



January 18th, 2019

STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
2401 Walnut St #102
Philadelphia, PA, 19103, USA

Dear Steering Committee Members,

I am pleased to present Mohawk College's second Sustainability Tracking, Assessment and Rating Systems (STARS) submission to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE). We believe that this submission is a reflection of the dedication and commitment to sustainability made by our Senior Leadership Team, Executive Group and Sustainability Team.

Over the past three years, Mohawk College has shown significant progress on sustainability in the community and on campus. This past year, Mohawk opened The Joyce Centre for Partnership and Innovation; Canada's largest, and the regions, first net zero institutional building. The Joyce Centre is a showcase to teach students, faculty, staff and community partners about sustainability and represents a new era of leadership in sustainability for Mohawk College.

Mohawk also announced the opening of the Centre for Climate Change Management (CCCM) in late 2017. The CCCM is the first of its kind in Ontario. It brings together industry, community and municipal partners to accelerate the regions transition into a low-carbon economy and engages Ontario colleges in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions.

The STARS report has helped highlight the excellent things Mohawk is doing around sustainability. Communication and reporting is a main pillar of Mohawk's Environmental Plan 2.0 and this report has helped us track and monitor sustainability progress since 2016. This submission has also allowed us to identify areas where we can improve.

I support the information presented in Mohawk's STARS report. Our team has been working hard the past three years to not only enhance the student experience but position Mohawk as a provincial leader in sustainability. I am proud to have met the criteria for a Gold level rating and look forward to continue to improve sustainability at Mohawk College and responding the needs of our students, employees and community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Colyn".

Henry Colyn
Chief Building and Facilities Officer, Facility Services at Mohawk College