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STARS Steering Committee
Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education
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Dear Committee Members,

On behalf of the entire Université de Montréal community, I am very pleased and proud to submit our third STARS certification report to the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education.

Université de Montréal is one of the largest research universities in Canada and one of the leading academic institutions in the Francophonie. We hope that this new certification process will highlight the commitment to sustainable development we've shown over the last three years.

Our efforts have focused not only on the heart of our mission, education research and creation, but also on the activities we've undertaken to support that mission, such as engaging our community, making sure our new buildings meet environmental standards, and making mobility sustainable in an urban context.

Facing the climate emergency, we have joined other Quebec universities in an international movement and signed a commitment to become carbon-neutral by 2040. At the local level, we are already committed in the preservation of the unique and historic character of Mount Royal, the city's main landmark, where our main campus is located.

In the spring of 2022, we tabled our first Sustainable Development Action Plan (SDAP 2021-2023) and already, many advances have been made:

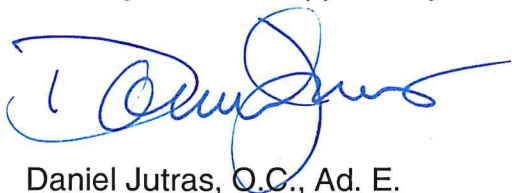
- Local-Local, our in-house food service, has almost reached its goal of having 65 per cent of the menu originate in Quebec.
- Our property management department has hired a waste-management project manager.

- An eco-responsible-travel guide is being published for members of the university community.
- Our new science building, the *Complexe des sciences*, obtained its LEED Gold certification (the MIL Campus where it's situated is a showcase for sustainable development in Montreal).
- In the academic field, our *Construire l'avenir durablement* (Building a Sustainable Future) team is working to create a culture of eco-friendly research.

Still to come, we will be integrating the concept of sustainable development into the training we offer at the university, and will leverage our strengths in human, animal and ecosystem health to make a global impact in applied and basic research into the climate transition.

STARS certification is an important lever for us to mobilize our community toward a more sustainable future and to disseminate knowledge and science in our community and globally.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our report.



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