

GREENEST CITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM
UBC Sustainability Scholars Program, Summer 2018

Research project title

Developing a Long Term Sustainability Plan for the Vancouver Police Department

Greenest City Goal or Green Operations Plan objective

Goal #4 Zero Waste

Goal #11 Greening Our Operations

Long Term Goal: For the Vancouver Police Department to Lead in Sustainability Practices within the Policing Community.

Outline scope of project and why it is of value to the City and describe how and when the scholar's work will be actionable

Scope of work:

- Undertake a literature review of the best practices for environmental sustainability in policing with police agencies around the world
- Conduct phone interviews with selected cities to identify which approaches have been most successful, as well as "lessons learned".
- Conduct interviews with selected VPD staff to gain understanding of current sustainability initiatives and potential areas for further action
- Provide recommendations on actions that can be taken over the next 3-5 years to contribute to an environmental strategy for the Vancouver Police Department that leverages broader City of Vancouver corporate goals. The report must incorporate research findings and build on the work done to date within the Vancouver Police Department.

Why this work is of value:

The Vancouver Police Department has made significant progress around waste diversion and reducing greenhouse gas emissions to date. The Vancouver Police Department is committed to being a leader in sustainability; however all business practices must take into consideration our primary goal of public and officer safety. A broad environmental scan of the policing community would be valuable in identifying best practices and assist in developing a long term sustainability plan.

Deliverables

The Greenest City Scholar will deliver a final report containing a summary of their completed work with recommendations, complemented by a final presentation to key stakeholders. The report should include:

- Summary of review and research results, identifying
 - Programs and initiatives in other police agencies
 - a recommendation of initiatives that the Vancouver Police Department should consider
 - an evaluation of the anticipated environmental impact of recommended initiatives
- A public facing final report (or executive summary) for the UBC Sustainability Scholars online project library

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Time Commitment

- This project will take 250 hours to complete.
- This project should be completed between April 27 and August 10
- The scholar is to complete hours between 8am and 4pm, Monday to Friday, approximately 20 hours per week.
- Scholar must be available at key stakeholder meetings as required.

Skill set/background required/preferred

- Excellent research and writing skills.
- Demonstrated interest in Sustainability
- Strong technical writing skills
- Familiarity with research methodologies and survey techniques
- Strong analytical skills
- Ability to work independently
- Familiarity with qualitative research methodologies and implementation
- Comfortable interacting with strangers to conduct public/in person surveys

Additional Project Needs

Candidate must obtain and maintain their Enhanced Security Clearance while on the project with the Vancouver Police Department

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