



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

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### **Motion Regarding M-SERT Fall 2012 Referendum Question Endorsement**

*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 and is one of the SSMU's 21 student-run student services;

*Whereas*, the SSMU is mandated to primarily support its student clubs and services, and the SSMU Constitution preamble states: "The Students' Society ... shall provide a wide variety of services to its different constituencies. The Society shall strive to provide excellence and quality of service at all times, and shall commit to enhance the quality and scope of these services;"

*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;

*Resolved*, that the SSMU Legislative Council officially endorse M-SERT's 50-cent fee increase referendum in the Fall 2012 Referendum period,

*Resolved*, that this endorsement is announced in the SSMU listserv and displayed prominently on the SSMU website during Fall 2012 referendum campaign period.

Moved by:

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