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Letter of Affirmation for the Sustainability Tracking and Rating System

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The Centre for Place and Sustainability Studies incubates and supports diverse place and sustainability related research, education, and action initiatives within the Lakehead University community, in the region, and internationally in order to create more socially and ecologically just environments. The Centre is innovative in that it acts as a convener for diverse groups to come together within the university (faculty, staff and students from different departments). It also works to break down barriers between the university and the local community by actively supporting relationship building with local community based organization for the purpose of two-way knowledge exchange.

The Centre's focus on place is also innovative. Our conception of sustainability studies is informed by what we view as a parallel literature of place studies. The concept of place helps us keep the focus not just on sustainability and its features, but on the ways that sustainability matters to people based on the places they come from, resist, and inhabit.

Whether within the university community or in the larger community in which the university is nested, the Centre is committed to learning how sustainability matters to people and the places in which they live and work.

I am pleased to confirm that the information in this submission is correct.

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