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## University of Winnipeg 2015 STARS Submission

On behalf of the University of Winnipeg faculty, staff and students, I am pleased to submit our first STARS report.

Since launching our formal sustainability initiative in 2005, the University of Winnipeg has made continual progress in establishing and reaching sustainability goals. Most notably, in 2013 we celebrated the fact that we had achieved (and exceeded) our goal of reducing our greenhouse gas emissions by 6% from 1990 levels despite a very significant campus expansion. The University remains committed to setting and meeting absolute emission reduction targets, rather than emphasizing intensity-based targets. We are currently on track to meeting our target of reducing GHGs by 10% from 1990 levels in 2016. This and our other accomplishments can be credited to the campus-wide, multi-stakeholder team that implemented the *UWinnipeg Sustainability Strategy* (2012-2016).

We understand that sustainability is an ongoing process. The information provided in this report represents how far we have come, and will inform future sustainability plans. UWinnipeg remains committed to campus sustainability and recognizes the important role that university teaching, research operations, planning, governance, and engagement play in advancing sustainability more broadly in our local and global communities.

Sincerely,

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President & Vice-Chancellor