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The British Columbia Institute of Technology's School of Business is committed to the Principles of Responsible Management Education. This is our progress report for the past year.

Students in the Sustainable Business Leadership program worked with the Community Solar Sunshine Coast on a new project that will identify best practices, policies, and regulations needed for solar power to flourish in the area.

The School of Business created a variety of part-time courses in sustainable business practices including 'Sponsorship and Corporate Social Responsibility' and 'Sustainable Organizational Change Management and Leadership'.

The BCIT School of Business partnered with the Greater Vancouver Board of Trade to host a discussion on the 'Transition to a low carbon economy'. The event was attended by over 600 people and was hosted by Michael Porter, a Professor at the Harvard Business School and one of the world's leading experts in business and corporate strategy.

BCIT has committed to the Burnaby Board of Trade's Pledge for a Sustainable Community. This pledge is a commitment to reduce our environmental footprint through the lower consumption of energy, water, and consumable waste. This pledge has prompted BCIT employees to turn off unused lights, install motion sensor lighting and switch to more energy efficient light bulbs.

The BCIT Sustainability Initiative is a student run club with the mandate to encourage waste reduction on campus, to facilitate conversations on minimizing our ecological footprint, and to spread awareness about sustainability. The club identifies current sustainability issues on campus and develops viable solutions.

BCIT implemented an Office Doctor program to review each employee's energy consumption in their office and provided ways to make improvements. This program informed employees of various ways to cut energy costs through lowering the brightness of computer screens, shutting down computers over the weekend, and replacing table lamps with newer energy efficient lamps.

To provide sustainable transportation options on campus, BCIT introduced two car sharing services for students and staff. Car2Go and Evo opened several satellite parking locations around campus. This program will provide an alternative transportation method for students and staff that use public transportation or provide an incentive to reduce the use of their own vehicle.

Sincerely,



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