





About UVic

- Founded: 1963
- Full Time Equivalent Students: 18,500
- •Number of Buildings: 135
- Gross Building Floor Area: 400,000 m²
- Students in Residence: 2,300
- •BC Public Sector Greenhouse Gas Emissions in 2014: 2.1%









Campus Energy: 2010 - 2014

Energy Consumption [GJ]



Energy Cost



Energy Use By Source: 2014



Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Source: 2014





Source: Carbon Neutral Report 2014

Greenhouse Gas Emissions: 2010 - 2019



Greenhouse Gas Emissions Weather Normalized



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UVIC GHG Emissions UVIC Weather-Normalized GHG Emissions

Key Success Factors

Strong Support from Executive Group

 Facilities Management and Office of Campus Planning & Sustainability report directly to VPFO

oSustainability Policy established 2009

- Sustainability Positions Established

 Sustainability Coordinator 2001
 Energy Manager 2010
- Early Accountability

oFirst Greenhouse Gas Emissions Report – 2007

oFirst Carbon Neutral Action Report - 2008

oUVic Sustainability Project Climate Leadership Report - 2007



Role of Leadership, Culture, and Champions

•Leadership

- Executive Group sees the value of a project beyond the bottom line
- oFacilities Management ensures resources allocated to energy reduction projects
- Campus Planning and Sustainability provides vision and connects departments across campus
- oStudent Sustainability Organizations encourage student involvement
- •Culture
 - oStudents drive institutional interests
 - oSustainability Projects have easier buy-in because of a strong culture



Lessons Learned

- Large Opportunity for Optimization in Existing Buildings

 Building Automation and Retro-commissioning
 Occupant Behavioural Change
- Renewable Energy Projects less effective than Building Optimization
 OMarket is less mature
 - oHigher capital cost
 - \circ Weaker payback periods
- Have GHG Reduction Projects ready
- Energy considerations included early in project planning



Funding & Incentives

- •BC Hydro Energy Manager Program
- •BC Hydro Energy Conservation Incentives
- Fortis BC Incentives
- AVED Carbon Neutral Capital Program
- •Knowledge Infrastructure Program 2010/2011
- •UVic Revolving Sustainability Loan Fund Since 2011
- •UVic Utility Budget Savings help fund future projects
- •CAS Support: Reporting tools (SmartTool)



Hurdles and Obstacles

- •GHG reduction will become increasingly expensive (poor payback for new projects)
 - oGeothermal systems are expensive
 - oContinuous Optimization Program for all major buildings is complete
- •Inexpensive Natural Gas (33% drop in rates over 5 years) oBusiness case for fuel switching to electricity is more difficult
- Pilot Advanced Technology
 - Fault Detection algorithms and software to provide automation support for preventative maintenance



Path to 2020

- District Energy System Upgrade: est. 900 tCO₂ saved
- Residence Building Automation
- Data Center Heat Recovery
- Increased Preventative Maintenance
- Increased use of Champions to Identify Opportunities
- Continued Reporting on Sustainability Action Plan Goals







