

December 22, 2014

RE: Dalhousie University 2014 STARS Submission

To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to authorize the 2014 STARS Submission for Dalhousie University. In line with our Sustainability Statement we continue to strive for continual improvement. Progress has been made since our 2011 STARS submission in some key areas. This is reflective in our STARS rating moving from Silver to Gold for this submission.

A number of campus-wide energy and water projects have been implemented from recirculating research process water to upgrading commercial kitchens. A variety of plans have been passed including a Transportation Demand Management Plan and a Natural Environment Plan. University researchers are involved in cutting-edge research on renewable energy supply, storage and materials. New curriculum and learning initiatives are being developed and recognized including the Student and Employee Sustainability Leadership Certificates. Student groups are actively engaged in campaigns and programming on campus.

Our community is active in debating and understanding sustainability issues. Moving forward we will continue to dialogue, research, and take action. STARS is a transparent program that helps to celebrate success and focus attention on future opportunities. We look forward to sharing our submission rating and findings with our community.

Sincerely,



Richard Florizone
President and Vice-Chancellor