



Motion Regarding Support for the Kahtihon'tia:kwenio (Women Titleholders of the Land), the Kanisten:sera (Mothers of the Nation), who hold title on behalf of the present and future owners not yet born, tehadikonse:tatie (the faces of our babies beneath the ground who are coming to us)

WHEREAS, the SSMU Constitution states that “the SSMU commits to demonstrating leadership in matters of human rights [and] social justice,[1]”

WHEREAS, the SSMU publicly acknowledges that McGill University is located on unceded kanien:keh (the land of the rotino'shonni, the “Iroquois”);

WHEREAS, McGill University was built without the consent of the women, “borrowing” Six Nations Trust Funds money in 1850 which was not returned to the nations[2];

WHEREAS McGill University, because it is situated on unceded kanien:keh, is governed by the rotino'shonni constitution, kaia'nere:kowa (the Great Law of Peace, which is the law of great turtle island);

WHEREAS, McGill University violates the kaia'nere:kowa by conducting deadly military research on campus[3];

WHEREAS, on September 12th, 2015, the women of the land presented McGill University with a Notice of Seizure[4] demanding that McGill

1. cease and desist immediately the invasion, trespassing, and exploitation of rotina'ke:rasa, onkwa'nake:rasa (their homeland);
2. Respect the principles of the teio'ha:the, the two row agreement when the newcomers agreed to never interfere with the free use and enjoyment of their homelands, as the basis of the relationship between the onkwe'hon:weh (the natural people of the land) and the newcomers; and
3. Return the land, which they do not want destroyed, and funds to rectify the wrongs of the past and move forward, as the onkwe'hon:weh must be free so the goodness of the great peace, following creation's design, can be shared with everybody;

WHEREAS, McGill has ignored the invitation of the kahtihon'tia:kwenio to formally discuss the Notice of Seizure and has not issued an official public response or met any of the demands[5];



BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU, particularly through the office of the VP External and President, lobby and otherwise pressure the McGill administration to meet with the kahtihon'tia:kwenio as per their request;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU, primarily through the office of the VP External, support the kahtihon'tia:kwenio in carrying out their duties, as stated in the Notice of Seizure, through methods including but not limited to education, publicity, funds, and material support;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU undertake the above resolutions with the guidance and approval of the kahtihon'tia:kwenio.

[All of our instructions come to us in our language]

Pronunciation:

kahtihon'tia:kwenio: [ga-ti-hoon-ja-gwe-ni-io]

kanisten:sera [ga-nee-stehn-she-rah]

tehadikonse:tatie [day-ha-dee-goon-so-da-jay]

kanien:keh [ga-nyon-gay]

rotino'shonni [row-dee-no-shewnee]

kaia'nere:kowa [ga-yah-ne-reh-go-wah]

onkwa'nake:rasa [oon-gwa-na-gay-ra-sa]

onkwe'hon:weh [oon-gway-hoon-way]

Moved by: petition

[1] <http://ssmu.mcgill.ca/wp-content/uploads/2008/10/SSMU-Constitution-2015-02-21-EN.pdf>

[2] <http://www.mcgilltribune.com/news/kahnawake-mohawk-nation-sends-seizure-notice-to-mcgill-092115/>,
<http://aptn.ca/news/2015/11/19/first-nation-claims-unpaid-loan-to-mcgill-university-in-1860-now-worth-1-7b/>

[3] <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2014/03/documents-shed-light-on-campus-drone-research/>,
<http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2015/02/mcgill-profs-signing-military-research-contracts-via-private-companies/>, <https://demilitarizemcgill.com/military-research/>

[4] <http://mohawknationnews.com/blog/2015/09/12/mohawk-seizure-notice-to-mcgill/>

[5] <http://www.mcgilldaily.com/2015/09/mcgill-is-delivered-notice-of-seizure/>, personal
correspondence <http://mohawknationnews.com/blog/2015/09/12/mohawk-seizure-notice-to-mcgill/>