



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, September 25, 2025
9:30 am to 11:00 am

Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee, held via MS Teams and in-person at TRUSU Lecture Hall, at Thompson Rivers University, Kamloops, BC

MINUTES

Present (voting): Shelley Church (Co-Chair), Catherine Tatarniuk (Co-Chair), Amie Schellenberg, Baldev Pooni, Dana Prymak, Hardeep Chahal, James Gordon, John Church, Robyn Hollas, Satwinder Paul

Present (non-voting): Anna Rogers, Natalie Yao

Guests: Alexandra Turnbull, Prism Engineering

Regrets (voting): Carmen Love, Kai Bauman, Niki Remesz, Sarah Martin, Ted Gottfriedson

Regrets (non-voting): None

Recording Secretary: Teams Recorder/Lora Sartori

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The co-chair, Catherine Tatarniuk, called the meeting to order at 9:40 pm.

2. Territorial Acknowledgment

Catherine Tatarniuk delivered the territorial acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda of the ESAC meeting of September 25, 2025.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the agenda be approved as circulated.*

4. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the ESAC meeting of June 25, 2025.

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the ESAC meeting of June 25, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

5. Presentations

a. **TRU's Draft Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan**, James Gordon, TRU Sustainability and Alexandra Turnbull, Prism Engineering

- Alex and James presented the draft Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan.



TRU - CSSP
2026-2030 - Draft Pl:

- They provided a high-level overview of the CSSP engagement to date (survey, town hall, interviews with staff and faculty).
- Discussion:
 - **Context (pp. 7–10):** Are the 'Key drivers of change' the right ones? Is anything missing? What else might strengthen this section?
 - **Structure (pp. 12–13):** Does the overall framework of the plan make sense?
 - **Impact Area Overviews:** Tried to organize actions by impact area, each with a forward-looking overview (toward 2030) and a featured initiative from the past CSSP to highlight progress.
- Invite the ESAC to think of the long-term impact of TRU's sustainability work.
 - *If you came back to TRU in 10 years, what would you hope to notice right away about how the campus feels and operates?*
 - *What would success in sustainability at TRU look like to you?*
- Any Additional Feedback?

Action Item: All comments regarding the CSSP to be sent to James via email by October 10, 2025.

6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

- a. None

7. New Business

- a. None

8. Reports of Committees

- Please join a subcommittee.
- There will be two new subcommittees: Landscape Committee and Energy Committee.

- **Awards Sub-Committee, James Gordon**

- Think about deserving students and staff/faculty for the awards.

- **Zero-Waste Sub-Committee, Anna Rogers (1:05)**

- Working with Waste Management to re-evaluate tipping schedules to look at cost savings.
- Have a work study student helping with decontamination, free box, warehouse and BOMA Best Audits among other projects. Doing waste audits internally is a huge cost savings.
- Four buildings for BOMA Best Waste Audits this year are: OLARA, Clock Tower, Gym and AE.

- **Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee, James Gordon**

- No report.

- **Mission Fulfillment Sub-Committee, Shelley Church**

- Framework being finalized.
- Next ESAC meeting will discuss indicators.

- **Biodiversity Sub-Committee, James Gordon/Shelley Church**

- BioBliz was held on September 18, 2025. Approximately 20 Bingo Cards returned.
- 5th year of the Campus Tree Program was celebrated by planting trees and saskatoon berries.

f. TRU Sustainability Education in the Curriculum Sub-Committee, James Gordon

- Met on September 16, 2025.

9. Manager of Sustainability Programs Reports, James Gordon

- No Report

10. Manager of Energy Projects Reports, Natalie Yao

- Wrapping up the solar project. Shooting to be substantially completed by mid-October, 2025.

11. Campus Infrastructure Report, Carmen Love

- No Report

12. Discussion

- a. Do the Sustainability Pledge before October 15, 2025.
- b. Kudos to James for the Sustainability Pledge Challenge.

13. Correspondence

- a. None

14. Next Meeting

- a. **Thursday, October 30, 2025 at 9:30**
Hybrid meeting via Teams and In-Person in room AB446.

15. Adjournment

- a. **Meeting adjourned at 11:02.**