



Sustainable Development Plan

2020- 2024

1. Operate Bishop's University in an ecologically and socially responsible manner
2. Engage the Bishop's University community in improving its sustainable performance
3. Instill curiosity and enhance knowledge about sustainable development through academic programs and research
4. Promote the well-being of our community through sustainable development initiatives

GOAL 1

Operate Bishop's University in an ecologically and socially responsible manner

Bishop's University can have a direct impact on its environment with a series of actions included in the five operational objectives below.

Reduce the amount of waste going to landfills

The University will work with its community to reduce waste through waste characterization¹ – a process of waste identification and quantification, better communication of proper actions, and establishing green guidelines where appropriate.

Reduce car circulation on campus²

The University will work with local partners to reduce the numbers of cars on campus by promoting, supporting and developing more options for responsible transportation.

Become carbon neutral by 2030

The University will achieve its target of becoming carbon neutral by 2030 through careful inventory of its greenhouse gases emissions, a compensation program and continued improvement of its energy consumption.

Use our financial power in a responsible manner

The University will use its financial power to purchase and invest responsibly.

Support innovative solutions

The University will seek formal recognition by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education of applicable sustainable development initiatives on campus and support the development of innovative solutions.

2021-22

- Implement a new colour code system for waste bins
- Lead a waste categorization activity to collect data and improve our systems
- Implement a green event checklist
- Implement a glass recycling system on campus
- Increase communications about sustainability on campus
- Undertake a transportation study and assess our Green House Gas (GHG) emissions
- Support student projects

Action update 2021-22 :

	- Implement a new colour code system for waste bins	Fall 2021
	- Lead a waste categorization to collect data and improve our systems	November 12, 2021
	- Implement a green event check list	Ongoing, Spring 2022
	- Implement a glass recycling system on campus	Ongoing : GAIT pilot project Winter 2022 City project Summer 2022
	- Increase communications about sustainability on campus	New website, Communications during EcoWeek, <i>Notices</i>
	- Undertake a transportation study and assess our Green House Gas (GHG) emissions	October to April 2022
	- Support student projects	Ongoing : Supporting SD clubs

Sustainable Waste Management Working Group

The Sustainable Waste Management Working Group has met twice since November 30, 2021.

Key achievements :

- Mask recycling program on campus
- Waste Management Workshop for the Custodial team + Managers of Sodexo (glass recycling and updated waste bins standards)
- Announcements about the Ville de Sherbrooke "Large or bulky waste collection" campaign

- Deborah Langford and/or Karine Boutin
- Josée Lamoureux
- Laurence Williams
- David Lacroix
- Jeff MacDonald
- SDSI (Bishop Carasquero)
- SRC Environmental Rep (Ariane Horrall)
- Christopher Fowlis
- Jean Vaillancourt
- Steven Rowe
- Karine Sirois

