

December 1, 2022

Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut Street
Suite 102
Philadelphia, PA 19103
Re: Durham College STARS Report Submission

To the representatives of AASHE:

At Durham College, sustainability guides our decisions and practices in fostering the continued success and well-being of our students, staff, faculty, business and stakeholders - both locally and globally. We believe in a shared responsibility for social, environmental and economic stewardship, and strive towards the enhancement of awareness in education throughout the college and greater community.

Durham College is proud to submit our 2.2 Aashe Stars submission for 2023. Since 2017 we have been a proud participant in the Aashe stars program. In that time we have introduced many ESG based innovations and practices as we continue our journey to foster continued success for our students, staff, faculty business, stakeholders, and community, world-wide. I am confirming that this is a new submission in which we have expanded on several sections that we have not pursued in previous submissions.

As of 2023, we continue to expand on our variety of new programs and initiatives that make up not only our sustainability strategy, but our ongoing commitment to an institutional pursuit in various areas of ESG. We are proud to have been recognized in 2022 by Canada's Top 100 Employers, Top 100 Greenest Employers, and as one of Canada's Top 50 Research Colleges. As part of our ongoing commitment to environmental, social, and economic sustainability and humane responsible governance, I signed the SDG Accord as part of our ongoing mandate to enhance campus operations, governance, planning, administration, curriculum, research, innovation, stakeholder engagement in using sustainable practices and best practices, and constantly striving to be in alignment with UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

With support from the college governors, leadership team, faculty, staff, and students, we have been able to complete this report and demonstrate our growth in sustainability initiatives. Given our long-standing tradition of continuously working with community and business partners to improve our curriculum and services, sustainability continues to be a natural extension of that journey.

On behalf of Durham College, I am pleased to authorize our third submission to the ASSHE Sustainability Tracking Assessment and Rating System. Gathering this invaluable data will enable us to track our future sustainable initiatives by allowing meaningful comparisons with baseline data. The STARS data has allowed us to acknowledge the outstanding contributions of our campus sustainability practices, from our dining services, to academia, housekeeping, grounds, sustainable co-ordination and public engagement. Our STARS report will have positive and profound effects on our campus by helping to improve our greenhouse gas emissions, green procurement policies and continuing to motivate faculty, staff and students on our sustainable journey.

Sincerely,



Don Lovisa