

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT UPDATE

Brundtland Report

The 1987 Brundtland Report defined sustainable development as development that "meets the needs of the present generation without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs". This is very much like the seventh generation philosophy of the Native American Iroquois Confederacy. Chiefs were charged with bearing in mind the effects of their actions on their descendants for seven generations.

Vanier's Role

As a responsible institution, Vanier College has an obligation to meet the challenges of sustainability and must play a leading role. Since we consume significant resources here on campus, the College is developing a sustainability plan and integrating it as part of on-going operations. This is the first instalment of how we are translating this sustainability commitment into concrete actions.

Our friends from the **West Island Readaptation Center** will continue to do their good work with the pick up of the paper recycling bins and they will also take care of the new recycling modules. The **Vanier College Student Association** is now responsible for the pick up of plastic bottle recycling.

Developments at Vanier:

- Recycling modules have been installed in both cafeterias, the student mall, the 2nd floor Carrefour, the Sports Complex and across from the Auditorium. This will permit us to recycle paper and cardboard, glass-plastic-metal, aluminum cans and milk-juice containers.



- Recycling bins for paper and recycling boxes for plastic bottles are currently being installed in strategic points on all floors in all buildings.

- We will also recycle cardboard boxes if flattened and free of contaminants. Place them next to any recycling station and they will be picked up.

If you don't want to take the time to recycle it correctly, then don't recycle it at all.

What can you do to help?

- Separate your recyclables. Putting trash or items that cannot be recycled in the recycle containers often results in the entire container being treated as garbage.

Do not:

- place food or garbage in any of the recycle containers
- place any container that still contains food or drink residue in the recycle containers. If you don't want to rinse them, place them in the garbage.
- Improving Recycling is only one part of the Sustainability project which also includes Reducing, Reusing and Rethinking. If you want to volunteer to help (even for 30 minutes per week), please send an e-mail stating your availability to isabellr@vaniercollege.qc.ca

**Active college-wide participation is required to ensure the success of this project
WITH YOUR HELP WE CAN MAKE THIS PROJECT A SUCCESS**