



Motion Regarding Support of the Moving of the Hochelaga Rock to a More Prominent Location

Whereas, McGill is located on the traditional territory of the Kanien'kehá:ka (Mohawk Nation),

Whereas, the Principal's Task on Diversity, Excellence and Community Engagement recommends that McGill "commit to developing and sustaining long-term relationships with local Aboriginal communities,"¹

Whereas, the Hochelaga Rock located "at the left of the Roddick Gates ... [was] established by Parks Canada to commemorate the Iroquois settlement that stood on the very land that McGill sits on today,"²

Whereas, Indigenous groups and services on campus have indicated the Rock's largely non-visible location compromises the degree to which it can serve its educational and commemorative purposes,

Whereas, the 2012 Move the Rock campaign resulted in the passing of a motion at the Arts Undergraduate Society (AUS) Winter 2012 General Assembly supporting the moving of the Hochelaga Rock and a motion at the following AUS Legislative Council mandating the AUS to lobby for the moving the Hochelaga Rock,

Whereas, as of March 2014, the Hochelaga Rock has not been moved,

Resolved, that SSMU adopt a stance of support for the moving of the Hochelaga Rock to a more prominent location on campus.

Resolved, that this stance of support be expressed in the form of a letter addressed to the Director of Campus and Space Planning.

¹ Principal's Task Force on Diversity, Excellence and Community Engagement, "Final Report," <https://www.mcgill.ca/principal/sites/mcgill.ca/principal/files/ptfdece-reportfinal.pdf>, 24.

² First Peoples House, <https://www.mcgill.ca/fph/about-us/indigenous-history-montreal>.



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