UVIC SCORES TOP MARKS FOR BEING GREEN:

For the second year in a row, the University of Victoria gets top marks for its commitment to sustainability by the editors of the Canada’s Top 100 Employers project. UVic is included in this year’s list of Canada’s 100 Greenest Employers.

"The University of Victoria is extremely proud to receive this award because it recognizes the attention we give to incorporate sustainability interests and practices within all aspects of campus operations," says Neil Connelly, director of campus planning and sustainability.

Sustainability initiatives cited include: the efforts of the Office of Campus Planning and Sustainability in working with students, staff and faculty in advancing sustainability; a unique dual plumbing system in new buildings that recirculates treated waste water and will save over 10 million litres of potable water each year; the university’s Sustainability Action Plan goals to reduce water consumption by 25 per cent, reduce electricity consumption by 20 per cent, and lower greenhouse gas emissions by 20 per cent; new construction on campus that meets Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification standards; and compost drop stations and a program for recycling and proper disposal of non recyclables to help achieve a 75 per cent waste diversion rate goal.

The Canada’s Greenest Employers competition is now in its fourth year. For details on UVic’s selection, visit www.eluta.ca/green-at-university-of-victoria

In addition to being identified as one of Canada’s greenest employers, for the second year in a row the editors have named UVic as one of BC’s top 100 employers. That announcement was made in February. More information is available at: http://communications.uvic.ca/releases/tip.php?date=02022011#1146

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