

UWinnipeg Sustainability Council Meeting Notes

November 16, 2021 11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. |

Meeting called by	Sustainability Office
Focus of meeting	FY2018 Sustainability Report STARS FY2019 Planning
Facilitator	Joseph Wasylycia-Leis
Note taker	Sara Campbell
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Agenda Items

1. Welcome & Introductions | Review Agenda (5 minutes)

Sara Campbell, Joseph Wasylycia-Leis, Kyle Macdonald, Thiago Nunes, Javier Schwersensky, Allan Amundsen, Kim Benolt, Stacey Belding, Marni Yasumatsu, Melissa Dupuis, Lee Anne Block, Brandyn Berg, Jino Distasio, Ben Nobbs-Thiessen, Eric Roddy, Ian Vickers, Julia Peemoeller.

2. Review of FY2020 Annual Sustainability Report (20 minutes)

Joe to review key findings; discussion of feedback on final publication

Ian Mauro: would like to help shape the report more around the COVID-10 pandemic, and also mentioning the opportunity taken for a campus refresh, and reinvesting in infrastructure and sustainability. "This was a huge win over the past year and it's something that should be celebrated, so exciting."

Kim Benoit: It is important to think about how to get staff, faculty, and students to care about sustainability while working from home.

Javier Schwersensky: Mentioned that a sustainability guide for people working off-site and a voluntary pledge to adopt what the guide recommends would further enhance the reach... Mentioned that at the University of Winnipeg Foundation they are on a roughly 30% hybrid work model and how he does not see it changing in the near future.

3. Facilities Update: UW District Energy Plan (15 minutes)

Thiago and Kyle on building and operations performance

Kim Benoit: Mentioned that the district energy plan is a "fantastic vision, strategy, and plan..." and mentioned how innovative it is.

Javier Schwersensky: Mentioned thinking about how this would affect other capital projects like the Library, also mentioned talking with Chris Minaker to make sure there are clear timelines and expectations.

Ian Mauro: Mentioned Vancouver as a case study. Says it has remarkable district energy, remapping, and recovering all the heat from waste and water in neighbourhoods across the city. Mentioned being in initial conversations with the City of Winnipeg around their climate strategy, and how there might be an opportunity to have a bigger conversation about how the UW is leading in this space (i.e. geothermal, and water and heat recovery) within the City and how supporting us actually supports the City itself. Ian also gave the idea of UW potentially hosting a forum around increasing sustainability within the city. Acknowledged that the sustainability leadership at UW is “truly remarkable”.

Kyle Macdonald: Agreed that UW should potentially host a forum with the City of Winnipeg. Mentioned that That just before the pandemic UWinnipeg did host a renewable energy event which was well received: [Report: Re-envisioning an Energy Strategy for Manitoba - Manitoba Environmental Industries Association \(meia.mb.ca\)](#) Kyle also mentioned that UWinnipeg needs to focus on all areas of sustainability, and keep sharing our story, so open to ideas.

4. Waste Bins and Waste Signage (20 minutes)

Joe and Eric to present plan/design proposals for new waste bin signage; CSC to provide feedback for next design phase

Ian Mauro: Mentioned including promotional materials for the UWinnipeg CSO on the newly designed waste bins. Ian mentioned that it seems like a good place to entice the campus community to engage with the CSO and the larger vision and strategy that these bins fit within.

5. Outstanding Business, Action Items (5 min)