



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

PLANET LOVE

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THE FIRST STEP

SBGH STRATEGIC PRIORITIES 2023-2026

- Strategic accountability framework was developed by the SBGH executive
 - The accountability framework includes actions for Environmental responsibility
 - The annual operating plan and Winnipeg Regional Health Authority strategic priorities will also align with the new SBGH priorities
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- Acknowledgment of environmental responsibility for the organization was the first step towards meaningful environmental sustainability action and advocacy



COMMITMENT TO ECOLOGICAL SUSTAINABILITY

- With this formal commitment to environmental responsibility came the need for a way to execute environmental initiatives throughout the facility.
- A committee that specializes in environment and health related issues for the facility was created in order to fulfill the direction and responsibility of the organization.



THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (ESC)

- This newly founded committee was developed after the adoption of the new strategic priorities. The ESC was approved in June 2023 and formally began to meet in September 2023.
- The objectives of this committee is to work in alignment with SBGH strategic priorities to recognize potential environmental issues within the organization, brainstorm solutions, open discourse related to environment and healthcare issues, and oversee environmental initiatives.

MEMBERSHIP



- The ESC will have a total of 10 participants including:
 - 1 executive support member, Ryan Thomas (Truth and reconciliation specialist)
 - 2 co-chairs: Katie North, Manager of health services for medicine and Hugh McMillan, Director of facilities management.
 - 1 pharmacy representative
 - 1 food services representative
 - 2 clinical representatives
 - 1 anesthesia specialist
 - 1 facilities management representative
 - 1 product supply chain representative
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- The ESC is a newly developed committee and members are still being chosen to participate. A call for membership went out in September 2023 to fill the 7 remaining committee spots.



PAST PROJECTS

- So far the environmental committee has partnered with the Buhler Gallery organizers to complete a Red River trail clean up, prior to the nature walk that occurred in September.
- Thanks to the participation of the property management team, the river trail was cleaned of trash and debris and the native plants could be observed and appreciated for this special river walk event.



FUTURE PROJECTS

- Going forward the ESC has plans to complete a waste audit to determine which areas of the facility are priority for waste reduction initiatives.
- **Other areas that are being investigated:**
 - Anesthetic gas capturing
 - Biodegradable plastics
 - Participation in a doctoral research study regarding workplace culture and green innovation in healthcare
 - Assessments of SBGH specific needs, challenges, and opportunities for planet conscious initiatives
 - Pharmacy specific waste concern evaluation
 - And more...