



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 4, 2023

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

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
Present (voting):	Brad Harasymchuk (Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk, Dipesh Prema, James Gordon, Jessica Papineau (Delegate for Robyn Hollas), John Church, Kai Bauman, Maria Buff (Delegate for Warren Asuchak), Meng Sun, Scott Blackford, Shelley Church, Tina Matthew, Yash Kaushik	
Present (non-voting):	Alana Hoare, Anna Rogers, Chantal Sullivan, Natalie Yao, Crystal Huscroft	
Guests:	None	
Regrets (voting):	Christine Adam, Elder Mike Arnouse, Lillian Kwan, Sarah Martin, Warren Asuchak, Tarneet Kaur,	
Regrets (non-voting):		
Recording Secretary:	Lora Sartori	
CALL TO ORDER	Brad Harasymchuk in the Chair. The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, started at 12:03 p.m.	
WELCOME & Territorial Acknowledgement	Brad conducted the Territorial Acknowledgement.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	<p>The January 4, 2023 Agenda was adopted with the following two changes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Move Item #10, Campus Infrastructure Report to Item #7 - Change next meeting date from February 4 to February 1, 2023 <p>Agenda passed with the two changes.</p>	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	The November 2, 2022 Minutes were adopted as presented.	

Minutes adopted as presented.

1 abstention – Scott Blackford (not present at meeting).

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **None**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

- a. **Discuss TRU's Participation in SDG Week (March 6 – 10, 2023) – James Gordon**

James met with Kamal Chaudry, Reuben Onyango and Chantal Sullivan regarding IDays. TRU World did not have a theme for IDays. An SDG dinner for March 9, 2023 has been tentatively approved. Working with Aramark to create a dinner with 17 different countries showcasing their food, buffet style, and each table would highlight one of the 17 SDGs. TRU World people are looking for a keynote speaker.

Generate ideas at each table for the SDGs. Basically, a brainstorming session/dinner.

For SDG week, either March 7 or 8, the movie, [Motherload \(2019\) - IMDb](#), about cargo bikes will be shown.

Working with a community member to have a green drink night. Discuss all things green.

Sustainable Slogan Sticker contest. A fun competition to get sustainability stickers created and made at the printshop.

Need to firm up the event plans and then we will ask for Volunteers.

- b. ESAC and Subcommittees, Membership Updates – Brad Harasymchuk and James Gordon**

James and Brad met regarding the formalities of subcommittees and received advice from Scott.

Subcommittees do not have to be as formal as following Roberts Rules. That can be left up to the individual subcommittees.

If the subcommittees need new members, please let ESAC know.

**CAMPUS
INFRASTRUCTURE
REPORT**

The Biodiversity Subcommittee needs a chair. James is willing to co-Chair but does need help. Shelley Church volunteered, therefore James and Shelley will be the co-chairs of the Biodiversity Subcommittee.

Do subcommittees need quorum? Short Answer: No.

Report by Maria Buff, new Director of Capital Projects.

New Build Projects - Current

1. East Village Student Housing, estimate completion September, 2023. 148 new student beds in a modular build. There will be a 40 bike enclosure and 2 EV chargers. This whole site will be fully electric.

City is requiring a multi-use path connecting Dagleish to Summit. More multi-use paths will be developed.

Conversation with the City regarding an overpass. COK has requested a grant from the Federal Government. Have not heard back from the Federal level.

2. Research and Emergency Services Modular Building, estimate completion June, 2023. On site of the new Early Child Education Building.

New Build Projects - Future

- Low Carbon District Energy System (LCDES)
- Indigenous Education Centre
- Gagliardi School of Business
- STEM

Electrification

Upper College Heights, estimate completion 2024

Renovations - Current:

- **Gagliardi School of Business Space in OM, estimate completion mid-January, 2023**

- **FACT office, estimate completion March 31, 2023**
- **Athletic Performance Centre, estimate completion mid-January**
- **Gym Changerooms, estimate completion mid-February**
- **Science Building, estimate completion mid-January**

Committee Comments

Great to have better shower facilities for bike commuters.

Action Item: James and Maria will talk in the future regarding shower facilities.

Anna commented if she could be looped in on future renovations/builds regarding waste stations, both indoor and outdoor.

Crystal Huscroft commented about cycling paths in parallel with pedestrian walking ie: focus group?

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee – Crystal Huscroft

Crystal Huscroft is co-chair with Carolyn Ives.

Current main project is developing a course INDG 2100. Have set learning objectives. Looking to launch it as a special interest course for this summer.

Looking at Certificate in Leadership in Environmental Sustainability. Get points for taking sustainability courses and taking parts in activities on campus. Trying to advertise and raise the visibility of the Certificate.

