

August 10, 2011

Re: Dalhousie University STARS Submission Process

To Whom it May Concern:

Dalhousie University has a strong commitment to sustainability. This is reflected in curriculum, operations, and student life. The University, through the President's Advisory Council on Sustainability, discusses and supports campus-wide action. Dalhousie has over 100 faculty teaching and carrying out research into environmental change and sustainability issues. One example is the Dalhousie College of Sustainability, launched in 2008. This unique college with its successful interdisciplinary program is growing each year, providing a remarkable venue for innovative environmental understanding and the promotion of sustainability. Similarly, the University's Office of Sustainability is working on innovative policy reform and education initiatives such as the implementation of a recent green building policy and major retrofit projects with Facilities Management. The Student Sustainability Office plays an ongoing role in organizing annual events such as Green Week.

On behalf of Dalhousie University, I am pleased to authorize our first submission to the AASHE Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System (STARS). Working through the STARS process has been an informative and rewarding activity. By capturing and reporting on credit information we can highlight success and focus on further actions.

Our direction forward is clear. The recent release of the campus master plan, sustainability and climate plans, and our STARS assessment has identified concrete strategies. I have confidence in the continued involvement of our faculty, staff, and students in making Dalhousie University a leader in sustainable processes, ensuring a better future for us all.

Sincerely,



Tom Traves
President and Vice-Chancellor