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COMMITTEE OR TASK FORCE NAME: Environmental Sustainability Committee

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REPORTING PERIOD: 2024 October

Current Key Strategic Tasks (Annual / Long term)	Progress this period	Task Status
Create 2024-25 mini strategic plan	Complete.	Complete
Implement a SLNC environmental policy.	Complete.	Complete
Provide capital plan to finance committee to eliminate transport of gasoline to SLNC by 2030.	None.	Ongoing
Follow up with Nordiq Canada on establishing national Nordic club working group.	SLNC Committee chair has volunteered to be on Nordiq Canada committee after reviewing their new Terms of Reference. Awaiting their next steps.	Complete
Establish energy saving seasonal shutdown and startup procedures	Volunteer-initiated report on walkdown as well as season shutdown / startup procedure complete, including list of findings and recommendations. Recommendations to be added to future projects database.	Complete
Implement electrical upgrades.	Programmable thermostats installed throughout shop and tech building, and being installed in lodge. Connections and cables being installed from the electrical building to power race wax areas during large events (this will remove the need to rent a diesel-powered generator).	Complete
Gather facts on solar array and present to lodge committee	Proposals received for systems that cover 35%, 72%, and 100% of annual electricity needs. Following up with clarifying questions, and will share info with Lodge Committee.	Ongoing
Provide recommendations to Lodge Renewal Committee on design considerations that enhance sustainability.	ESC provided recommendations for central HVAC heat pump and one wood stove as heat sources for renewed lodge. Ideally, heat pump will be powered by electricity from a solar installation. Additional support to be provided as requested.	Complete
Issue committee perspective on emissions from firewood to board.	Data gathering complete and initial perspective developed. To be discussed amongst committee.	Ongoing
Launch process to increase carpooling (app and engagement steps)	Committee has approached Divya Sutra Plaza to provide carpool parking (awaiting reply).	Ongoing

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	Reaching out to Master’s Coordinator on ways to spread word on carpooling.	
Introduce an updated waste/recycling/composting collection process	Awaiting outcome on who will run Silver Star compost bin in order to finalize arrangements on composting.	Ongoing
Recommend steps to reduce grooming costs to board of directors	Discussed by board as part of budgeting process. Recommendations will be developed / undertaken by operating team.	Cancelled
Issue at least two newsletter articles during ski season.	Topics: Carpooling and Emissions Report. Planned for release during operating season.	Ongoing
Release updated benchmark report	2024 report issued and posted on webpage.	Complete
Complete >50% of Biosphere Sustainable actions	13 of 59 (22%) of actions completed in Biosphere database. Meeting to be held with TOTA on October 22 nd . TOTA found no programmable thermostat grants available.	Ongoing

Other highlights:

- Committee received Board approval to buy (with funds donated by environmental sustainability committee members) and instal Idle Free BC signs in parking lots. Signs have been ordered.