



THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 24, 2025
9:30am to 11:00pm

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

MINUTES

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

Present (non-voting): None

Guests: Roxane Kolle

Regrets (voting): Baldev Pooni, Carmen Love, Kai Bauman, Niki Remesz,
Poonam Poonam, Sarah Martin, Sesathya Nanayakkara, Ted
Gottfriedson

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

Recording Secretary: Teams Recorder/Lora Sartori

1. Call to Order and Welcome

The co-chair, Shelley Church, called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

2. Territorial Acknowledgment

Shelley Church delivered the territorial acknowledgement.

3. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda of the ESAC meeting of April 24, 2025

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

4. Adoption of Minutes

Minutes of the ESAC meeting of March 27, 2025

*On motion duly made and adopted, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the ESAC meeting of March 27, 2025 be approved as circulated.*

5. Presentations

None

6. Business Arising from Previous Meetings

a. None

7. New Business

a. For approval: ESAC Awards, James Gordon

- The following people have been nominated for the following awards:
 - Dr. Robin Westland
Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award (Staff & Faculty)
 - Poornima Gunasekera
Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award (Student)
 - Poonam Poonam
Environmental Sustainability Achievement Award (Student)
 - Ananya Kamboj
Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award

- Yagnik Chaudhari
TRU Herbinlay Happy Planet Award

*On motion duly made and adopted, it is **RESOLVED** that ESAC approve the nominations for the Environmental Sustainability Achievement Awards, the Tom Owen Environmental Sustainability Award and the Herbinlay Happy Planet Award.*

8. Reports of Committees

a. Awards Sub-Committee, James Gordon

- Brad will be leaving the Awards Committee as the Chair. If you are interested in being the Chair, please let James know.

b. Zero-Waste Sub-Committee, Anna Rogers

- No Report.

c. Sustainable Purchasing Sub-Committee, James Gordon

- Met April 14, 2025.
- Purchasing Policy is being updated.
- Michelle McKinnon will be presenting at the June ESAC meeting.

d. Core Theme Planning Sub-Committee, Catherine Tatarniuk

- Updating as an Institution.
- James, Catherine and Shelley met.
- Collected potential indicators which will be sent to Shannon Smyrl to re-evaluate.
- Will be presented to ESAC in the future.

e. Biodiversity Sub-Committee, James Gordon/Shelley Church

- No Report.

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

- No Report

9. Manager of Sustainability Programs Reports, James Gordon

- Introduction to Roxane Kolle, who will be helping with the STARS Report.
- TRU Earth Day event on April 30, 2025. Will be giving out 200 – 250 house plants from the Horticulture Department.
- Go By Bike Week June 1 – 7, 2025, TRU will be Monday – Friday.
- Lights Out Campaign – geared to students encouraging students to turn off the lights.
- 3rd Annual Bird Field School May 14, 2025.
- 28th Annual Trash Bash May 15, 2025.
- Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan Survey open to April 30, 2025.
- Hired a co-op student through a BC Hydro Grant to help Natalie with energy related issues.
- Suggestion to put anti-idle signs up in parking lots.
- Trades Mechanic, Ryan Munden – offering bike repair workshops. TRUSU initiative.

10. Manager of Energy Projects Reports, Natalie Yao

- No Report.

11. Campus Infrastructure Report, Carmen Love

- No Report

12. Discussion

a. Kudos

- Natalie Yao – all 600 solar panels have now been installed. Monitoring app will have all the information re: GHG emissions.
- Trades received a grant from BC Hydro worth \$500,000 of funding for sustainable construction and training over the next two years.

13. Correspondence

a. None

14. Next Meeting

a. Thursday, May 29, 2025 at 9:30 via Teams

15. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 10:22.**