

# *Strategic Energy Management Plan 2022*



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Thompson Rivers University adopted its Vision Statement, consisting of Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic Change Goals, in the spring of 2020. The statement sets out the university's guiding map for the next decade.

One of the Values of the Vision Statement is being a world leader in sustainability:

The natural world inspires us with wonder and reverence. We recognize how the health of our societies, cultures and ecosystems rests upon wellness of people, biodiversity, and wise stewardship of precious and finite resources. As a world leader in sustainability we know that the well-being of generations to come is shaped by what we do today.

The 2014 Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan defined a target of 33% reduction in energy consumption by 2022 over a 2010 baseline. TRU is currently ahead of this target, having achieved a 45% reduction since 2010 to date. This has enabled TRU to reduce emissions more than any other British Columbia institution over the past 4 years on a percentage basis. This has been accomplished from implementation of a range of measures including the following:

- All buildings at TRU are enrolled in the BC Hydro Continuous Optimization Program, a multi-year program that utilizes energy management software to track energy efficiency. More than 90% of building space on campus is tracked through an online dashboard
- Over the past several years, more than 18 retrofits have been completed on campus buildings to achieve energy conservation objectives
- A retrofit of all campus lights (>20,000) to LED fixtures was completed
- On-site solar energy generation capacity was installed at the Campus Activity Centre in 2014
- An electric boiler plant was installed at the new Industrial Training and Technology Centre that is connected to the existing Trades and Technology building, achieving a 10% reduction in overall campus emissions

Thompson Rivers University has set an ambitious climate target of being carbon neutral and net zero campus by 2030. Our 2021 Strategic Energy Management Plan provides our updated road map for current and future years to ensure we meet our goals and targets for reduced energy consumption and GHG emissions.

# Section 1

# Institution/Facility



# Section 1: Institute Profile

**Institute Name:** Thompson Rivers University

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## 1.2 Institute Survey

Date Institute Formed:	1970	Institute Fiscal Year Dates:	Apr. 1 – Mar. 31
Total Area (m <sup>2</sup> ):	120,174.17	% Total Area heated:	98%
Number of Campuses:	2	Number of Buildings:	35
Name of Campuses:	Kamloops:	Number of Buildings <10 years old:	4
(#of Buildings):	Williams	Number of Buildings 10-25 years old:	7
Lake:	1	Number of Buildings 25-40 years old:	6
Number of Employees:	2,711	Number of Buildings over 40 years old:	18
Number of Students on campus:	12,474		
Number of Full Time Students:	9,617		
Number of Part Time Students:	19,723		
Full Time Equivalents (FTE):	11,396		

## 1.2.1 Facility Profile

Primary Facility Profile							
Building Code	Building Name	Year Built	Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	Additions (size/year)	Combined BEPI (ekWh/m <sup>2</sup> )		
					2015	2016	2020
AE	Arts and Education	1991	5,661.62		279.35	266.37	n/a
AHT	Animal Health Technology	2002	1,180.66		686.11	569.35	n/a
CAC	Campus Activity Centre	1992	6,413.48	500/2012	261.09	287.53	n/a
CT	Clock Tower	1990	2,976.30		186.03	168.56	n/a
G	Gymnasium	1980	3,703.59		123.05	110.57	n/a
IB	International Building	2005	4,586.69		222.26	145.59	n/a
HOL	House of Learning	2011	6,552.7		140.75	246.82	n/a
LIB	Library	1975	3,350.64		123.79	226.64	n/a
OM	Old Main	1970	19,814.14	4500/2013	191.75	221.75	n/a
S	Science	1980	10,831.14		185.83	205.13	n/a
TT	Trades and Technology	1997	10,326.46		247.66	346.21	n/a
ITTC	Industrial Training and Technology Centre	2018	5344		n/a	n/a	n/a
NPH	Nursing and population Health	2020	4130.99		n/a	n/a	n/a
WL*	Williams Lake Campus	1973	7,435		97.43	95.19	n/a
<b>TOTAL AREA- average BEPI</b>			<b>107,893.4</b>	<b>5000</b>	<b>225.4</b>	<b>235.27</b>	<b>-</b>

Table 1 Summary of Primary Facilities



Secondary Facility Profile					
Building Code	Building Name	Year Built	Size (m <sup>2</sup> )	BEPI (ekWh/m <sup>2</sup> )	
				2015	2016
<b>BCCOL</b>	BC Centre for Online Learning	2007	4,334.81	288.11	275.06
<b>CATC</b>	Culinary Arts	1970	1,858.87	726.66	681.63
<b>CS</b>	Chemical Storage	1970	34.80		
<b>DAY*</b>	Daycare	1993	441.90	239.7	238.32
<b>ED</b>	Electrical Distribution Shed	1970	147.50	75.16	67.86
<b>FAA***</b>	Faculty Annex A	1971	***571.33	n/a	n/a
<b>FB</b>	Facilities Annex	1973	92.02	n/a	507.75
<b>FSS*</b>	Human Resources	1970	543.56	89.72	n/a
<b>H01</b>	House 1- Faculty Association	1945	128.90	n/a	n/a
<b>H04</b>	House4- Sustainability Office	1945	134.20	n/a	n/a
<b>H05*</b>	House 5- Aboriginal Cultural Centre	1945	138.50	26.95	25.13
<b>H06*</b>	House 6- Research Centre	1945	161.00	n/a	165.55
<b>H07*</b>	House 7- Research Centre	1945	175.50		
<b>H08*</b>	House 8- Radio Station	1945	130.80	n/a	n/a
<b>H09*</b>	House 9- Foundation/ Alumni	1945	267.18	n/a	173.14
<b>H10*</b>	House 10- Horticulture	1945	346.39	n/a	
<b>HS*</b>	Horticulture	1985	326.90	344.58	n/a
<b>MDC</b>	Materials Distribution Centre	2006	1,689.94	438.62	672.46
<b>TTO</b>	Trades Storage (no heating)	1997	1,184.00	n/a	n/a
<b>CED</b>	Continuous education building	1994	406	n/a	n/a
<b>WS</b>	Weather Station	2005	144.00	n/a	n/a
<b>BEPI</b>	Average- secondary buildings (kWh/m <sup>2</sup> )		**	278.69	311.88
<b>TOTAL AREA</b>			<b>12,686.77</b>		

Table 2 Summary of Secondary Facilities

## 1.3 Background Description

### 1.3.1 General

TRU has two main campuses. The primary campus is located at 805 TRU Way, Kamloops. The secondary campus is located at 1250 Western Avenue, Williams Lake. There are also several minor regional campuses in Clearwater, Barrier, Lillooet, and Ashcroft.

### 1.3.2 Facility Components

#### **Lighting and Electrical Systems:**

All interior lighting is being upgraded to LED luminaires. Traditionally, buildings have utilized 32 W T8 lamps, though these are now being replaced by 12 W TLED lamps. These lamps are run primarily by standard efficiency instant start electronic ballasts. The majority of interior lighting is also controlled by timers and sensors.

Exterior lighting has just been upgraded to LED lighting. Exterior lighting is largely controlled by photocells and operates an average of twelve hours per day throughout the year. HIDs are also used in high ceiling areas such as the Library atrium, Trades building workshops and the Gymnasium, but these are mostly Metal Halide lamps.

Across campus, exit signs are utilizing LED lamps.

Several C.Op round 2 projects are done and some are ongoing. BCCOL is the one that was done recently, TRU expects around 200,000kWh savings from it.

#### **HVAC Systems:**

Each building has an independent heating system that uses a combination of natural gas and electricity. Current heating equipment varies in efficiency and age throughout the campus, with all aged equipment being replaced by high efficiency models or on the upgrading list. Cooling is supplied by electric powered chillers and air conditioners (smaller buildings). A complete list of HVAC equipment is available in a central database. TRU is committed to become carbon neutral by 2030, in turn, both new buildings (ITTC and NPH) are heated by electric boilers.

