



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 7, 2022

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
Present:	James Gordon, (Chair), Tina Matthews (Vice-Chair), Brad Harasymchuk, Christine Adam, Jessica Papineau, Lillian Kwan, Meng Sun, Natalie Yao, Scott Blackford,	
	NO QUORUM MET	
Regrets:	Alana Hoare, Dipesh Prema, Gabriela Rivera, Elder Mike Arnouse, Sarah Martin, Thamindu Widyarante, Warren Asuchak	
Guests:		
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	James Gordon in the Chair. Please note that quorum was NOT met at this meeting. The meeting was called to order at 11:31 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	James did the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	As quorum was not met, the June 7, 2022 Agenda was not adopted.	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	As quorum was not met, the May 17, 2022 Minutes were not adopted.	
PRESENTATIONS	Meet and Congratulate Cole Perison, Patricia Siqueira, Behnaz Bahroudi and Natalie Yao, the 2022 Sustainability Award Winners	

The TRU 5-Year Zero Waste Plan – James Gordon

Defer to September.

**Report of the 1st Year TRU Campus Tree Planting Program
– James Gordon, Manager TRU Sustainability Office**

**BUSINESS ARISING
FROM MINUTES**

a. ESAC Chair and Vice-Chair Elections

b. Bird Strike Film. Report on Progress. - James Gordon

**REPORTS OF
COMMITTEES**

a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller

Taking a break for June. Looking at getting documents together to propose a brand new course – must go through a lot of steps.

b. Awards Sub-Committee – Report by Chris Adam and Brad Harasymchuk

No Report

c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Report by Claire Irvine

McGill Composting Pilot Project – downsized from dumpster to 4-wheel carts – still a lot of contamination. Will be holding a focus group with students including their RAs next week.

Will bring what we learned from McGill over to East Village soon.

MarCOM will pilot a paper towel waste project.

Claire reached out to Master Students and hoping we will have another 4 or 5 students interested in joining the Zero-Waste subcommittee to help with projects.

d. ESAC Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee.

Report by James Gordon, Chair.

Postponed Sustainable Purchasing workshops to the Fall.

Finalizing the TOR.

e. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Report by Alana Hoare

No Report.

f. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by Christine Miller

No Report.

MANAGER OF SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS REPORT

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

No Report.

ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist

All projects are continuing - Hydro Continuous Optimization Program, ISO50001 Process, Hydro application to expand TRU solar panels. Have now done the gap analysis. Can send report if anyone who would like to see it. Hope to start the action plan and implementation shortly.

CAMPUS INFRASTRUCTURE REPORT

Report by Dillon Alexandre

Dillon was absent.

James briefly talked about the Low Carbon District Energy System – campus was partially built on an old landfill. We cannot proceed with new buildings close to Super Store until an Environmental Assessment is completed.

CORRESPONDENCE None

NEXT MEETING ADJOURNMENT TBD in September, 2022
Meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.