Sustainable Transportation



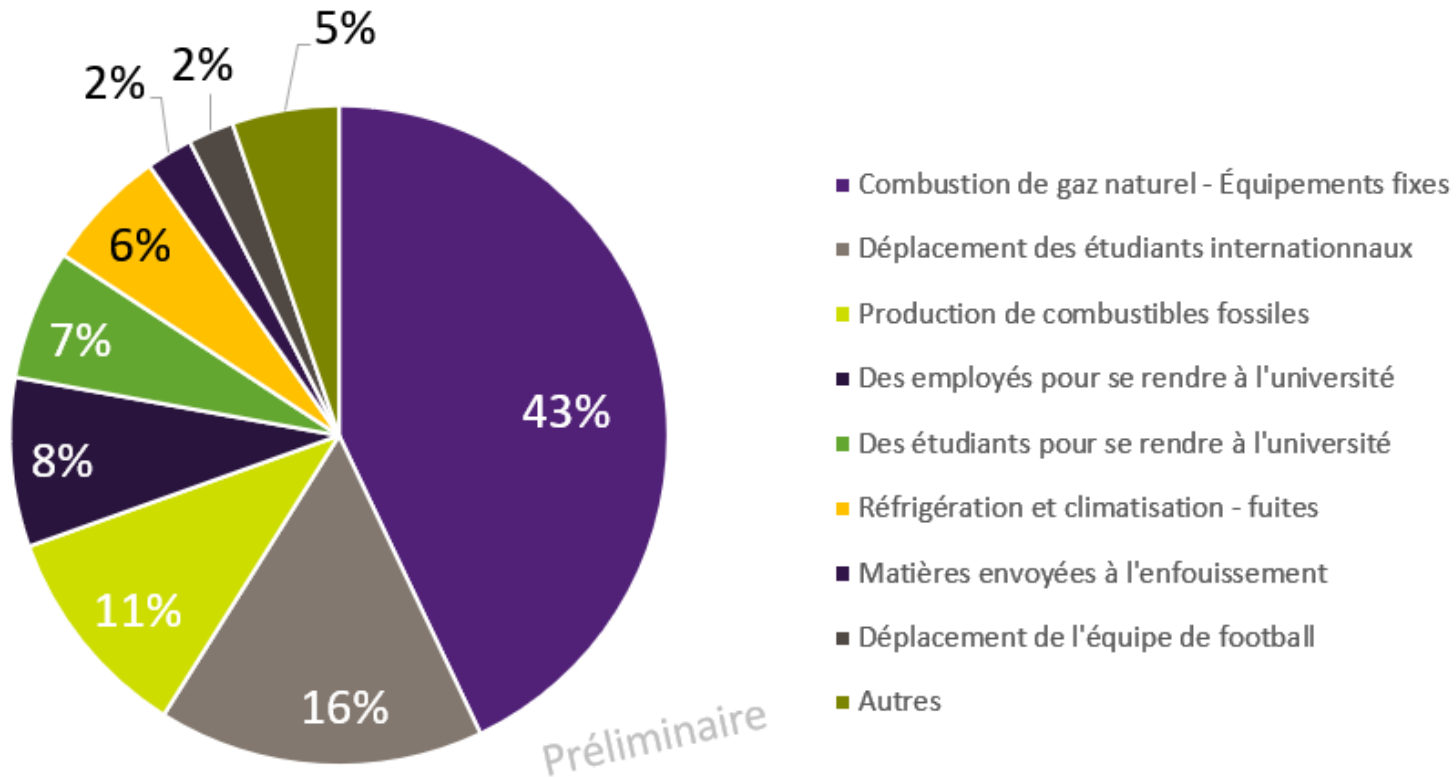
- Undertake a transportation study and assess our Green House Gas (GHG) emissions
- Conference *Espace Mobilité* of the Centre de Mobilité durable de Sherbrooke (CMDS)
- *VéloSympathique* Campus (Vélo Québec)
- *BouloBus* program
- *May, month of cycling* on campus, in collaboration with Champlain, UdS and Cégep.

Sustainable Transportation Working Group

First meeting of the working group will be May 2nd 2022

Results of the GHG emission assessment

Proportion des émissions de GES par sources



- ~25 % decrease from 2012

Addere, 2022

GOAL 2

Engage the Bishop's Community in improving its sustainable performance

Bishop's University is well-known for the engagement of its community. The three objectives below include actions to improve awareness and foster engagement.

Create awareness to incite action

The University will develop an online sustainability hub and provide additional support to the Environmental Club to make Eco-Week accessible to the entire University community and make it THE sustainable event of the year.

Support grassroots projects

The University will provide more support to the Sustainable Development Action Group and the Green Levy Fund to foster additional grassroots projects.

Make Bishop's a sustainability leader in the community at large

The University will initiate or participate in sustainability activities for the Massawippi or St. Francis river basins, or for the Eastern Townships.

Action Plan

2021-22

- Launch the SD Plan during Eco-Week
- Promote the Green-Levy fund
- Refresh the SD website page
- Encourage SRC to hold sustainable events
- Support students to develop ecological projects
- Raise ecological awareness in the Residences
- Lead yearly SD forum and Eco-Week

Action update 2021-22 :

	- Launch of the SD Plan during Eco-Week	February 7 th , 68 participants
	- Promote the Green-Levy fund	Ongoing on our website
	- Refresh the SD website page	December 2021
	- Influence SRC events to be more sustainable	Ongoing : O-week 2022, green event checklist
	- Support students in the development of ecological projects	Ongoing : Precious Plastic, Meal Care, Community garden
	- Raise ecological awareness in the Residences	Ongoing: In 2021-22 : Compost Pilot Project, Ecoliving guidebook, Workshops
	- Lead yearly SD forum and Eco-Week	November 10 th 2021: Social change Hub February 7 th to 11 th 2022: Eco-Week February 11 th 2022: Eco-Booth Forum

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GOAL 3

Instill curiosity and enhance knowledge about sustainable development through academic programs and research

Bishop's University can have a significant impact by instilling curiosity and enhancing knowledge about sustainability in young people who will become the citizens of a better tomorrow. The three objectives below include actions to improve sustainability literacy and support in academic programs and research.

