



**THOMPSON RIVERS UNIVERSITY**

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The Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
U.S.A.

Attention: STARS Steering Committee: Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System

Dear STARS Steering Committee,

RE: Thompson Rivers University STARS 2022 Submission

On behalf of Thompson Rivers University (TRU) I am pleased to submit our 2022 Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) report.

TRU has long considered sustainability an important element in our guiding principles. In 2007 we prioritized sustainability as a founding value and key priority in the institution's first Strategic Plan. In 2013, 'Increasing Sustainability' was identified as one of five institutional Strategic Priorities over the next five years. Now 'Sustainability' is imbedded in our Vision Statement as one of our four core values. TRU's last two 5-year Campus Strategic Sustainability Plans (CSSP) were developed using the STARS report as a framework and provide a focus for TRU's efforts toward sustainability over the same period. The latest CSSP (2020-2025) is comprehensive in nature and includes more than 130 recommended strategies across four key areas: Operations & Planning, Advocacy & Engagement, Learning, and Administration.

The STARS report has become a key part of our measuring and planning process and helps ensure that TRU improves on an already solid track record of embedding sustainability throughout every level of the institution. This 2022 report indicates progress in many key areas, reaffirming the entire campus community is fully engaged, and committed towards positive change.

We appreciate the leadership provided by AASHE and the opportunity to participate. This is TRU's fourth STARS report and I affirm the submission and data within, collected, analyzed and verified by the TRU Sustainability Office, to be accurate.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Brett Fairbairn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

BRETT FAIRBAIRN  
President and Vice-Chancellor