TRU is working on several DDC optimization projects at some buildings, the latest one was done at A &E, CAC, CT, OM and HR. 1977GJ will be expected to be saved each year.

**ISO 50001 (Energy Management System) project:**

Funded by NRCan, TRU is trying to achieve ISO50001 compliance in the next a couple of years. Gap Analysis was done, currently drafting up an implementation plan and working through it.

### 1.3.3 Energy/Utility Supply

**Kamloops Campus**

- Electricity for the Kamloops Campus is supplied by BC Hydro at rate 1611 (LGS conservation Rate).
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Utility	Vendor	Rate	In effect	Marginal Electricity (\$/kWh)	Marginal Demand (\$/kW)
Electricity	BC Hydro	1611	now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic charge: \$0.2672 per day</li> <li>• Energy charge: \$0.0606 per kWh</li> <li>• Power Factor surcharge: Applicable if power factor is below 90%.</li> </ul>	\$12.34 per kW
Electricity	BC Hydro	1611	now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic charge: \$0.2672 per day</li> <li>• Energy charge: \$0.0606 per kWh</li> <li>• Minimum Charge: Equal to 50% of the highest Demand Charge during the previous November 1 to March 31 period. The Basic Charge, Energy Charge, and Demand Charge are replaced by the Minimum Charge if their sum is less than this amount.</li> <li>• Power Factor surcharge: Applicable if power factor is below 90%.</li> </ul>	\$12.34 per kW
Electricity	BC Hydro	1611	April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Part 1</li> <li>• \$0.1114 per kWh for first 14,800 kWh of your baseline<sup>1</sup>.</li> <li>• \$0.0536 per kWh for remaining kWh up to baseline</li> <li>• Part 22</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0 per kW for first 35 kW.</li> <li>• \$5.72 per kW for next 115 kW.</li> <li>• \$10.97 per kW for remaining kW.</li> </ul>

<sup>1</sup> Every year, a new baseline is calculated for each month by BC Hydro to reflect changes in energy usage. The customer's baseline is a rolling three-year average of said customer's historic usage each month.

<sup>2</sup> In Part 2, the customer receives a credit for using less electricity than their baseline, or a charge for using more.

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.1009 per kWh for usage up to 20% above baseline.</li> <li>• \$0.1009 per kWh for savings down to 20% below baseline (credit).</li> <li>• Usage or savings beyond 20% of baseline are based on Part 1 prices.</li> </ul>	
Electricity	BC Hydro	1211	April 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.1010/kWh for first 14,800kWh</li> <li>• \$0.0486/kWh for remaining kWh up to baseline</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$0.00 /kW for first 35kW</li> <li>• \$5.19 /kW for next 115kW</li> <li>• \$9.95/kW for remaining kW</li> </ul>
Electricity	BC Hydro	1211	January 2011	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conservation Rate \$0.068</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• \$8.66</li> </ul>

**Table 3 Electricity Rates (Not Including Taxes)**

- Natural gas is transported by Fortis BC at rate 25.

Utility	Source	Rate	In effect	(\$/GJ)
Natural Gas	Fortis BC(transporter)	25	Now	Fixed charges: A daily basic charge and administration charge/month:\$469.40 &\$39 Variable charges: Transportation charge
	Sell (supplier)	n/a	now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commodity charge: based on floating NG market price and supplier charge</li> <li>• Transport recover fee<sup>3</sup></li> <li>• Fuel recover fee<sup>4</sup></li> </ul> Customer management fee: \$0.01/GJ
Natural Gas	Fortis BC(transporter)	25	July 1, 2019	Fixed charges: A daily basic charge and administration charge/month:\$469 &\$39 A demand volume charge:407GJ@23.358/GJ Variable charges: Transportation charge
	Shell (supplier)	n/a	Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commodity charge: based on floating NG market price and supplier charge</li> </ul>

<sup>3</sup> The Transport Recover fee illustrates the cost of shipping gas on the Spectra Transmission Line down to Savona where Fortis connects into the transmission line to serve the Interior of BC.

<sup>4</sup> The fuel recover fee illustrates the cost of natural gas to run the compressors to move the gas south ward in the pipeline.

Natural Gas	Fortis BC (transporter)		Jan 1, 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transport recover fee<sup>5</sup></li> <li>• Fuel recover fee<sup>6</sup></li> <li>• Customer management fee: \$0.01/GJ</li> </ul>
		25		\$6.71
Natural Gas	Shell <sup>8</sup> (supplier)	n/a	Nov 1, 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Commodity charge: based on floating NG market price and supplier charge</li> <li>• Transport recover fee<sup>9</sup></li> <li>• Fuel recover fee<sup>10</sup></li> <li>• Customer management fee: \$0.01/GJ (Range \$2.65-\$4.03)</li> </ul>

<sup>5</sup> The Transport Recover fee illustrates the cost of shipping gas on the Spectra Transmission Line down to Savona where Fortis connects into the transmission line to serve the Interior of BC.

<sup>6</sup> The fuel recover fee illustrates the cost of natural gas to run the compressors to move the gas south ward in the pipeline.

<sup>7</sup> Daily Demand is equal to 1.25 multiplied by the greater of: the customer's highest average daily consumption of any month during the winter period (November 1 to March 31), or one half of the customer's highest average daily consumption of any month during the summer period (April 1 to October 31). The calculation of Daily Demand will be based on the customer's actual gas use during the preceding contract year.

<sup>8</sup> BC's public post-secondary sector has formed a purchasing consortium partnering all 25 institutions as part of Public Post-Secondary Administrative Service Delivery Transformation (ASDT) procurement initiative. After a Province wide gas supplier selection process, Shell was picked as the supplier of choice. Therefore, TRU, as one of the partners of the Joint Procurement, has committed to purchase NG from Shell.

<sup>9</sup> The Transport Recover fee illustrates the cost of shipping gas on the Spectra Transmission Line down to Savona where Fortis connects into the transmission line to serve the Interior of BC.

<sup>10</sup> The fuel recover fee illustrates the cost of natural gas to run the compressors to move the gas south ward in the pipeline.

Natural Gas	Renewable NG <sup>11</sup>	n/a	March 22, 2016	5000GJ @\$14.414
Carbon Tax	BC Government	n/a	2010-2012 average	\$1.50
Carbon Offset	BC Government	n/a	January 2011	\$1.25
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$12.89</b>

Table 4. NG Rates (Not Including taxes)

### Other campuses/locations

Locations	Utility	Source	Rate	(\$/GJ)
Williams Lake	Electricity	BC Hydro	1600	Same as 1611
Williams Lake	Natural Gas	FotisBC	23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic charge/month: \$146.18</li> <li>Administrative charge/month: \$39</li> <li>Delivery Charge: \$3.653/GJ</li> </ul>
Clearwater	Electricity	BC Hydro	1300	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Basic Charge-\$0.2347 per day</li> <li>Energy Charge-\$0.2347 per day</li> </ul>
Knutsford	Electricity	BC Hydro	1300	

Table 5. Other Campuses/Locations NG &amp; Electricity Rates (Not including taxes)

## 1.4 Energy Metrics/Key Performance Indicators

- A Building Energy Performance Index (BEPI) has been established for all buildings greater than 1000 m<sup>2</sup>. Several buildings smaller than 1000 m<sup>2</sup> had meters installed and a BEPI from February 2013. Pulse software will allow for BEPI reports for 22 buildings (to be done monthly).
- An averaged BEPI has also been established for all (occupied) buildings on campus. The averaged BEPI will allow the comparison of TRU to other institutions (see figure 5, p.16). In addition, the averaged BEPI will also factor in expansion and new buildings. New buildings will also be sub-metered to allow for comparison between buildings on campus.
- Due to technical issues of old EMIS, TRU is currently in the process of changing EMIS, COVID situation did slow the whole progress down, therefore, in the meantime, TRU doesn't have any energy data available, and may not be able to retain the history data (so no data on current and BEPI history after 2016)

<sup>11</sup> Renewable natural gas is derived from biogas, which is produced from decomposing organic waste from landfills, agricultural waste (such as cow or chicken manure) and wastewater from treatment facilities. When captured and cleaned, renewable natural gas (also called biomethane) is injected into our existing natural gas system. It is a carbon neutral\* substitute for conventional natural gas and can be used with all natural gas appliances.

