



26 January 2017

Association for the Advancement of  
Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE)  
2401 Walnut Street, Suite 102  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
USA

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: University of Victoria 2017 STARS Report Submission

As a centre for learning and innovation that supports knowledge creation and transfer, and with sustainability integrated into all of our academic disciplines, the University of Victoria is uniquely positioned to be a leader in sustainability.

UVic's Sustainability Policy, approved by the Board of Governors in 2009 and updated in January 2017, guides all of our sustainability efforts. The policy, along with our 2014 – 2019 Sustainability Action Plan, formalizes our commitment to sustainability by stewarding the university's physical and financial resources in a responsible and sustainable fashion, and by integrating sustainability into our teaching, research, community partnerships and campus operations.

Sustainability is also reflected in our Campus Plan that was updated in 2016. The Campus Plan supports our academic mission and provides the framework to ensure that future changes on campus are sustainable, support and inspire excellence in education and research, and further build our extraordinary academic environment.

This second STARS report supports a continued STARS gold rating from our 2014 submission. The report was compiled by the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability as part of a campus wide effort to assess and report on the university's sustainability achievements. The information in the report was systematically gathered from all of the various university departments that participate in, teach and conduct research on sustainability. It is current and factual and reflects the progress achieved on a wide range of campus sustainability initiatives over the last three years related to teaching, research, engagement, operations and planning and administration.

The STARS gold rating highlights the achievements of our campus community and our overall successes in advancing sustainability at all levels of the institution. Our participation in STARS has also assisted in our target setting, monitoring and in our ongoing planning for advancing sustainability at the University of Victoria.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jamie Cassels".

Professor Jamie Cassels, QC  
President and Vice-Chancellor

