

NEWS RELEASE

December 6, 2023 – For Immediate Release

LUTHER COLLEGE STUDENTS AND THE CITY OF REGINA COLLABORATE ON STUDENT NET-ZERO PROJECTS

Students at Luther College at the University of Regina recently partnered with the City of Regina to expand their understanding of the City of Regina’s important net-zero framework. These students learned about the City of Regina’s Energy and Sustainability Framework and researched economic impacts of net-zero as part of their course work in PPE 400 – Philosophy, Politics and Economics.

At the beginning of the fall semester, the City of Regina shared a variety of topics for students to analyze. The students worked through the semester on their projects to tackle the real-life challenges the City of Regina faces. Last week, as the semester comes to an end, the students presented their ideas. The projects ranged from lowering vehicle emissions, to improving public transit to developing the green jobs workforce, just to name a few.

“It was exciting to see our students get a chance to work with a community partner on their capstone project,” said Dr. Marc Jerry, Luther College President, and the professor of the PPE 400 course. “Any time you can give students hands-on experiential learning, the students benefit, but so do the organizations that we partner with -- it’s a win-win.”

One of the students in the course, Style Dayne Stenberg, agrees. “A hurdle upon graduation is applying what we learn in a classroom setting to the workforce. Hands on collaboration on projects are essential for bridging any gaps between the lecture hall and the boardroom. Having such a fantastic opportunity to be able to work one-on-one with stakeholders and potential employers empowers us to trust in ourselves and thrive.”

“The City values this unique opportunity to facilitate civic engagement among youth while meaningfully collaborating with the University towards becoming a 100% renewable, net-zero city,” said Faisal Kalim, the Director of Sustainability, Performance and Service Improvement at the City of Regina. “Involving this group of bright students in researching the economic, social, and environmental challenges and opportunities presented by our community energy transition, will contribute to more innovative solutions.”

(continued next page)

NEWS RELEASE

“These types of community service-learning projects develop meaningful opportunities for students to work with organizations to address contemporary climate change challenges,” said Colleen Strauch, the Director of the Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Studies Network (NVSSN) at Luther College.

“Students gain greater understanding of net-zero goals and climate change mitigation challenges and opportunities and gain understanding of career opportunities in the public service sector.”

This project is possible thanks to generous funding from Business and Higher Education Roundtable in partnership with the Government of Canada.

ABOUT LUTHER COLLEGE

Luther College, Regina operates a post-secondary campus federated with the University of Regina, and a historical independent high school accredited by the Saskatchewan Ministry of Education. Our vision is to make transformative change for a more grace-filled, just, and joyful world.

Media Inquiries:

Angela Bethune
Director of Communications
Luther College, Regina
angela.bethune@luthercollege.edu

Damilola Ibirinde
Senior Communications Strategist
City of Regina
dibirin@regina.ca

Program Inquiries:

Colleen Strauch
Director, Nonprofit and Voluntary Sector Studies Network
Luther College at the University of Regina
colleen.strauch@uregina.ca