Make visible what is invisible

The University will adopt and communicate an identification system to inform students of sustainability content in courses.

Increase sustainability literacy

The University will measure sustainability literacy using the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education STARS system and support faculty members in developing sustainability content for their courses.

Increase sustainable development in research



The University will increase the use of the campus as a living laboratory and support researchers where possible.

Action Plan

2021-22

- Increase the opportunities for experiential learning in SD on campus (garden, Bees, internships, community fridge, Meal Care)
- Develop communication tools and platforms to promote the existing initiatives (Campus News Paper, Blog articles, Work Shops, Events)

Action update 2021-22 :

	- Increase the opportunities for experiential learning in SD on campus (garden, Bees, internships, community fridge, Meal Care)	Ongoing
	- Develop communication tools and platforms to promote the existing initiatives (Campus News Paper, Blog articles, Work Shops, Events)	Ongoing: Environmental articles were written in every issue of the Campus news paper / social medias pages are active
	- Support the development of the SAFS program	Ongoing

GOAL 4

Promote the well-being of our community through sustainable development initiatives

More than ever, in 2021, equity, diversity, inclusion and well-being are main preoccupations of the University. The two objectives below include actions which directly address the goal of supporting the well-being of our community.

Increase food security

The University will increase food security with initiatives such as continuing to support a community garden, planning for local purchases, and conducting awareness campaigns.

Support diversity, equity, and affordability






The University will continue to support the Joint Board and Senate Task Force on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion which is tasked with analyzing the current situation and developing a plan for better practices. The University can also ensure access to higher education through affordability actions such as offering additional options for financial aid, organizing a job fair with local employers and promoting employment opportunities for students.

Action Plan

2021-22

- Inventory of local Food System (ITHQ)
- FairTrade Campus certification
- Community Garden
- Workshops in Residences by the SAFS club

Action update 2021-22 :

	- An inventory of local Food System (ITHQ)	Inventory: October 2021 to March 2022 Results: Summer 2022
	- Work on the FairTrade Campus certification application file	- Will be submitted in July 2022
	- Community Garden	March 14 th 2022: brainstorming meeting
	- Hold SAFS club workshops in the residences	November and December 2021
	- University hires Special Advisor - EDI	January 2022

FairTrade Campus working group

- Since November 2021 there has been one meeting of the FairTrade Campus Working Group.
 - There have been many meeting with representatives of the food services companies to discuss improvements in the current food purchasing practices.
 - Education kiosk about FairTrade chocolate for Halloween
 - All the coffee served (Coop and Sodexo) on campus is certified FairTrade since January 2022
 - Each Food service desk has three options of FairTrade tea and one option of FairTrade chocolate
 - Awareness campaign about FairTrade chocolate - Valentine's Day (kiosks and Co-op)
- Deborah Langford
 - Josée Lamoureux
 - Laurence Williams
 - David Webster, faculty member
 - Bruce Gilbert, faculty member
 - SDSI (Bishop Carasquero)
 - SRC Environmental Rep (Ariane Horrall)
 - Erin Mallory, SRC

Upcoming – Summer 2022

GOAL 1 Operate Bishop's University in an ecologically and socially responsible manner

- May 2022 - Month of Cycling, Vélo Sympathique designation
- April to September 2022 : Sustainable disposal of goods and furniture (procedures for the residences)
- Donations to school boards
- Eco-living guidebook for residences
- May 2022 : Meet with food service providers on a waste reduction action plan for 2022-2023

GOAL 2 Engage the Bishop's Community in improving its sustainable performance

- Preparation for 2022 Orientation Week
- STARS
- Used Goods exchange in September 2022
- Sustainability HUB in the Student Union Building

Upcoming – Summer 2022

GOAL 3 Instill curiosity and enhance knowledge about sustainable development through academic programs and research

- Inventory of SD related content in courses and programs
- Develop a tool for the promotion of eco-careers in collaboration with *Careers and Transition Services*
- Develop a Community Supported Agriculture program

GOAL 4 Promote the well-being of our community through sustainable development initiatives

- Community garden
- Active transportation activities for staff members
- Application for Fairtrade Campus Designation



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