### SUBJECT
SUSTAINABILITY OCTOBER REPORT

### MEETING DATE
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### MOTION
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### DOCUMENTS
1. Sustainability October Report

**ATTACHMENT #1 – Sustainability June Report**
Introduction

As outlined in our June report to Council, the following are our priorities for the year:

1. Facilities Operation
   a. SEEDS Sustainability Projects
   b. AMS Net Zero 2025

2. Business Operations
   a. Soapstand: Zero-Waste Refill Station
   b. AMS Waste Hub

3. Advocacy & Leadership
   a. Reimagined Sustainability Subcommittee

4. Student Services
   a. AMS Interactive Sustainability Center (ISC)
   b. AMS Thingery

5. Campus Coordination
   a. Food Security Projects

6. Indigenous Coordination
   a. AMS Indigenous Strategic Plan (ISP)
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**Facilities Operations**

**SEEDS Sustainability Projects**

ASAP Goal #1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15, 2.4, 2.11, 5.2

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<td>Soapstand</td>
<td>We have partnered with the COMM 468 class to create a marketing plan for Soapstand as we approach a semester 2 launch. The team will be conducting a university-wide survey to research zero waste living perspectives from students and will be coordinating with the Soapstand Marketing department on possible engagement initiatives.</td>
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<td>Supply Chain Audit</td>
<td>We have partnered with ECON 398 to conduct a supply chain audit of the society’s supply chain. The team has made significant progress in calculating GHG emissions from several food items from AMS food outlets.</td>
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**AMS Net Zero 2025**

ASAP Goal #1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, 1.8, 1.9, 2.13

We invited [Offsetters](#) to present the first part of AMS’s Net Zero 2025 Plan on September 29th and received great feedback. The society’s 2019 Organizational GHG Inventory found our biggest emitters to be Employee Commute, Natural Gas, and District Energy at 38.4%, 28.9%, and 13.2% respectively. In total, the AMS emitted 791 tCO2e in 2019 which is equivalent to the average annual emissions of 40 Canadians or burning over 290,000 L of gasoline.
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As Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions at the AMS Nest is already offset through the university, we aim to work with Offsetters for the next 5 months to develop the second part of AMS’s Net Zero 2025 Plan which includes practical target setting, short & long-term reduction strategies, climate-friendly policy recommendations, alternative energy systems evaluations, and offset support.

Business Operations

Soapstand: Zero Waste Refill Station
ASAP Goal #1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 1.15, 2.6, 2.7, 2.10

We just finished filling out the financing form for our Soapstand Refill Station and aim to implement the service in January. Our implementation strategy will be created in collaboration with the COMM 468: Marketing Applications class through the UBC SEEDS program. Through this partnership, they will help us evaluate key recommendations such as product offerings, what type of soap we will provide, location, how much we should charge students, and any additional strategies to promote zero waste living strategies for students.

We would like to thank the Operations Committee for approving funding for this project through the Capital Projects Fund. If our first semester results are positive, we hope to partner with UBC Housing to possibly implement Soapstand Stations within Student Residences.

AMS Waste Hub
ASAP Goal #1.12, 1.13, 1.14, 2.8, 2.10 2.11, 5.2

The AMS Waste Hub will be implemented within the Interactive Sustainability Center in semester two as a one-stop drop for hard to recycle items. The Waste Hub will accept items like stationery, electronic waste (cellphones, batteries, etc), soft plastics, and packaging styrofoam. We are currently in discussions with Terracycle to collect Air and Home Care and Razor recycling products as well. Funded through the Sustainability Projects Fund, the AMS Waste Hub will be created through Busch System’s Waste Watchers Recycling Bins.
AMS Sustainability Subcommittee
ASAP Goal #2.9, 3.1, 3.6, 3.8, 3.14, 5.3

The AMS Sustainability Subcommittee (SSM) successfully met for the first time last month. This was the first SSM this year due to the restructuring of the stakeholders within the group. On top of historic representatives such as the AMS-elected councillors, UBC’s C+CP, USI, and SEEDs program, we were able to welcome 5 undergraduate society sustainability representatives from AUS, CUS, EUS, LFSUS, and SUS, the Student Environment Center, and the UBC Climate Hub.

Our following meetings will occur on October 26th and November 30th from 1:00–2:00 PM PST. Important upcoming discussion agenda items include programming for the Interactive Sustainability Center, sustainability competency training for AMS clubs, and a possible AMS Sustainability Week in semester 2.

Student Services

AMS Interactive Sustainability Centre (ISC)
ASAP Goal #2.9, 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

The AMS Interactive Sustainability Centre (ISC) had a soft launch in mid-September. The space is receiving many bookings from students working on sustainability projects from various clubs and organizations across campus. Our main approach to advertising this space has been joining meetings and events with the target audience. In collaboration with AMS communications and marketing, promotional materials to share more widely across campus.

The focus for the remaining time of this term is to finish furnishing the space and to confirm events and collaboration for term two. Although the large, main piece of furniture is in the ISC, we have received feedback that the space still feels incomplete. As the space was funded by students, for students, we are working on decorating the ISC further to complete the look. One element we will be incorporating is hanging pictures of last year’s mural competition winners. Unfortunately, we were unable to post their mural where we intended to due to sizing and file issues.

On January 18, 2022, there will be a grand opening for the ISC along with our other projects Soapstand and the AMS Waste Hub.
AMS Thingery

ASAP Goal #2.9, 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 5.3, 5.4, 5.5

The final stages of approval for the AMS Thingery are underway. The Thingery has been presented to AMS council for consultation and feedback as well as multiple AMS committees such as Operations and Sustainability. We are currently working on securing the funding for this project through Finance Committee and hope to see approval of the project soon.

Campus Coordination

Food Security Projects

ASAP Goal #2.9, 3.6, 3.9, 3.18, 5.1, 5.5

At the start of the term, AMS Sustainability was looking to implement food recovery strategies to support the high volume of clients the AMS Food Bank is experiencing. As we explored options, food recovery became a priority area within the UBC Food System Project Steering Committee. Thus, we put our efforts on pause to collaborate with other key UBC units to explore options. The committee’s next steps are to contact stakeholders and scope projects for 2022.

Additionally, we continue to provide consultation on two large-scale projects through the Food Security Initiative; one being a digital community food hub and the second being a physical community food hub on campus.
Indigenous Coordination

ASAP Indigenous Coordination Section
ASAP Goal #2.5, 2.9, 4.9, 5.6

The current AMS Sustainability team would like to acknowledge that the ASAP should not have been published prior to having meaningful and appropriate collaboration with the Indigenous Committee.

We are working on establishing a relationship with the new Indigenous Committee. Once the committee is ready, we are hoping to update the AMS Sustainability Action Plan (ASAP) by co-creating the Indigenous Coordination section. We are dedicated to taking the necessary steps to ensure meaningful consultation and coordination is had going forward, and that these actions align with the AMS Equity Action Plan.