



Notes of the ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

June 2, 2021

Due to Covid19, the committee meeting was held virtually using MS Teams
Thompson Rivers University
Kamloops, B.C., commencing at 12:00 PM

HEADING	ITEM / DISCUSSION	ACTION
ATTENDANCE		
Present:	Christine Adam, Christin Chen, Alana Hoare, Robyn Hollas, Pete Hrkac, Carolyn Ives, Tina Matthew, Christine Miller (Chair), Michael Mehta, Jana Noskova, Nicole Schabus, Meng Sun, Thamindu Widyaratne	
Participating by Teleconference:	none	
Absent:	Bala Nikku, Peter Tsigaris, Natalie Yao	
Regrets:	Warren Asuchak, Scott Blackford, Dipesh Prema	
Admin Support:	Rikia Penchuk	
Guests:	Marcia Dick (Waste Naught), Shannon Mazereeuw, Eric Vandermeulen	
Others:	Alana Hoare (Office of Quality Assurance) and James Gordon from Sustainability Office.	
Vacancies:	none	
CALL TO ORDER & WELCOMES	The meeting, being duly constituted for the conduct of business, was called to order at 12:04 pm by the Chair, Christine Miller, who welcomed everyone.	
TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	Christine Miller gave the territorial acknowledgement and then the committee held 215 seconds of silence in memory of the children who died at the Kamloops Residential School.	
ADOPTION OF AGENDA	On MOTION duly made it was RESOLVED to approve the agenda as distributed.	
ADOPTION OF MINUTES	Minutes of April 7, 2021 were accepted. Michael Mehta	

abstained as he was not in attendance for that meeting. The meeting notes of May 5, 2021 were shared but they were not adopted as they are not official meeting minutes.

PRESENTATION

5. Marcia Dick from Waste Naught presented on the TRU Zero Waste Plan. Christine suggested that it would be a good idea to involve other areas at TRU such as the Student Success Committee for input on the work that Marcia is completing. **Action item:** James or Christine to reach out to Sara Wolfe who Chairs the Student Success Committee and see if they would like to be a part of this initiative.

**James,
Christine**

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES

6a. Re Climate Emergency Letter
(<https://www.sdgaccord.org/climateletter>)

- i. Update from Christine/James/Nicole regarding April 29th event Changing the Climate on the Climate Emergency Registration.
<https://kamloopsunited.ca/2021/04/climate-emergency-forum-april-29/>. James and Christine attended and reported that it was quite a large online event with three keynote speakers.
- ii. TABLED. Update from Thamindu regarding reply from TRUSU. This item is TABLED due to numerous attempts to contact TRUSU with no reply. **Action item:** Add this item to the September agenda.

b. Bird Strike film. Update from Warren. What has happened to the Clock Tower? James reported that work on the Clock Tower has been completed. James is looking into an audit of Old Main to see if there is a certain area where birds are striking. Chris Adam mentioned that her office (1637 OM) is a problem area and she will ask around if anyone else has birds hitting their window in that area.

Rikia

c. ESAC discussion regarding possible update to Terms of Reference regarding adding two new members for the purposes of making the ESAC more relevant in the community: An Indigenous Community Member and a

Community Member at Large. Terms of Reference attached for review before meeting. Tina reported that Kamloops Affairs Committee has an Indigenous Community Member who attends each meeting, but perhaps for ESAC, they can be invited to a few meetings each year. Nicole suggested that a Community Member at Large be invited to attend each meeting. There was also discussion regarding social sustainability, and it is an important issue that this committee could perhaps add.

Action item: Carry item forward to September agenda.

Action item: The committee will also need to elect a new Chair and Co-Chair as Christine and Tina's one-year terms will be ending. Please send nominations to James and Christine Miller.

Rikia

REPORT OF COMMITTEES

7a. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum sub-committee report by Christine. Christine reported that the sub-committee is working through learning outcomes and input from different stakeholder groups across TRU's campus and will hopefully have something more concrete by September.

b. Awards Sub-committee report by Michael Mehta, Chair. Michael shared that the sub-committee has no items to report.

c. ESAC Zero Waste sub-committee; report by James, Chair. James reported that the main project is rolling out a reusable cutlery program and Marcia's zero waste plan is a part of this.

d. ESAC Core Theme Planning sub-committee. Report by Alana Hoare, Chair. The Core Theme Workbook for ESAC is due on June 30 and Alana prepared a collaborative session this year. The ESAC group was organized into break-out groups where they collaboratively analyzed the data and commented on strengths, opportunities, aspirations, and results of the indicators. Alana will then synthesize these notes from the break-out groups to draft the Core Theme Workbook.

**DIRECTOR'S
REPORT**

8. Warren Asuchak, Executive Director of Campus Infrastructure and Sustainability
- a. Standing report on note-worthy energy projects and plans. Update on Low Carbon District Energy System (LCDES). James reported that East Village (the mini district energy system) is moving ahead and that involves the electric boilers. James also reported that the campus LCDES is on track to be finished by 2024 and that involves nine main campus buildings.
- b. Motion to rename this section to Manager and Director Update. Is a motion needed? Scott Blackford to confirm. Scott was not in attendance, but Rikia shared an email he sent regarding this section. Scott reported that once the Chairperson approves the draft agenda, then someone can suggest the proposed change to this section. If any committee members have an issue with the change, then they can raise it for discussion at the adoption of the agenda. **Action item:** add this item to September agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

- 9.
- a. Announcement of new sub-committee: Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee – James. James reported that Eric Vandermeulen will create this new sub-committee.
- b. Report on plan for new Canadian Campus Tree Program – James. James reported that there is a working group of faculty and staff and TRU has partnered with Dalhousie University. The workshop is on June 16th from 10:30 am – 1:00 pm. It will focus on planting more trees on campus. **Action item:** James to send link out with more information on this item.

Rikia

James

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

NEXT MEETING

The Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee does not meet during the months of July and August. Next meeting is September 8, 2021 from 12:00 – 1:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT Adjourned at 1:31 pm

Signature of Chairperson, Chair

Signature of Vice-Chairperson, Vice-Chair (if required)