



Students' Society of McGill University  
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

**Office of the Speakers**  
Bureau de Présidents du Conseil

**Motion Regarding Referendum Question Regarding the Increase of the SSMU Base Fee  
Towards the McGill Student Emergency Response Team**

*Whereas*, the McGill Student Emergency Response Team (M-SERT) is the only established student-run volunteer service that has been providing first-response services to McGill students, events, and the Montreal community since 1999,

*Whereas*, M-SERT has been expanding its coverage for the last 7 years from just upper-residence on weekends from 11PM-7AM to all downtown residences, every night, from 6pm-6am,

*Whereas*, M-SERT covers events including, but not limited to, intramural hockey, frosh, faculty association events, convocation, and events in the Montreal community,

*Whereas*, M-SERT plans to continue to expand coverage requiring more equipment, recruiting, and training,

*Whereas*, M-SERT has independently generated approximately sixty percent (60%) of their operating costs through their Red Cross first-aid courses,

*Whereas*, M-SERT is currently financed by a \$.25 fee per student per semester as part of the "Safety Network" fee within the SSMU base fee,

*Whereas*, M-SERT requires an increase in the fee of \$.50 to cover the current costs as well as the planned expansion,

Do you support the increase of the SSMU base fee by fifty cents (\$.50) per semester for all full-time and part-time undergraduate students studying at the downtown campus, starting in the winter semester of 2013, with the understanding that a vote in the negative will result in M-SERT continuing its operations at the current level of funding with no change to the current SSMU base fee?

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