



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE  
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Meeting held November 30, 2012**

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**Attendees:**

Peter Lockie, VP Administration (Chair)	Hilary Sandford, Enviro Tech/Geography
Maria Bremner, Office of Enviro. Sustainability	Anny Schaefer, Ed. Research & Planning
Anna Colangeli, Environmental Technology	Ian Tol, Physical Resources
Heather Deane-Clark, Practical Nursing	Jamie VanDenbossche, Applied Research
Claire Horwood, CCSS - Sustainability Director	
Kathryn Le Gros, Ancillary Services	Rosemary Smedley, EA to VP Admin. (Support)

**Regrets:**

Steve Gormican, Environmental Technology	Nannette Plant, Office of VP Strat. Dev.
Nik Hill, Admissions/Registration	Kathy Tarnai-Lokhorst, Mechanical Engineering
Bayley-Anne Marion, Students for Enviro Awareness	Darren Vaux, Pipe Trades
Becky Mason, Economics	Joan Yates, Communications & Advancement
Doug McCurdy, Purchasing	Zack Zajchowski, Counselling & Learning Cntr.

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**1. Welcome to New Council Members**

Peter welcomed Maria Bremner and Claire Horwood to the Council.

**2. Review of March 22, 2012 Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved as distributed.

**3. Role of the Environmental Sustainability Office**

Kathryn Le Gros noted that the Environmental Sustainability office and the Manager position are based on models used at other institutions. The Manager position is half-time; the other half being spent on the college's Transportation and Parking initiative.

The mandate of the office is to promote and support a culture of sustainability at Camosun College that:

- is defined in a college-wide strategy;
- is action-oriented, measurable and achievable;
- engages students, staff and the broader community;
- positions Camosun as a leading Canadian educational institution in sustainability.

Maria's goals for the first year are to create a database of what Camosun is doing, analyse the data to identify the areas of strength as well as the gaps, and, create a one year plan that includes engagement, a communication plan, and identifying an accreditation program that will help Camosun focus on a path and create a longer term

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(three year) plan. Maria is also now responsible for the college's Carbon Neutral Action Reporting.

Maria is the college liaison for the Sierra Youth Coalition (replacing the GoBeyond program), Ready, Set, Solve and other CRD initiatives, and for the Students for Environmental Awareness group.

Camosun has submitted a Ready, Set, Solve proposal to the student groups on Waste Diversion. The task is for the student team to design effective ways to educate, inform and communicate with the Camosun College community (staff and students) to achieve better waste diversion (thereby addressing our two-fold contamination and communication issue). Update: a student team has selected Camosun's proposal and will be moving forward with it. Final presentations are anticipated in April 2013.

Maria will work with and support the Environmental Sustainability Council and its sub-committees.

#### **4. Update Initiatives:**

##### **a) Facilities Services**

Ian Tol reported that BC Hydro-funded Energy Management projects are continuing. There is a project through Teresen Gas which focuses on gas-related savings projects. Recycling stations across campus are being upgraded and include more signage; washroom paper waste is now being recycled. The department's work order system has moved on-line rather than printing paper copies.

##### **b) Ancillary Services**

Kathryn Le Gros reported that a grant has been secured to cover 75% of the cost to install an electric vehicle charging station; it will be installed at Interurban before the end of March 2013. The Alternative Transportation Campaign has continued with communication materials, four outreach events (2 per campus), a car pool incentive program and ongoing engagement efforts. Continued advocacy for better transit service has resulted in some increased service to both campuses this fall.

Aramark has produced its annual report card on sustainability (report will be loaded onto the website.) Some facts from the report include: 25% of produce is Island grown; 75% of produce is BC grown; 61% of poultry is BC grown; there has been a greater diversion of food waste on both campuses; and, all baked goods are locally made.

The Bookstore is selling more and more products with recycled material content.

Child Care Services fully embraces composting and grew and released butterflies and Pacific tree frogs in both centers this spring.

#### **5. Update on Taking Action on Council Goals**

##### **a) Speakers Series:**

Maria is working to revitalize the speakers series and encourages Council members to send her ideas. Anny Schaefer volunteered to work on the sub-committee.

**b) Involving Faculty:**

Becky Mason's Scheduled Development report was circulated to Council. Maria and Kathryn will follow up with Becky and call a meeting of the sub-committee.

**c) Camosun Green Page Renewal:**

Maria has taken a leadership role on this project. She plans to get a better idea of the sustainability plan before proceeding further with the Green Page renewal and hopes to start work on it in January-February 2013.

**d) Identification of Sustainability Activities at Camosun/Survey**

Creating a database of current sustainability activities is one of Maria's first year goals and will develop a common understanding of where we are, what are we missing, what have we done well at and why. It will help Camosun establish a baseline and preliminary set of indicators for where we could be going. Nilla Amusala, a Co-op student, is currently undertaking a survey of the college community.

**e) Becoming A Designated Fair Trade Campus**

Kathryn reported that the sub-committee met in April and determined that the Fair Trade Campus designation was somewhat limiting (coffee, tea and chocolate bars.) Instead, LEAF certification is being explored - it being a more complete certification of whole food service operation and ties into the STARS Aashe accreditation. Some benefits to pursuing this certification would be that more of the sustainable activities of food services at Camosun would be credited. Feedback from other LEAF certified college/university food service operations is currently being sought.

**6. Update on CCSS Initiatives**

Claire Horwood reported on a wide variety of initiatives including membership in the Sierra Youth Coalition, and a farm box program which has been very successful: currently has 30 students at Interurban, a grant application has been made to bring it to Lansdowne. Claire wants to improve access to sustainability education, promote student involvement in conferences, improve access to green space, be involved in the annual "Ready, Set, Solve" program, continue to find ways to reduce waste, and work with Maria on green transit initiatives.