**Section 2**

**Energy Management Policy**



## Section 2: Energy Management Policy

### 2.1 Commitment by Institute

One of Thompson Rivers University's seven founding principles is to be the "University of Choice for Environmental Sustainability". According to TRU's Strategic Plan, TRU is committed to:

- Develop and expand programming and associated research activities in the areas of environmentally sustainable technologies, policy development, and environmentally and socially responsible economic development.
- Develop policies and best practices that support environmental stewardship and sustainability in the university's operations.
- Foster environmental literacy amongst students, staff, faculty and alumni, and cooperate with other community partners to increase environmental awareness.
- Encourage the development of partnerships with public and private sector organizations in support of environmental stewardship and sustainability.

In April of 2010, the president of TRU signed the Talloires Declaration<sup>12</sup> (TD), a ten-point action plan for incorporating sustainability and environmental literacy in teaching, research, operations and outreach at colleges and universities. It has since been signed by over 350 university presidents and chancellors in over 40 countries. Originally composed in 1990 at an international conference in Talloires, France, this is the first official statement made by university administrators of a commitment to environmental sustainability in higher education.

For TRU's Sustainability Policy see Appendix B, page 24



<sup>12</sup> [http://www.ulsf.org/programs\\_talloires.html](http://www.ulsf.org/programs_talloires.html)

In 2014, TRU developed a Strategic Sustainability Plan (SSP) in order to align divisional and departmental resources to meet the goal of “Increasing Sustainability”, one of 5 Strategic Priorities (2014-2019). The SSP is comprehensive in nature and includes 130 time bound, measurable goals and initiatives in 4 key theme areas (Operations & Planning, Engagement, Academics, Governance). Over 30 of the 130 goals and initiatives are directly linked to energy conservation. The plan, which was approved by the president and board of governors, includes an energy reduction target of 33 percent by 2022. The immediate effect has been an increase of 100% for the Sustainability Office’s operational and capital budgets for 2015—giving the office a clear mandate to continue to focus on energy conservation. More information on the SSP can be found at [http://www.tru.ca/shared/assets/2014\\_Campus\\_Strategic\\_Sustainability\\_Plan\\_Final33659.pdf](http://www.tru.ca/shared/assets/2014_Campus_Strategic_Sustainability_Plan_Final33659.pdf)

## 2.2 Energy Management Objectives

TRU’s commitment to effective energy management is guided by the following objectives:

- To reduce energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs through a comprehensive energy management program.
- To reduce energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs by implementing and improving upon:
  1. Sound operating and maintenance practices
  2. Institution wide “green” purchasing policies
  3. Incorporation of energy efficiency into all new building designs
  4. Utilization of an effective monitoring and tracking system
- To reduce energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions and operating costs by implementing an effective behavioral change program.

## 2.3 Energy Management Benefits, Targets/Budget (2012-2022)

The first year of energy management objectives included a Detailed Energy Audit (DEA) of the primary buildings on campus, and a preliminary energy audit of the secondary buildings. The results of the DEA indicated TRU’s commitment to a 10% reduction target in electrical and gas consumption was a realistic target for 2010-2011. The energy conservation project was completed in July of 2011 with the initial M&V reports indicating an 11-12% reduction was achieved.

The TRU energy reduction target for the period 2021-2022 is to achieve an additional reduction of approximately 3% for a total reduction of 45% below baseline from 2010. In the meantime, by saving energy, TRU has lowered energy costs significantly, also lowered GHG emissions and overall environmental impact. Well-designed mechanical and electrical systems are able to provide better thermal comfort and lead to better well-being with occupants, which in turn, provides a more productive workforce.

Targets			
Year	Reduction	Projects	Target met
2010-2011	10 % = 1.5 GWh	See table 4.1.1	✓ (11-12%)
2012-2013	6.6 % = 1 GWh	See table 4.1.2	✓ (6.6%)
2014-2015	3.6 % = .55 GWh	See table 4.1.3	✓ (4.2%)
2015-2016	6.6 % = 1 GWh	See table 4.1.3	✓ (6.6%)
2016-2017	5 % = .75 GWh	See table 4.1.3	✓ (5%)
2017-2018	3%	See table 4.1.3	✓ (3%)
2018-2019	3%	See table 4.1.3	✓ (3%)
2019-2020	3%	See table 4.1.3	✓ (3%)
2020-2021	3%	See table 4.1.3	✓ (3%)
2021-2022	3%	See table 4.1.3	(3%)
2010-2022 (total)	45%	See tables 4.1.2-4.1.3	45%

Table 6. Energy Management Target

Budgets		
Department	Dates	Budget
Environment & Sustainability- Energy projects	2012	\$170,000 (projects completed)
Environment & Sustainability – Operating	2013	\$500,000
Environment & Sustainability – Energy Projects	2014-2015	\$600,000 (not including VDI transfer project)
Environment & Sustainability – Energy Projects	*2015-2016	\$700,000
Facilities Operation	2016	5.1 million
Facilities Maintenance	2016	2.4 million
Facilities Operation	2017	1.5 million
Sustainability Energy Projects	2017-2018	1.2 million
Sustainability Energy Projects	2018-2020	2 million
Sustainability Energy Projects	2020-2021	1 million
Sustainability Energy Projects	2021-2022	\$300,000

Table 7. Energy Management Budgets.

\*Revolving fund established in 2012 from savings generated after original retro-fit project, fund will top out at \$400,000K

