

Accounts Payable Department commits to Digital financial solutions to support Humber College's institutional value of Sustainability

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Above: Photo of Staci Lindsay (she/her).
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Staci Lindsay, Accounts Payable Manager at Humber College, has had a passion for accounting since she was in High School. Today, she leads Humber's Accounts Payable team and is responsible for managing outgoing payments to vendors while ensuring that they are issued on a timely basis.

Sustainability plays a significant role in Staci's life. As an avid camper and lover of the great outdoors, Staci is an advocate for the protection of our natural resources. "I appreciate our natural resources. Depleting natural resources not only affects us now but also our future which will have an impact on my children", Staci said.

Over the past few years, the demand for green businesses has grown rapidly. Many consumers and employees believe that brands bear as much responsibility for positive environmental changes as governments, and many are demanding that businesses commit to making a change. Staci decided to be a part of that change.

At Humber, Staci has used her passion for sustainability to invoke change within her department by creating a paperless environment. "Over the years I have seen an increase in paper usage, and I wanted to reduce the amount of paper handled in our day-to-day operations. This would be a big task to take on as handling paper in AP was the norm for many years," Staci said.

When most of the country was working from home, and reducing physical contact with other individuals, Humber's AP Department was forced to rethink its paper payment methods and decided to switch to digital processing methods. This created an opportunity for the department to decrease their paper waste and support waste reduction on campus.

"Covid forced AP to work differently. Not only AP but Humber as a whole. With not being on campus AP had to make quick changes to how we have operated for years. Invoices needed to be paid but with the lack of presence on campus AP had to adapt quickly," Staci said.

Today, the department still receives invoices via digital mediums such as email and Chrome River and they have no intention of returning to their previous method of processing payments through paper. Due to this change, the

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accounts payable team has reduced their cheque printing by 80 per cent. Staci's advice for anyone looking to get involved with sustainability-related projects is, "Do research and learn about environmental or social issues to figure out what you are interested in. Find a group near you and get involved with them. You can also find groups, join up first and learn about what you might be interested in."

If you are looking to learn more about Humber's commitment to sustainability, check out the [Sustainability Plan](#).