



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AND CEO

March 23, 2012

Dear Madam or Sir:

Re: NAIT STARS report submission

The NAIT STARS report is accurate to the best of our knowledge and abilities. It is worthwhile to note that, while there is an institutional commitment to the process, the report was prepared by a team of Bachelor of Technology students as their capstone project. We are grateful for their efforts – and are very proud that they have made, on NAIT's behalf, the first submission of this kind by a polytechnical institute in Canada. It is our pleasure to be a part of the STARS self-assessment and rating program.

During the last several months, NAIT has been engaged with an institute-wide visioning project. Staff members and students have contributed opinions and insights on our overall direction through surveys, town hall meetings and many other engagement events. In fact, in January 2012 alone, we involved more than 2,500 participants in this process. The information we have gathered has proven invaluable in defining our culture and the nature of our commitment to Alberta as a polytechnic institute – as well as how that will look in the future.

With our first STARS report recently completed, we believe we have added one more important element to our visioning process.

NAIT is committed to all aspects of sustainability, including fiscal, social and environmental. We are responsible managers of our finances. We play an active role in our community, hosting external events and sharing our resources and expertise as opportunities arise. And, in 2008, we made strides toward greater ecological performance, with the approval of our Sustainability Policy, which guides NAIT toward not just meeting governmental regulation, but toward best environmental practices in general.

In short, the fundamentals for greater sustainability are in place. This STARS report will provide a baseline from which we can build, and that we can use to enhance a program of continuous and measurable improvement. We look forward to this, and see it as essential to the growth and expansion of NAIT in years to come.

We anticipate ongoing use of the STARS report to measure our progress in the future, and to pursuing our goal of improved sustainability at NAIT.

Sincerely,

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President and CEO