



CSSS Soil Science Education Committee

2022 CSSS Annual Meeting, Edmonton, AB

May 25, 2022 (12:00 – 12:45 pm, Aurora room)

Meeting Agenda

1) Overview of activities since our 2019 meeting in Saskatoon, SK

Digging into Canadian Soils: An Introduction to Soil Science (our open access textbook)

- English version of the textbook was released last. French version coming out by end of summer 2022
- Upcoming survey on use of the textbook, ideas for questions
- Promotion of the textbook (e.g., add the textbook to OER catalogue of your institution's library)

2) Ideas for the Soil Education session at the 2023 CSSS conference in Halifax, NS

- Theme ideas for future session(s)
- Potential session keynote speakers
- Ways to encourage abstract submissions
- Please e-mail your ideas to Tom Yates (tom.yates@usask.ca) or Maja Krzic (maja.krzic@ubc.ca)

3) Other

POINTS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion re. *Digging into Canadian Soils: An Introduction to Soil Science*

a) We are considering to write a paper on how the textbook is being used, based on a survey to be released this summer. Some questions that could be included in that survey:

- As course instructors how did you use the textbook?
 - Did you use all chapters or just some of them?
 - What chapter(s) did you use?
 - Did you use any of the questions from the textbook?
 - Did you use any figures/photos from the textbook?
 - Did you use any info from the *Dig in!* boxes?
- Have you used the textbook in any other way besides in your course? If yes, in what way?
- As a student, what do you think of the textbook?
- As a TA, what do you think of the textbook?
- Is there something missing in the book that you would like to see included?

-Survey to be sent to course instructors at both large & small postsecondary institutions (i.e., universities & colleges) across Canada