



**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

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[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/>