## 2.4.1 Key Personnel

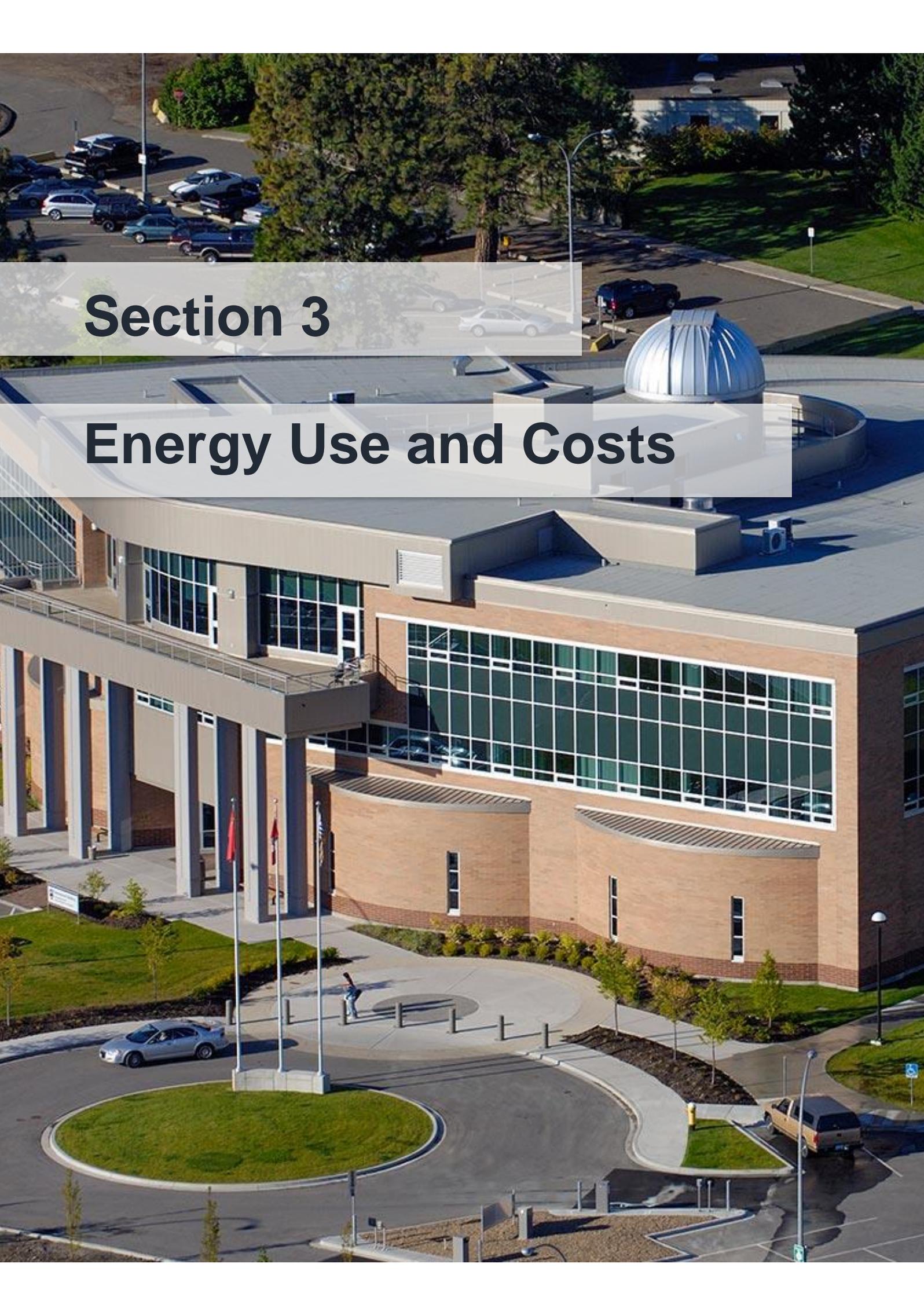
Planning Team		
Name	Title	Roles/Responsibility
Matt Milovick	VP Finance/Administration	Executive sponsor
Warren Asuchak	Director, Facilities & Sustainability	Energy Manager, Organize in house staff, technicians and resources
Natalie Yao	Energy Specialist	Implement energy projects
James Gordon	Manager of Sustainability Programs	Support behaviour change programs
Environment Advisory Committee	All members: Students, Staff, Faculty, Admin, and Board-Appointed Members	Review and advise on note-worthy energy projects as reported on monthly by TRU Energy Manager

**Table 8.a. Planning Team Description**

## 2.4.2 External/Internal Stakeholders

Name	Title/Organization	Roles/Responsibility
Student	Student representatives on Environmental Sustainability Advisory Committee	Promote ongoing sustainability awareness campaign
Faculty/Staff	Environmental Advisory Committee	Draft/present sustainability policy to board of governors
City/Greater community	City of Kamloops	Work together towards energy reductions (district energy talks, waste heat recovery, transportation issues for students/staff)
BC Hydro Power Smart staff	BC Hydro	Provide support/resources to help TRU reduce energy
FortisBC Energy Efficiency & Conservation Team	FortisBC	Provide support/resources to help TRU reduce energy
Climate Action Secretariat	BC Government	Draft policies, provide support to public sector to promote reduction in GHG emissions

**Table 8.b. Stakeholders Description**



## Section 3

# Energy Use and Costs

# Section 3: Energy Use and Costs

## 3.1 Energy Consumption and Costs

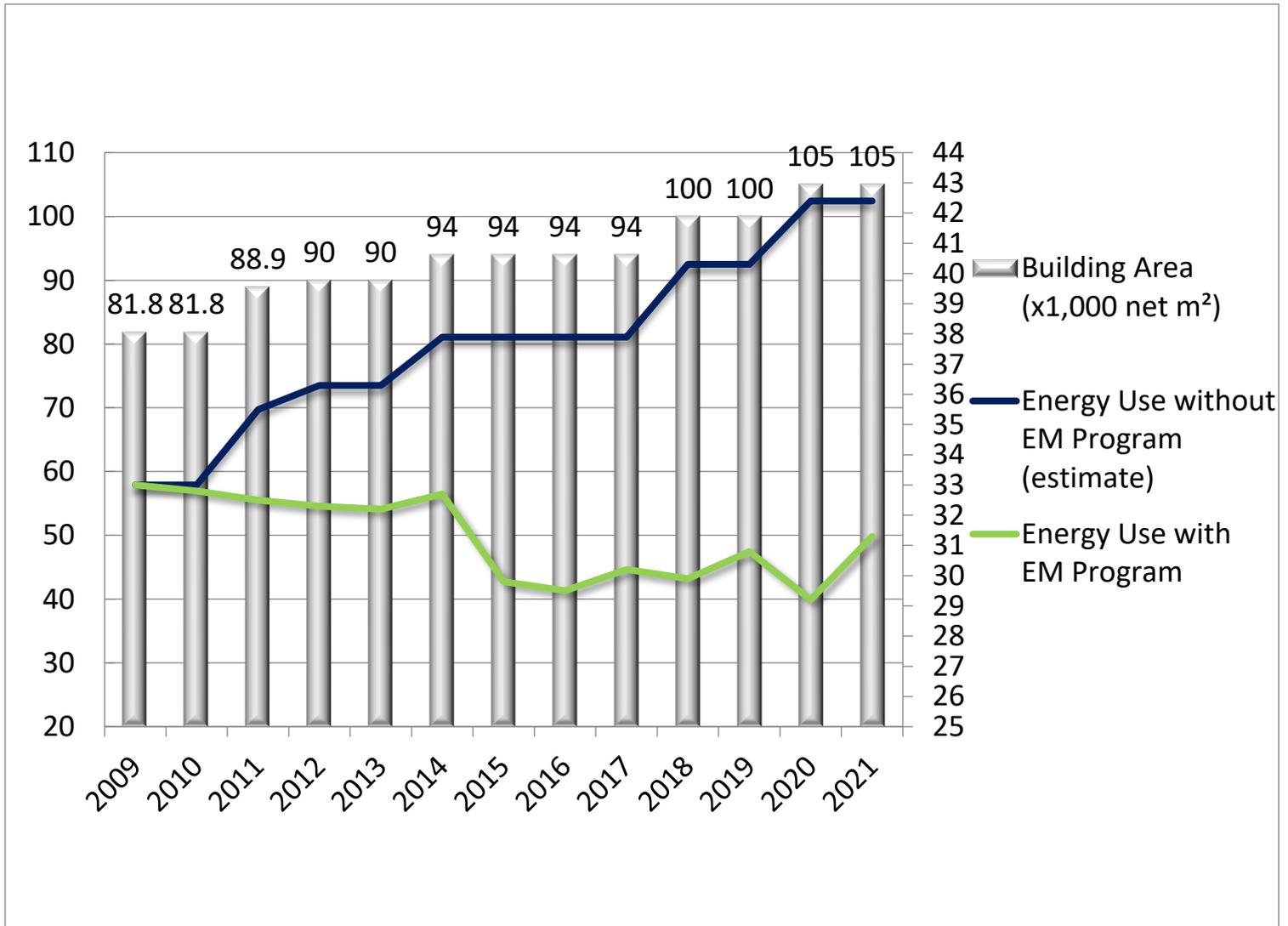


Table 9.a. Comparison of Annual Energy Use w/ and w/out Energy Management Program (EKWh)