Chantal Sullivan and Umme Mansoory will be creating video content to advertise the Certificate. Working with MarCom.

Brad H. and Crystal H. will coordinate with the advertising of the Certificate.

Within Crystal's department, they offer a course Sustainability in Action – project course. Half theory and

half project. Special topics geography/environment studies course. This would be a trial course.

How will you choose the projects? Will EASC be able to help with project ideas? Coordinating with the Sustainability Office also.

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

[Awards: Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee: Thompson Rivers University \(tru.ca\)](#)

Cut off date is March 20, 2023. Please help get the word out.

Please reach out to Brad or Chris Adam.

c. ESAC Zero Waste Sub-Committee – Anna Rogers

19 members. Very comprehensive group. Meet once a month. The informal process works well for this subcommittee.

Need to increase education re: how to dispose of all our waste streams. Sustainability Office presented at the International Orientation on January 3, 2023 including how to use zero-waste stations properly. 950 new international students in the January, 2023 intake.

Volunteer Opportunities and Sustainable Committee Opportunities. Contact Anna if you need students on your subcommittees.

Posted the 50/50 Sustainability/Facilities position. Hope to fill the role for February, 2023.

Our intent is to go with Waste Management as our waste consultant. Will be entering into negotiations with them.

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

Promote all the fact sheets that we have on our website.

[Sustainable Purchasing: Sustainable TRU: Thompson Rivers University](#)

TORs are now done and on our website.

Will be doing another sustainable purchasing workshop during PD week.

e. ESAC Core Theme Planning Committee – Alana Hoare

Responsible for Mission fulfillment Reporting. Going into our 6th reporting cycle.

[Core Theme Sustainability, Thompson Rivers University \(tru.ca\)](#)

Embed mission fulfillment in governance structure.

Will see some changes with what this committee is asked to do. Likely next month ESAC will see some recommended revision to ESAC's TOR.

f. ESAC Biodiversity Sub-Committee – Report by James Gordon

No update. Who are members? James, Shelley, Meng.

Subcommittee is looking for members.

Brad will let Catherine know they are looking for members.

**MANAGER OF
SUSTAINABILITY
PROGRAMS
REPORT**

Report by James Gordon, Manager of Sustainability Programs

Received funding from BC Hydro for electric vehicle conversation project. Will convert a gas-powered facilities van to electric.

Solar Table Design Competition 2.0. For students to design a solar table deadline February 21, 2023.

Community Climate Action Plan Art Competition on campus. Hoping to launch this semester. Promote the 8 Big Moves of the City of Kamloops through Art around campus.

Seat Heater Defeater Project. If you currently have a space heater, you can turn it in and we will give you a chair heater.

SDG week is involved in CI CANADA. Teaser Video: [ImpAct-Climate Challenge \(impactclimate.ca\)](https://www.impactclimate.ca) More details next meeting.

Transition Kamloops – more on a personal level – tied into a course what you can do about climate change. James will send out the link.

Go ahead to spend \$25,000 to buy reusable wares for the catering department. No longer will be using single use items.

Bike Storage across from old daycare will be enclosed and locked. Two levels of security. Hopefully ready to go for spring.

TRU will be the official ECO Day Sponsor at the Memorial Cup in Kamloops in May, 2023.

Need to put a plan together for more people to help with the STARS report for three years.

E-bikes parking pass. Can this parking pass be expanded – longer ie: November 1 – April 1. Yes, this can be expanded.

ENERGY PROJECTS REPORT

Report by Natalie Yao, Energy Specialist

All projects still proceeding.

Trying to meet deadlines but asking for more extensions on:

- Fortis Projects including the Science Building Measures.
- ISO50001 EMS Portion – a very complex project. This may take one more year.

NEW BUSINESS:

a. Possible New Subcommittee – Sustainability Policy Subcommittee – Brad Harasymchuk and James Gordon

Policy is important and when we have a good policy it can make significant difference to change our actions.

Make our policies more sustainability focused for example the federal government banning 6 different types of plastics.

Scott: TRU has an environment policy. Given that ESAC is a joint committee with the Board/Senate. It would at least have to be Board Policy.

Should look at the Environment Policy first. Scott would help with a policy subcommittee.

On Motion duly made and adopted, it was RESOLVED that ESAC will create a working group to examine existing sustainability policies on campus.

Shelley Church, Scott Blackford and James Gordon on working group. Brad happy to help out if needed.

CORRESPONDENCE

None

**NEXT MEETING
ADJOURNMENT**

February 1, 2023 at 12:00 p.m.
Meeting adjourned at 1:26 p.m.