



## ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

October 7, 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>	Catherine Tatarniuk (Vice-Chair), Baldev Pooni, James Gordon, Hardeep Chahal, John Church, Natalie Yao, Pete Hrkac, Robyn Hollas, Sesathya Nanayakkara, Ted Gottfriedson	
<b>Present (non-voting):</b>	Anna Rogers	
<b>Guests:</b>	None	
<b>Regrets (voting):</b>	Elder Mike Arnouse, Heather MacLeod, Kai Bauman, Pete Arkestyn, Pete Hrkac, Poonam Poonam, Shelley Church	
<b>Regrets (non-voting):</b>	Natalie Yao	
<b>Recording Secretary:</b>	Lora Sartori	
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	James Gordon in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 10:36 a.m.	
<b>WELCOME &amp; Territorial Acknowledgement</b>	James conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
<b>INTRODUCTIONS</b>	A round of introductions.	
<b>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</b>	<p>The October 7, 2024 Agenda was unanimously adopted as presented.</p> <p>The September 12, 2024 Minutes was unanimously adopted as presented with the following changes. Remove the 2<sup>nd</sup> occurrence of Pete Hrkac's name in the Regrets.</p>	
<b>PRESENTATIONS</b>	a. <b>None</b>	

**ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections**

**a. ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections**

- Shelley showed interest in being the Chair.
- James will talk to Shelley for the next meeting.

**BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES**

**a. ESAC Meeting Schedule**

- Will wait to elect a Chair to coordinate with all calendars.
- Keep Outlook up to date.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Energy Management Training – James Gordon/Natalie Yao**

[Energy Management Training in Deltek](#)

- Please do the 15 minute course and be entered to win prizes.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

**a. Awards Sub-Committee – James Gordon**

- No updates.
- Trying to get staff/faculty awards to part of the President's Award Series.

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

- No meetings set yet.
- Received our TRUSU student and will reach out for meeting schedule.
- Sustainability has a work-study student, Brianne Penney, who will work 8 hours per week until April, 2025.
- Anna has attended ESL classes educating on zero-waste. We will get two student from the SRCL 1000 course who will do presentations to classes on zero-waste.
- Pallett wrap will now recycled.
- Office supply disposal – Purchasing has given their “blessing” to dispose of low value items in a free box. Want to grow this program and perhaps to get a permanent kiosk to help with this.

- 144 more reusable small wares purchased for Aramark, thanks in part to funding from Coca-Cola.
- BOMA Best Waste Audits are under way for the month of October.
- Is there anything ESAC wants the Zero-Waste Committee to work on? Our thoughts are to work on STARS but if there is anything else, please let Anna know.

**c. Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee – James Gordon**

- No Report.
- Committee is on hold.
- Met with Michelle McKinnon and Carolina to get involved.
- Next meeting Monday, October 21, 2024.

**d. Core Theme Planning Sub-Committee – James Gordon**

- No Report.
- Committee is on hold.

**e. ESAC Biodiversity Committee – James Gordon**

- BioBlitz happened September 18, 2024.
- Observed and recorded biodiversity on campus using the app iNaturalist.

**f. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Committee on Hold**

- On Hold
- Remove from Agenda.

**MANAGER OF  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PROGRAMS  
REPORT**

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

- Early days to formalize the process to protect 30% of TRU for park/nature space.
- Ties in with the UN Program: 30x30.

- Hiring a consultant to work on our next STARS report.
- Hiring a second consultant for our Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan.
- Gwynne Dyer will speak on February 19, 2025 regarding climate change. Also will be speaking at the Livable Cities, Collaborative Communities Conference.
- 8 resurrected bikes will be available to students. Stay tuned for details.
- Sustainability Office is working on their Vision, Values, Mission.
- Working on SDG action items.
- Sustainability will be getting a temporary, part-time Marketing and Communications Coordinator.
- Sustainability Research Grant will be available again this year. Dropped to \$90,000 from \$100,000.

## ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT

### Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Manager

- Conservation target project.
- Continuous Optimization Projects – Science Building is next.
- Roof Top solar PV system – tender is out for about a month. Closing on October 9. Try to finish before the snow comes.
- BOMA best verification for 7 of our campus buildings.
- Promoting the TRU Energy Management System implementation, please complete and promote.

## CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

No Report

## CORRESPONDENCE

None

## NEXT MEETING

TBD

## ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 11:18 am