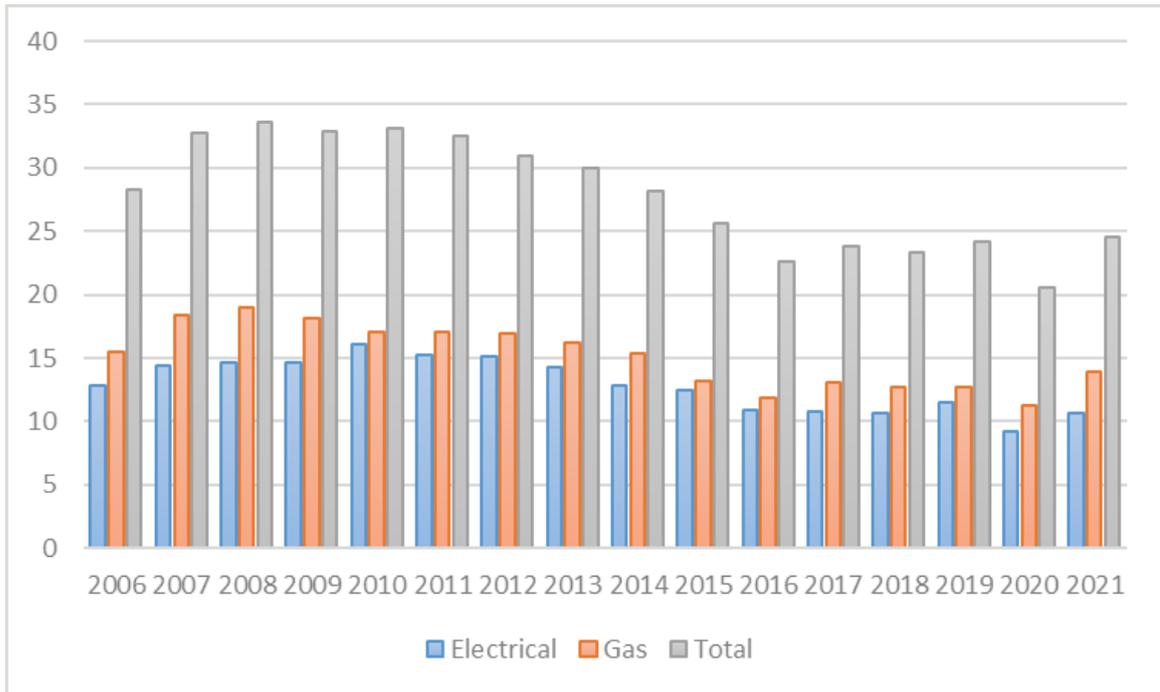


Table 9. b. Building Energy Performance Index (BEPI)

### Energy Use Breakdown

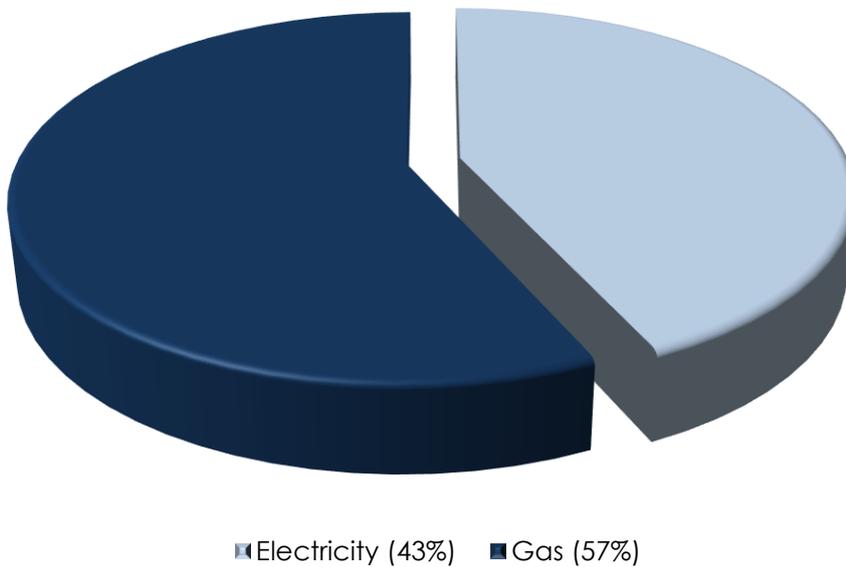


Figure 1. Breakdown of Institute Energy Use

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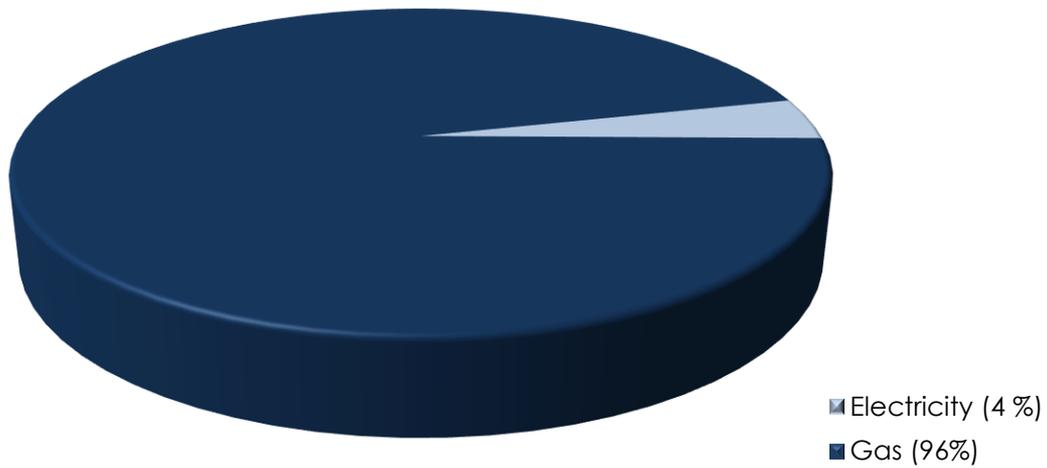
## 3.2 Greenhouse Gas Information

### Annual Greenhouse Gas Emissions

Year	Electrical			Fuel			Total	
	kWh	e kWh	GHG (tonnes)	GJ	e kWh	GHG (tonnes)	e kWh	GHG (Tonnes)
2007	15,104,403	15,104,403	347.4	69,384	19,273,195	3,459.8	34,377,598	3,807.2
2008	15,283,229	15,283,229	427.9	71,706	19,918,306	3,575.6	35,201,535	4,003.5
2009	15,367,200	15,367,200	430.3	68,832	19,120,111	3,432.3	34,487,312	3,862.6
2010	16,058,604	16,058,604	400.43	67,140	18,650,108	3377.17	34,708,712	3,777.6
2011	15,026,400	15,026,400	370.17	66,497	18,471,388	3,335.49	33,497,788	3,706
2012	15,254,565	15,254,565	378.93	61,028	16,952,222	3,061.16	32,206,787	3,440
2013	15,194,536	15,194,536	377.44	61,094	16,970,555	3,054.7	32,165,091	3,432.14
2014	14,916,000	14,916,000	372.9	64,075.5	17,798,750	3,203.78	32,705,750	3,576.68
2015	14,450,400	14,450,400	361.26	55,390.6	15,386,278	2769.53	29,836,678	3,130.79
2016	13,766,400	13,766,400	357.93	56,021.1*	15,561,416.7	2,544.12	29,327,816.7	2,709.31
2017	13,696,800	13,696,800	356.12	59,623.6*	16,562,124	2,731.15	30,258,924	3,087.27
2018	13,490,400	13,490,400	350.75	58,445.40	16,234,846	2,672.27	29,725,246	3,023.02
2019	14,663,109	14,663,109	156.46	59325.2	16,201,444	2,966.26	30,864,553	3,122.72
2020	11,805,840	11,805,840	125.97	51,785.7	14,384,928	2,589.28 5	26,190,768	2,715.25
2021	13,531,200	13,531,200	131.25	64,081	17,800,277	3041.55	31,331,477	3,172.80

Table 10. Summary of Annual Greenhouse gas Emissions. (\*including 3,250 RNG)

