



Association for the Advancement of
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: University of Victoria 2023 STARS Report Submission

I am pleased to submit the University of Victoria's (UVic's) fourth STARS report. As one of Canada's top universities in climate action and sustainability, we've adopted a progressive approach to climate change, integrating sustainability within our operational and institutional plans, academic disciplines, research, and our everyday lives. A focus on sustainability and climate action are found at the centre of our new strategic plan, in our innovative Climate and Sustainability Action Plan 2030 and form the foundation of our Campus Plan.

UVic has received a Gold rating from our previous three STARS submissions and I am confident that the attached report will support the continued recognition of our ongoing work. Our participation in STARS has assisted in our target-setting, monitoring and planning, and motivates activity at all levels of the institution.

The Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings has recognized UVic for our action toward the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). UVic is ranked 12th overall globally, third in the world for Climate Action and fourth for work with Sustainable Cities and Communities in 2023. UVic is now also home to North America's only West Coast UN training centre. CIFAL Victoria and UVic will deliver training activities and research for students, staff, faculty and the community that builds on UVic's deep commitments to the UN SDGs and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

The attached report has been prepared by our Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability and represents the progress we have made over the last three years.

Sincerely,

Kevin Hall, PhD
President and Vice-Chancellor
University of Victoria