:</b>	Mackenzie Warner	
<b>Regrets (voting):</b>	Elder Mike Arnouse, Maria Buff, Scott Blackford, Warren Asuchak, Vernie Clement	
<b>Regrets (non-voting):</b>	Sierra Rae	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:13 p.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.  A round of introductions took place.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA &amp; MINUTES</b>	The January 3, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented (James Gordon motion / Robyn Hollas 2 <sup>nd</sup> ).  The December 6, 2023 Minutes were unanimously adopted as presented (Shelly Church motion / John Church 2 <sup>nd</sup> ).	
<b>MOTIONS</b>	a. None	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	a. None	

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

- a. **None**

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

- a. **Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Brad Harasymchuk**

The deadline for the award nominations is February 26, 2024.

Please put forward names for student, staff and faculty. We rely on our ESAC members to put forward names.

There is a new student award this year – Herbinlay Happy Planet Award.

Kei Massalski will be producing videos with past winners.

- b. **ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers**

No meeting in December.

Next meeting will be January 16, 2024.

- c. **ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.**  
Report by James Gordon, Chair.

The last Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee meeting was on December 5, 2023.

Eric V and Shannon M. have hired a consultant to draft the TRU Purchasing Policy with Sustainability embedded.

Taking steps to be a Certified Fair Trade Campus.

Purchasing is sending out a Sustainability Questionnaire with Request for Proposals. Hopefully contracts in the future will be awarded 90% price based and 10% off the Sustainability Questionnaire.

Early stages of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion elements into a purchasing framework.

Spring Garage Sale at TRU will be discussed at the Zero-Waste January meeting.

If you have any sustainable purchasing success stories pass on to James.

**d. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Brad Harasymchuk or James Gordon**

No updates.

Brad will set up a meeting with Silvia (student) and James Gordon.

**e. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by James Gordon**

Tom Dickinson, former Dean of Science and ornithologist expert was a guest.

Received funding of \$100,000 to finish off the bird strike film install on campus.

Home bird strike solutions: anything on the windows to stop the reflection on the glass ie: hawk silhouettes.

Working on creating a “How To” document if a bird strikes your window.

Another bird observations/bird strike field trip will occur in the Spring, 2024.

Bioblitz on Campus in May, 2024.

Tree App is being created. Very close to the testing stage.

Bee City Campus – application document is complete and James will get the budget approved. It is a multi-year project.

Suggestion: maybe a chalk pen can help with temporary bird strike on windows.

**f. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum  
Sub-Committee – Carolyn Ives**

On December 11, Alana and Carolyn co-chaired a workshop in a Bluesky Thinking activity for ideas of how to get sustainability into courses, among other things.

Will report to the ESAC in the future with the ideas.

**MANAGER OF  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PROGRAMS  
REPORT**

**Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability  
Programs**

Environmental Policy is moving ahead. It is now with Matt Milovick and will have to go to the Board.

Times Higher Education Impact Ranking assess universities against the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals. TRU will be submitting a report which is due September, 2024.

Sustainability Research Grants are now:

Faculty – 2 grants x \$5,000 each

Students – 4 grants x \$2,500 each

Deadline for Sustainability Research Grants are:

February 5, 2024 – Pre-proposal for the project;

March 25, 2024 – Final Applications due

SDG week last year: Film for Change, Green Drinks, Clothing Swap and Repair and SDGs and Global Super Snacks.

This year SDG week is March 4 – 8, 2024. Want to put together a committee to come up with some SDG ideas.

**Action Item:** James will send an email to the ESAC to join the SDG planning committee.

Will be launching a Sustainability Sticker Contest.

Liveable Cities and Collaborative Communities conference – February 22 – 24, 2024.

[Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities: Thompson Rivers University \(tru.ca\)](https://liverivers.ca/livable-cities-collaborative-communities)

**ENERGY  
PROJECTS REPORT**

**Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager**

Before year end – will get lighting fixture update in OM,  
Trades and AE done.

Tying to finish all the documentation for ISO 50001 by  
March 31, 2024.

**CAMPUS  
INFRASTRUCTURE  
REPORT**

**Report by Maria Buff, Director of Capital Projects**

No Report

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. SDG Week Canada 2024, March 4 – 8, 2024 – James  
Gordon**

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**NEXT MEETING**

February 7, 2024 at 12:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 12.48 p.m.