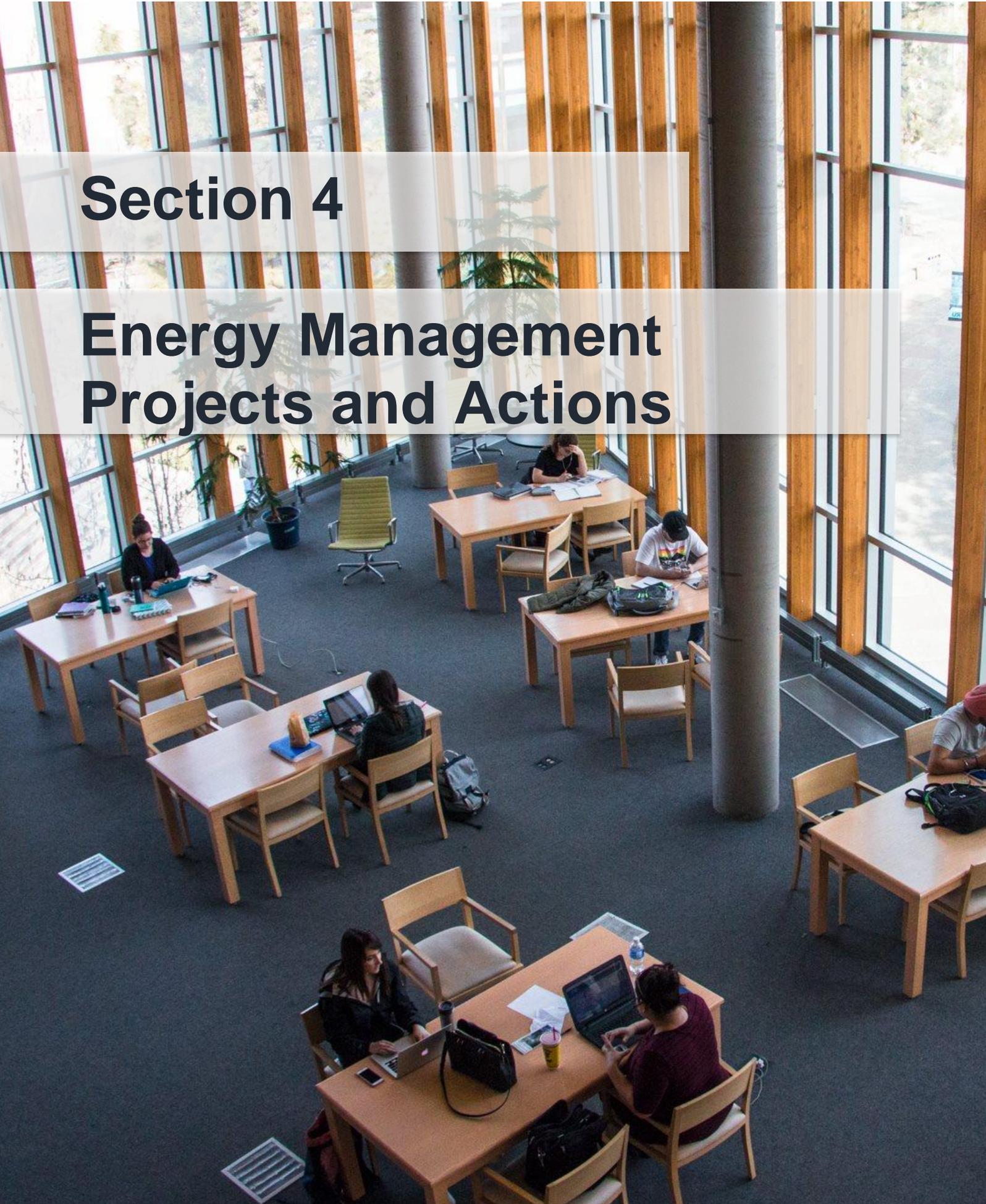
## Greenhouse Gas Emission Breakdown



**Figure 2. Breakdown of the Institute's Greenhouse Gas Generation**

## Section 4

# Energy Management Projects and Actions



# Section 4: Energy Management Projects and Actions

## 4.1 Past and Current Projects and Actions

### 4.1.1 Completed Energy Conservation Projects (2015-2021).

ECM	Demand Savings (kW)	Electrical Savings (kWh)	Electrical Savings (\$)	Fuel Savings (GJ)	Fuel savings (\$)	Total Cost Savings (\$)	Incentive Savings (\$)	Budget Retrofit Costs	Simple Payback (yrs)
<b>2015</b>									
HOL Lighting retrofit		184,000	\$15,640			\$15,640	\$28,027	\$58,548	2
Retrofit		165,000	\$14,025			\$14,025	\$39,747	\$105,888	4.7
Behaviour program Science Building Boiler Upgrade		301,498	\$25,627	22	\$215	\$25,842		\$2,000	
OM boiler upgrade				788	\$7,880	\$7,880	\$14,436	\$113,450	12
T8 to LED lighting retrofit				939	\$9,390	\$9,390	\$17,316	\$115,542	10
						\$97,000		\$614,000	
<b>Total 2015</b>		1,490,176	\$126,665	1,727	\$17,270	\$143,935	\$299,526	\$1,009,428	7
<b>2016</b>									
BCCOL lighting retrofit	24.7	107,872				\$10,787	TBD	\$57,670	5.3
WL lighting retrofit	40.06	104,407				\$10,683	TBD	\$94,728	7.8
OM boiler upgrade				74		\$740	\$10,107	\$35,109	15
COP (WL)		37921/5848	\$10,901	880	\$6,252	\$17,153	TBD	\$30,800	1.8
COP (OM)	1,219	350,000	\$27,020	3,000	\$30,000	\$57,020	TBD	\$294,600	5.2
<b>Total 2016</b>	1,283.76	584,800	\$37,921	3,954	\$18,126	\$96,383	\$10,107	\$512,907	7.02
<b>2017</b>									
AHT boiler upgrade				187	\$1,870	\$1,870	\$5,300		
McGill Housing DHW upgrade				270	\$2,700	\$2,700	\$8,996	\$84,620	28
OM, GYM, AHT, CTC DHW upgrade				293	\$2,930	\$2,930	\$10,225		
Residence Energy Upgrade		298,763	\$23,901	2,405	\$24,050	\$47,951			
Fortis Custom design program		106,916	\$8,254	2,646	\$26,460	\$34,714	\$48,249		
<b>Total 2017</b>	-	405,679	\$32,155	5,801	\$58,010	\$90,165	\$72,770	\$84,620	
<b>2018</b>									
Upper College Heights lighting and heating plant retrofits		65,000	\$5,532	1,274	\$14,613	\$20,144	\$85,000	\$400,000	16
Campus wallpacks/warehouse lighting retrofits		85,000	\$7,234			\$7,234		\$103,991	14
DDC scheduling optimization		340,443	\$28,972			\$28,972		\$69,310	2

UCH low flow water fixtures installation				830	\$9,520	\$9,520	\$13,800		-
CAC kitchen oven upgrade				100	\$1,147	\$1,147	\$4,000		-
<b>Total 2018</b>		490,443	\$41,737	\$2,204	\$25,280	\$67,017	\$102,800	\$573,301	
<b>2019</b>									
Old Bandstra building upgrade		20,000	TBD		TBD			\$40,000	
Campus DDC optimization		150,000	TBD	2,250	TBD	\$40,000		\$100,000	
New Rez heating plant upgrades			TBD	1,500	TBD	TBD	\$42,500	\$434,000	
New Nursing building new construction program		270,000	TBD		TBD				
Curtains installation			TBD	890	TBD		\$2,300		
<b>Total 2019</b>		440,000	-	4,640	-	-	-	\$574,000	-
<b>2020</b>									
C.Op round 2BCCOL		100,000	\$8,590	150	\$1,650				
DDC optimization		145,000	\$12,456	3,000	\$33,000		TBD	TBD	
C.Op round 2 A&E		82,000	\$7,044						
C.Op round 2 IB		77,000	\$6,614						
C.Op Round 2 HOL		165,000	\$14,174	TBD					
<b>total 2020</b>		569,000	\$48,877	3,150	\$34,650				
<b>2021-22</b>									
C.Op Round 2 BCCOL		196,609	\$22,972	421	\$4,210	\$27,182	\$11,663	\$81,737	3
DDC Optimization		134,250	\$11,546	2,951	\$29,510	\$41,056	\$36,598	\$211,780	4.3
ISO 50001 - Gap analysis		NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	\$0	\$5,500	
<b>Total 2021</b>		465,109	\$46,064	6,323	\$63,230	\$109,294	\$84,859	\$300,000	

