

Sustainability Committee

MINUTES

March 27, 2018 - Room S220 – 3:30 p.m.

Present: Greg McCallum (Chair), Brian Millis, Allan Knibbs, Sheena Svitich, Seamus Damstrom, Colleen Bailey, Cori Trinder, Darrell Bethune

Regrets: Susan Fleming, Carmen Vadillo, Cori Andrichuk

1. Call to order

2. Wildsight Caribou Movie – March 28

This free event will be held tomorrow at 4 p.m. in the Lecture Theatre. Seamus will put out a reminder on the portal.

3. Wildsight Grizzly Movie – April 4

This event is by donation and is scheduled for 7 p.m. on the 4th. This is more “Wildsight’s” event (the caribou movie is the College’s). This will also be advertised via posters and the portal.

3. Campus Cleanup

An appropriate time to hold this event was discussed. It was decided that because next week is “compost” week, Carmen and Seamus will have a table in the hall set up on Tuesday and Thursday, April 3 and 5, for a couple of hours each day to provide composting information and tips. A lot of the information will be from Wildsight. Colleen will also bring in some composted soil from Cominco Gardens for display. The week after that is when we will do the campus cleanup.

4. Earth day – April 22

Because exams start on the 23rd, we should do something the week before. The global theme for Earth day this year is plastic reduction. We hope to eventually get rid of bottled water sales at the College. Allan reported that five more water filter stations are coming. Brian will tweet out something about this happening. Allan also reported that the new building didn’t go for LEED certification but it does meet standards, except for the fact there are not two bus routes going to it. Darrell asked that this information go into the Earth Day materials/information as well that is being put out. It was also mentioned that one of the presentations at PD days (Pecha Kucha) involves sustainability projects at the College. A table with Earth Day information will be left out for two weeks as Brian can monitor it if it’s right outside the gym.

5. CBT Climate Action Ridesharing Meeting – May 4

If anyone is interested in this, they must register by April 15. Lunch is supplied. Greg is going and he will put information on the portal.

6. CBT Community-Based Social Marketing

This training is all about working to change people's attitude towards organic waste collecting. It has been promoted to the RDEK, the municipalities, and also to the College. Strategies for communicating and getting buy-in will be presented. Greg is going and it was suggested that someone from Marketing attend as well.

7. Organic Waste Collecting Plan

Seamus reported on what some of the other colleges and universities are doing for composting. Allan reported that the College has been looking at a few different units for in-vessel composting but hasn't purchased anything yet. The cafeteria and the cook training program will enthusiastically feed the composter. The composter we get will be for food, not lawn waste or paper. Most of the soil produced can be used at the College. The unit will be located inside the steel doors that lead to the cafeteria. Allan likes the unit they have at TRU.

9. Adjournment – 4:30