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RE: AASHE STARS Letter of Affirmation

To whom it may concern:

This letter serves as affirmation that Nova Scotia Community College meets the criteria for an Innovation Credit for the AASHE STARS report. The Pilikan House is a "living lab" and demonstration site where the next generation of construction professionals can learn how to include sustainability in their developments. I have been involved in this project since its design phase in 2010.

Opening on September 18, 2012, the public was invited to attend the official opening. Pilikan House was built as a life-sized learning tool equipped with the latest in energy-efficient technologies and designed to help NSCC students learn how their work can improve the world around them.

The building, which is R-2000 Certified, is designed to be affordable and practical due to its many sustainable living elements. It has more than 30 monitoring and control points used to track energy consumption. Its Energuide rating is 91 out of a possible 100.

Denim Homes of Kentville, known for its construction of energy efficient homes, served as general contractor. Every effort was made to ensure the majority of materials and equipment used in construction is a Nova Scotia flavor, including windows manufactured in Nova Scotia and a locally-built heat recovery ventilator, as well as the home's staging.

Nova Scotia Community College is committed to promoting leadership, awareness, and understanding of sustainable practices in order to reduce its environmental impact.

Sincerely,



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