**Table 11. Completed Energy Conservation Projects (2015-2021)**

### 4.1.2 Completed Renewable Energy Projects

Section	Measure	Electrical Savings (kWh)	Electrical Savings (\$)	Fuel Savings (GJ)	Fuel Savings (\$)	Total Cost Savings (\$)	Incentive Savings (\$)	Budget Retrofit Costs (\$)	Simple Payback
	**Solar DHW- OM			800				72,000	0
	**Solar DHW- CAC			600				108,000	0
	**Solar DHW- CATC			465				82,000	0
	Solar PV - TRUSU	10,000						54,452	20
	Solar PV-Trades	10,000							
	Solar Compass	5,000							
	Solar sidewalk	1,312							
	Solar PV-NPH	60,000							
	Solar PV-WL	110,000							

**Table 11. Summary of Renewable Energy projects**

### 4.1.3. Low Carbon Electrification projects

The BC Government has amended the Clean Energy Act to enable BC Hydro to begin offering incentives to its customers to electrify equipment. In the meantime, the government launched EfficiencyBC program, which offers 7 million dollars incentive over 2 years for commercial, institution and Multi-family buildings, 50% of the incentives will be given to electrification projects. TRU is working closely with BC Hydro on low carbon electrification projects. (Appendix D)

## 4.2 Proposed Projects (2022-2023)

Project List									
FY22-23 Projects									
Project Name	BC Hydro Project Type	Elec Savings kWh/year	BC Hydro Claimed Savings kWh/year	Total Project Cost	BC Hydro incentive \$	Simple Pay Back	Start Date	% Completed	Est completion date
<b>F23-24</b>							Est Start Date		Est completion date
Kamloops campus wide	LCE-phase 1						2024		2025
UCH LCE – East Village	LCE			\$2,200,000	170,000		Oct-20	40%	Dec-23
C.Op Round 2 OM		TBD	TBD				Jan-22		Mar-23
C.Op Round 2 WL		TBD	TBD				Dec-21		Mar-23
FORTIS BC Bundle C and D - Study		TBD		\$50,000				10%	Aug 2023
ISO50001 implementation		-			75%	-		20%	Sept 2025

**Table 12. Proposed projects**

## 4.3 Training, Communication and Awareness Programs

A successful training, communication and awareness program is an integral part of TRU's energy management plan. The following is a description of ongoing and future strategies:

### Training

- The TRU Staff & Faculty Sustainability Ambassadors program provides training to staff/faculty members in various campus offices and departments with the Energy Conservation Toolkit (see Appendix C for details) which focuses on three different areas of conservation: Plug Load, Lighting, and Heating & Cooling. The program also engages members in every-day sustainability issues, like waste/recycling/composting, transportation and health and wellness. The program will run from January to June 2022 and ambassadors will have the opportunity to use the toolkit in their workplaces to help improve on the energy efficiency of their workplace, plus encourage their colleagues to adopt better energy conservation behaviours.
- There is ongoing staff training for all energy related equipment (smart bars, space heaters, multi-function copiers, etc.)

### Communication and Awareness

- A new position was created at the TRU Sustainability Office. The Marketing and Communications Coordinator started in August 2022 and is dedicated to promoting and helping to facilitate office initiatives, which includes energy-related conservation programs and projects.
- Maintain and update website and social media sites (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, blog) to inform and engage entire TRU community in energy, sustainability and environmental related projects and initiatives
- Develop comprehensive media campaigns for most campaigns and outreach opportunities, including the use of social and traditional media (closed-circuit TV ads, direct emails, posters/handbills/banners, booths at events, radio/TV interviews, etc.)
- Engage in campus activities by informing students, faculty and staff of ongoing sustainability projects and initiatives through participation at kiosks, coffee/lunch meetings, regular club/office meetings, video meetings, conference calls, etc..

### Energy Wise Network Program

- The TRU Sustainability Office has been part of the Energy Wise Network Program (EWN) since its inception. The program is funded by BC Hydro and FortisBC and provides support for BC organizations to design and deliver energy conservation engagement programs that encourages staff and student

action to establish a lasting culture of conservation and a spirit of sustainability within the organization. The program provides a strategic framework and ongoing support to increase conservation knowledge and awareness and inspire the action and leadership that is required to realize energy savings. TRU joined the program in 2016, and has run multiple campaigns about energy conservation pledges, lighting, monitors, plug-load and temperature settings. [https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/business/programs/workplace-conservation.html?WT.mc\\_id=rd\\_worksmart](https://www.bchydro.com/powersmart/business/programs/workplace-conservation.html?WT.mc_id=rd_worksmart)

- Space Heater Defeater program – Coming December 2022/January 2023). This will be TRU's 2022/2023 campaign in the Energy Wise Network Program. The program will give out free electric seat heaters - typically 40 to 75 watts - to staff and faculty members who are cold while sitting at their desks if they give up their current space heater, which is typically 1000 to 1500 watts.
- This campaign aligns with three main TRU organizational priorities: conserving energy and engaging TRU community members in energy saving behaviour change initiatives; maintaining a comfortable and safe work environment for all staff and faculty; and reduce the number of complaints calls regarding heating and cooling going to the Facilities Department. Campaign goals are fourfold: to swap out 30 current electric space heaters for electric seat warmers; have a 90% satisfaction rating from all participants in the program; engage with all (approximately 75) offices on the campus regarding this campaign and the energy conservation aspects of it; and report back at the end of the campaign to the campus community regarding outcomes.
- Anticipated energy savings are 28,000 KWH.
  - 30 regular space heaters at 1200 w each = 36,000 w
  - 30 seat heaters at 40 w each = 1200 w
  - Difference of 34,800 w
  
  - 20 weeks for campaign (Dec 5 to Apr 28) and 5 days per week = 100 days
  - 100 days x 8 hrs/day of heater usage = 800 hrs
  - 800 hrs x 34,800 w = 27,840,000 w
  
  - $27,840,000/1000 = \underline{27,840 \text{ KWH}}$  savings for the whole campaign
- National Sweater Day (2023) – This natural gas-conservation event has been popular at TRU for almost a decade (2012 to 2020). The event engages with students, staff and faculty in a fun way and focuses on educating the campus community on energy-saving measures that can be taken on campus and at home. TRU's event will be on February 2. Not only will there be engagement activities with campus community members, but TRU will turn the heat down 1 to 2 degrees in most campus buildings in order to conserve on natural gas; the heat will stay down all weekend and then be turned back to the typical temperature of 21 to 23 degrees on Monday, February 6.

- The Energy Dance (February 11, 2022) – The following is from the event media release:
  - Building upon last year’s successful *Sweater Dance*, the Sustainability Office at Thompson Rivers University invites all of BC’s other 24 public universities and colleges to *The Energy Dance*: a free, COVID-friendly virtual living room dance party on Friday, February 11 from 9 to 11 p.m. The Energy Dance is ‘serious fun’ because it draws attention to why we need to be energy wise these days, while everyone dances with the people in their bubbles on a Friday night. It’s open to current students, staff or faculty at any of BC’s public post-secondary institutions.
  
- The Sweater Dance (February 5, 2021) – The following is from the event media release:
  - The Sustainability Office at Thompson Rivers University just loves to dance... for a good cause! TRU is hosting *The Sweater Dance*, which is about raising awareness and taking action on climate change while having fun with those in your Covid-bubble and dancing on a Friday night. Because who doesn’t love a Friday night dance party!? And TRU is inviting all community members (including staff) from the 24 other British Columbia public universities and colleges to join – for free.
  
