

## Guidance for Term Paper (20%)

### TOPIC

You have to pick a sustainability issue that a community, city or province is presently facing in Canada. The issue may be of national significance but the issue should be discussed from a provincial, city or local community perspective. This is to ensure that you do not pick up a topic that is too broad in scope (I am looking for brevity and depth rather than a high-level overview).

Given that sustainability is an integrative concept with many possible dimensions, e.g., environmental, social, economic, political (governance) and ethical, you have to set the context by highlighting all those aspects (as applicable). In addition, while making recommendations on how to tackle the issue, please limit the number of recommendations to 3 or less (you may make only 1 or 2 recommendations if you like).

### SUGGESTED STRUCTURE

1. **The issue:** what is at stake?
2. **Underlying causes:** What is/are causing this issue? Provide a brief historical overview if relevant.
3. **Impacts / implications:** Why is this an important issue or concern (why should we care)? Think about who are being impacted and how (consider all key dimensions of sustainability).
4. **Actions:** What is being done to address the issue?  
(By government, businesses, NGOs, community groups and individuals)
5. **Challenges:** What are the key challenges to addressing this issue (why is it difficult to solve)?
6. **Recommendations:** What can be done? What are your top recommendations (no more than three; provide justifications)?

### FORMAT

The essay will have a length of no more than **1600 words** excluding references. Use **12 point Times Roman** font throughout with a **line spacing of 1.1**. Use a consistent style for layout and citations. Submit the document **in MS Word format** (do not send a document in PDF or any other format).

Provide “in-text” citations; this means mentioning the source whenever you use facts and figures from a published source next to where you quote the information in the document. Also list all quoted sources at the end of the document in the “Reference” section. Do not mention any source not used in your paper (I want you to add a reference, not a bibliography).

### IMPORTANT

Please do not copy and paste sections from existing articles or reports. I expect you to do a thorough research, think about the issue critically, and then write up the report in your own words.

### DEADLINE

You **MUST** submit the term paper by **March 05, 11:59pm** (25% per day penalty for late submission).