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## Report to Legislative Council

September 12, 2013

### Community relations:

#### Milton-Parc Citizens Committee (MPCC)

- Status Quo (hereafter SQ), September meeting is cancelled.

#### Community Engagement Day (Friday Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup>)

- Community affairs coordinator Enbal Singer, Hélène Brisson of the MPCC, and I will be meeting to discuss our plan for community engagement day in Milton-Parc. The plan is to have a community clean-up like in past years), with hopefully about 40-50 participants, and to possibly have a meet 'n greet barbecue between students and residents afterward. I will look into the James Square for that purpose.

#### Community Ambassadors

- The community ambassadors for 2013-14 were chosen three weeks ago. They will be McGill employees under the Office of the Dean of Students. I am currently awaiting the HR contract paperwork from the ODoS so that they can start their work. I am also in the midst of organizing a meeting to prepare the ambassadors' training.

#### Meeting with Police RE: Frosh

-Yesterday morning, myself, Hélène Brisson, and Dean Costopoulos met with the police at Station 38 (the area that includes Milton-Parc) to discuss how frosh went this year. The officer who worked in MilPa on frosh weekend stated that there was much less noise and public drinking infractions

#### Varia

- Today I met with a concerned Milton-Parc citizen (and McGill alumnus) about difficulties he is having with his student neighbours, particularly around noise complaints (8 noise complaints to police in 11 months). It is a good case study for the community ambassadors, as we will try and talk to the students living there and mediate a solution.

### Provincial affairs:

-In case you live in a cave, the news that is dominating the headlines provincially is the Quebec Charter of Values that the PQ Government has conceptually presented (the legislation still has to be tabled). The most contentious aspect of the charter is the provision that would ban all public employees (civil servants, doctors, teachers,



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daycare instructors, etc.) from wearing conspicuous religious garments. We have all received many media requests for comment, so this is something that we should definitely take a position on (full disclosure: I am outraged by the charter, and that is a slight understatement). The GA is perhaps most appropriate as only it can fully deal with matters external to the Society.

-The Special Commission on the Events of Spring 2012 will be starting up this Autumn. Paul-Antoine has asked that SSMU decide whether we want to submit a memo to the commission via TaCEQ. Check out the website here:

<https://www.csprintemps2012.gouv.qc.ca/en/accueil.html>

### **TaCEQ:**

-Paul-Antoine and Guillaume will have been on campus all week. They tabled for TaCEQ at Activities Night both nights. Rumour has it they'll be at council soon....

-The most recent version of the 2013-14 budget for TaCEQ is on Vibe. Have a look so that we can vote on it!

-Next meeting (*table and c.a.*) is Saturday Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> in Quebec City. I would like to renew TaCEQ delegates, but if someone would like to come with me (especially councilors on the external affairs committee), please let me know!

-Congress that was supposed to be held Oct. 4&5 has been cancelled, possibly postponed.

### **Campus**

#### **Inter-Union Council**

-We met on Monday evening to plan for Labour Week which will be happening in November

#### **Committees**

Community Engagement:

- Please join....or else!

External Affairs

- Likewise.



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### **Municipal Affairs**

-CSU VP External Caro Bourbonnière asked me during council retreat weekend if SSMU would be interested in co-hosting the mayoral candidates in a debate, which would be amazing. I offered the ballroom (pending the date), as that would be a great venue and most accessible to our members. She thought of asking the Masonic Temple on Sherbrooke. I'm awaiting further updates.

### **HR**

-I've had a probationary goals-setting meeting with three out of four of my student staff. They will start working in earnest next week.

Submitted with tact and charm,

Samuel Harris, VP External