

November 14, 2023

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

**Re: University of Ontario Institute of Technology - Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System (STARS) Report Submission**

To the STARS Steering Committee:

On behalf of Ontario Tech University, I am pleased to submit our third STARS report, which showcases the marked improvement in our campus sustainability efforts.

At Ontario Tech, we're driven to make a difference for the planet and our reach is global. We're focused on contributing to Canada's transition to net-zero emissions through our Brilliant Energy Institute and we collaborate with industry on initiatives like Project Arrow as the lead build partner in developing Canada's first zero-emissions electric concept vehicle.

We've been cutting-edge from the very beginning. We built one of Canada's largest geothermal well fields underneath Polonsky Commons, regulating the temperature of many of our north Oshawa campus buildings, and setting a new standard of environmental awareness that continues to this day. We have expanded our renewable energy generation on campus and implemented numerous energy conservation measures to improve building performance (through design and operations) some of which included the installation of a five-storey solar retrofit 'façade' on the south exterior wall of ACE (Ontario Tech's Automotive Centre of Excellence). The sleek and distinctive 500 square metre (5,400 square foot) solar photovoltaic installation on the backside of ACE comprises 224 individual panels rated at 425 watts each. The system will produce 112,000 kilowatts of electricity annually for the Ontario Tech campus, enough energy to power 10 homes for an entire year.

We will continue to work to have sustainability integrated as a core value in all aspects of the university and we continue to be leaders in this area. We will embrace emerging technologies that promote sustainability success and increase performance in capital renovation and expansion.

I hereby certify that all of the information submitted in the STARS online reporting tool is true and accurate to the best of our abilities.

Sincerely,



Dr. Steven Murphy  
President and Vice-Chancellor