- BC Cool Campus Challenge (natural gas conservation event)
  - 2019-2020 – TRU is co-chairing the 2nd annual event.
  - 2018-2019 - In reaction to the threat of certain BC residents having their natural gas cut off during the winter due to a gas-line rupture in October 2018, six BC universities and colleges (TRU, UBC, UBCO, SFU, BCIT, Selkirk) banded together to try and do their part to conserve natural gas by doing two things during the event (January 7 to February 28, 2019):
    - reducing their natural gas use by lowering set-points 1 to 3 degrees in most campus buildings where possible, and
    - launching a challenge amongst themselves which asked members of their respective communities to take a pledge to reduce their gas usage by doing 1 or all of 4 things:
      - lower thermostats by 1 to 3 degrees;
      - wash laundry in cold water;
      - take shorter showers; and
      - layer up with extra clothing.

The winning institution—Selkirk--had the highest percentage of community members sign the pledge. Fortis BC was very supportive of the campaign from the beginning

### **Other Key Energy Saving Initiatives**

- The TRU Sustainability Office has, for six years, hosted *TRU Casual Shirt Fridays* (2016-2021; nothing happened in 2022 due to Sustainability Office staff shortages). This event saves electricity on campus and is the ‘polar’ opposite of Sweater Day: to reduce TRU’s electricity consumption used by the air conditioning systems in most campus buildings by turning thermostats

down by 1-2 degrees for 10 summer Fridays (June to August), and encouraging campus members to dress for the warmer summer weather by wearing casual shirts. Changing the temperature by one degree can save 5% of the electrical energy used for cooling, so by simply dressing for warmer weather, the TRU community demonstrates that small actions can make a big difference in saving energy and reducing the impacts of climate change.

- TRU will participate in [SDG Week](#) this year (March 6-10, 2023), featuring workshops, panels, and other interactive programming to increase awareness of and engagement with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) on university and college campuses. It's organized by the Sustainability Hub at UBC, SDSN Canada, and Colleges and Institutes Canada. Since many of the SDGs are either directly or indirectly involved in energy, it's very likely that many TRU community members will learn about and/or participate in some way with energy conservation and/or energy efficiency activities.

## TRU Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan (CSSP)

### 2020-2025

- In 2012, a TRU student and staff survey revealed a surprisingly low score regarding the TRU community's awareness of sustainability-related activities and initiatives on campus, or even that there is a Sustainability Office. This knowledge helped establish the need for a formal plan to help change the sustainability culture on campus.

In 2013, TRU established "increasing sustainability" as one of its five strategic priorities for 2014-2019. The first Campus Strategic Sustainability Plan (CSSP) (2015-2019) became aligned with the university's strategic plan, and provided a focus for TRU's efforts toward sustainability.

The [new CSSP](#), launched in December 2019, is even more comprehensive in nature than the first plan, and includes more than 130 recommended strategies across four key focus areas: Operations & Planning, Advocacy & Engagement, Learning, and Administration. The CSSP is intended to provide a framework for each TRU department and operational unit to incorporate sustainability initiatives into their own planning processes.

The CSSP is a five-year plan. The majority of the strategies are recommended for implementation over the short term (1-3 years) and medium term (3-5 years); however, the plan includes several strategies for consideration over the longer term (5+ years). These have been included to provide points of reference for longer term planning and resource allocation.

Unlike some strategic documents, the plan takes a comprehensive approach of documenting strategies over the next 5 years. These strategies are not all the responsibility of one department or office, but rather are shared among many. This comprehensive approach will allow each office or department to see where and how it can play a role in TRU's sustainability journey

Program	Anticipated Savings (KWH)	Target Audience	Estimated Reach (# people)	Start/End Date
<b>Space Heater Defeater program</b>	28,000	Staff and faculty	30	Dec 2022 to Mar 2023
<b>TRU Sweater Day 2023</b>	Anticipated Natural Gas savings = 500 gigajoules (GJ); equivalent to approximately 130,000 kWh,	Students, staff and faculty	2500	Feb 2-6 2023
<b>TRU Staff/Faculty Sustainability Ambassadors</b>	TBD	Staff & Faculty	200	Jan – June 2023
<b>Earth Day</b>	TBD	Students, Staff and Faculty	2500	Annual (April 22)
<b>Casual Shirt Fridays (x10 Fridays in 2023)</b>	Anticipated electricity savings 14,500 kWh	Students, Staff and Faculty	3500	Annual (June, July, August)

**Table 13. Sustainability Initiatives (2022/2023 school year and Summer School semester)**



# Appendix B

## TRU Sustainability Policy

### POLICY

Thompson Rivers University (TRU) is committed to being the 'University of Choice for Environmental Sustainability' as set out in the Strategic Plan 2007-2012.

The University is a signatory to the Taillores Declaration and the University and College Presidents' Climate Statement of Action for Canada.

The University has a significant role to play in preserving the local and global environments. TRU seeks to be the University of Choice for students concerned about environmental sustainability and to be recognized for its leadership and stewardship in responding to environmental challenges.

This policy will assist members of the University community to understand and fulfill their responsibilities with respect to environmental sustainability.

### DEFINITIONS

1. Sustainability: Meeting present needs without compromising the needs of future generations.
2. Environment: Surrounding conditions, forces, or influences which affect the natural, built, or human systems.
3. University Community: All individuals who design, deliver, participate in and support the programmes which the university delivers.

### REGULATIONS

#### 1. Purpose

- a. To facilitate and support the University's mission with respect to Environment and Sustainability as set out in the Strategic Plan.
- b. To establish the process and responsibilities for monitoring sustainability initiatives at the University.
- c. To outline the principles through which the environmental and sustainability objectives can be achieved.
- d. To outline the roles and responsibilities for implementing Sustainability Action Plans.

#### 2. Principles

- a. Leadership in Sustainable Operations
  - i. The University will increase energy efficiency, use of renewable resources and the use of carbon reduction technology.
  - ii. The University will decrease water consumption, waste generation and the use of toxic substances in campus operations. Where substitution, reuse, or recycling cannot be implemented, best practices will be pursued in the disposal of waste.

- iii. The University's procurement processes will consider social, ethical, and economic factors in the purchasing process through the use of such tools as life cycle costing or similar analysis.
  - iv. The University will consider biodiversity when deciding about the use and development of campus lands.
- b. Leadership in Evaluating Success
- i. The University will continually measure and monitor the impacts of its activities against the principles of sustainability, setting objectives, targets and measuring results in the form of a Campus Sustainability Action Plan that will be updated every three years.
- c. Leadership in Community Sustainability
- i. The University will foster and encourage the development of sustainable practices and activities by the University community on and off campus.
  - ii. The University will work cooperatively in support of sustainability programmes and actions in the broader community.
  - iii. The University will work with other universities, government departments, and organizations to further the objectives of sustainability.
- d. Leadership in Managing Environmental Risks
- i. The University, through the Office of Environment and Sustainability, will establish and administer an environmental management plan that sets targets, indicators and measures environmental performance and reports progress.
  - ii. The University commits to a process of continual environmental improvement and best practices.
  - iii. The University will disseminate knowledge regarding sustainability to the community at large.

### **3. Responsibilities for Implementation**

- a. The Vice-President Administration and Finance is responsible for reviewing the Campus Environmental and Sustainability Action Plan and for approving actions, schedules, and funding for its implementation. Information from the Plans will be compiled and published in one of the Environmental Advisory Committee's bi-annual reports to the TRU Board of Governors and Senate.
- b. The Director of the Office of Environment and Sustainability, reporting the Vice President Administration and Finance, is responsible for co-ordination, advocacy, and communication of the sustainability principles, objectives, targets, and activities on campus. The Director will also support TRU's sustainability actions within the broader community, government departments and other organizations and universities.
- c. The Director of the Office of Environment and Sustainability is responsible for regulatory reporting.

# Appendix C

Zero Waste Toolkit:

[TRU Zero Waste Toolkit 2021 Final.pdf](#)

Energy Conservation Toolkit:

[TRU Energy Conservation Toolkit.pdf](#)

# Appendix D



