



**Motion Regarding the Adoption of the SSMU Messages for the Community
Action and Relations Endeavour (CARE)**

WHEREAS, the Community Action and Relations Endeavour (CARE) is a strategic framework developed to improve relations between McGill students, permanent residents of the Milton Parc Community, and the McGill Administration;

WHEREAS, the Community Action and Relations Endeavour was adopted in the Winter 2010 semester;

WHEREAS, the Community Action and Relations Endeavour is undergoing a comprehensive review executed by a representative of the Milton Parc Citizens Committee, the SSMU, and the McGill Administration;

WHEREAS, a key component of the Community Action and Relations Endeavour is a set of messages that seek to communicate the views and expectations of each stakeholder;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU Legislative Council adopt the updated set of messages as indicated in Appendix A;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU further its commitment to developing harmonious relationships with the permanent residents of the Milton Parc Community through the execution of a public awareness campaign.

Moved by,

Emily Boytinck, Vice-President (External Affairs)
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APPENDIX A – Updated CARE Messages

To Milton Parc residents

- The SSMU values the quality of life of Milton Parc and the importance of working co-operatively with the permanent residents to preserve it.
- The SSMU values the rich history of the Milton Parc neighborhood and understands that the high quality of life present in the neighborhood is the result of community activists who have advocated for neighborhood rights for many decades.
- The SSMU recognizes the sometimes disruptive effect and unacceptable behaviour that some McGill undergraduate students have on the Milton Parc community and its permanent residents.
- The SSMU recognizes that some events organized by McGill students may have been highly disruptive to the residents of the Milton Parc neighbourhood, and we apologize for this.
- The SSMU is committed to organizing initiatives that seek to reduce harm in the Milton Parc community during historically disruptive events.
- The SSMU recognizes that students make up a minority of the population in Milton Parc and therefore should not treat it as their own. The SSMU looks for relations to begin with respect, not resentment, and we welcome constructive feedback from residents.
- We recognize the process of studentification that is taking place in the Milton Parc neighbourhood and the necessity to work collaboratively to proactively address its consequences and maintain the quality and diversity of the neighbourhood.
- The SSMU looks forward to working together with the permanent residents of Milton Parc generally, and with the Milton Parc Citizens Committee and other community organizations in a spirit of positive engagement to find solutions to the issues we face collectively.
- We are committed to develop yearly activities that will serve to bring student and permanent resident communities together in an effort to cultivate an enhanced community spirit.
- We endeavour to be accessible and responsive to the permanent residents of Milton Parc.

To students

- We encourage students to participate actively in programs and events organized to bring permanent residents and students together. Get to know your neighbours!



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- We encourage that students learn the history of the neighborhood and participate in community-lead advocacy.
- We encourage that students get involved in local community organizations present in the Milton Parc Community
- We request that the student body show maturity, responsibility and ownership of the problems in Milton Parc. We are looking to foster a change in culture.
- We request that students recognize that Milton Parc is not only their home, but the home of a majority population of permanent residents, many of whom have lived in the neighbourhood for decades.
- We encourage students to recognize the impact that a large influx of students can have in a community and to be sensitive to its consequences.
- The SSMU would like to inform all undergraduate students that, despite appearances, students are a minority of the population in Milton Parc; therefore the neighbourhood should not be treated as if students own it.
- We request the participation of students in mitigating the effects of Frosh and other events that may disrupt the community.
- When students cause disruptions in the neighbourhood, we expect that they recognize the importance of rectifying the impact of their behaviour.
- We look forward to working with and supporting student initiatives that show leadership in cultivating understanding and good neighbourly relations.

To McGill

- We appreciate the cooperation of the University in looking for solutions to the problems that exist in the community.
- The SSMU wishes to work closely and co-operatively with McGill in regards to the effects of studentification in the Milton Parc neighbourhood.
- The SSMU requests that the University take a more active approach to integrating students into the Milton Parc community, particularly through resource provision in student residences and for off-campus students living in the community.
- We would like to see open and consistent communication and dialogue with McGill on issues relating to Milton Parc and the student presence there.
- We are counting on the University Administration to provide concrete support to the Endeavour.



APPENDIX B – Previous CARE Messages

To Milton Parc residents

- The Students' Society recognizes the sometimes disruptive effect and unacceptable behaviour that some McGill undergraduate students have on the Milton Parc community and its permanent residents.
- The Students' Society recognizes that some student-organized events in the past have had been highly disruptive to the residents of the Milton Parc neighbourhood, and we apologize for this.
- The Students' Society recognizes that students make up a minority of the population in Milton Parc and therefore should not treat it as their own.
- The Students' Society looks for relations to begin with respect, not resentment and we welcome constructive feedback from residents.
- The Students' Society values the quality of life of Milton Parc, partially resulting from the many efforts of the permanent residents, and the importance of working co-operatively with the permanent residents to preserve it.
- We recognizes the process of studentification that is taking place in the Milton Parc neighbourhood and the necessity to work collaboratively to proactively address its consequences and maintain the quality and diversity of the neighbourhood.
- The Students' Society looks forward to working together with the permanent residents of Milton Parc generally, and with the Milton Parc Citizens Committee and other community organizations in a spirit of positive engagement to find solutions to the issues we face collectively.
- We are committed to develop yearly activities that will serve to bring student and permanent resident communities together in an effort to cultivate an enhanced community spirit.
- We endeavour to be accessible and responsive to the permanent residents of Milton Parc.

To students

- We request students' engagement: maturity, responsibility and ownership of the problems in Milton Parc. We are looking to foster a change in culture.
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- We encourage students to recognize the impact that a large influx of students can have in a community and to be sensitive to its consequences.
- The Students' Society would like to inform all undergraduate students that, despite appearances, students are a minority of the population in Milton Parc; therefore the neighbourhood should not be treated as if students own it.
- We encourage students to recognize the negative effect that excessive noise, public drunkenness, vandalism and vulgar public behaviour can have on a neighbourhood and we ask for students' engagement to avoid such behaviours.
- We request students' participation in mitigating the effects of Frosh and other events that disrupt the community.
- We encourage students to participate actively in programs and events organized to bring permanent residents and students together. Get to know your neighbours!
- When students cause disruptions in the neighbourhood, we expect that they recognize the importance of rectifying the impact of their behaviour.
- We look forward to working with and supporting student initiatives that show leadership in cultivating understanding and good neighbourly relations.
- Since this is a collective endeavour, this is an opportunity to come to the table as a full partner. The CARE is an opportunity to shape the kind of relations we want to have in the future.

To McGill

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