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## Report to Legislative Council

September 26, 2013

### Community relations:

Milton-Parc Citizens Committee (MPCC)

Had a migraine so I missed Tuesday evening's meeting

Community Ambassadors

I have handed in paperwork that should have been done by ODoS and we are now just waiting for the contracts to be prepared by HR in James Admin.

Community Engagement Day

Happening next Friday Oct. 4<sup>th</sup>! Working on last minute details, such as the barbecue, recruiting participants, etc.

### TaCEQ:

-Highlights from Saturday's meeting:

-We officially have a mandate to translate the website and the *reglements généraux*

-We were not ready as of yet to discuss the next steps in the process of reform. On my end, I am looking for members at large to the external affairs committee and TaCEQ delegates so that I can consult internally and determine our priorities.

-Only one of the TaCEQ associations has a mandate to ask TaCEQ to send a memo to the Commission Ménard on the events of Spring 2012. It is still something that we need to take position on (or not). Thoughts?

-The dates for the Laurent Proulx/Miguel Bergeron constitutional challenge are being determined. It will take place in the Spring.

-TaCEQ has communicated with an attaché of the minister's office about national recognition (or *reconnaissance nationale*).

-We are currently assembling a package of positions held by the TaCEQ member associations. It should be ready later this Fall.

-This past Tuesday, I was invited (as part of a TaCEQ delegation) to a speech by the Minister of Higher Education, Science, Research and Technology, Pierre Duchesne, in Quebec City. The speech was interesting and continued along Duchesne's "unifying"



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rhetoric (eg. We're all here for the same mission), even though ASSÉ was conspicuously omitted from being invited.

-Paul-Antoine appeared in a La Presse article

-Presentation of final budget:

### **Inter-Union Council**

-Events for Labour Week are coming along. It will be week of Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committees**

Community Engagement: Meeting will convene soon – those of you who are on it: please respond to the Doodle...jerks!

### **External Affairs**

-Will convene first meeting shortly. Just received everyone's availabilities.

### **Municipal Affairs**

-I wanted to work with the CSU on hosting a mayoral candidates' debate, but the date they chose is the evening of our Oct. 24<sup>th</sup> council. However, because our name was on the letter of invitation, we will still be advertising the debate, depending on who we can get.

### **Campaigns**

-A motion has been submitted on the Charter of Values for the GA on October 9<sup>th</sup> (which you may have heard about). It includes the creation of an ad-hoc campaigns committee. Could be interesting...

### **Varia**

-I met with somebody called Laurent Deslauriers of an organization called UTILE who work on advocating for and building affordable student co-op housing. They want their outreach to be the whole province. Affordable housing is definitely something I would like the council to take a position on.

Submitted with the utmost courtesy and class,

Samuel Harris, VP Externalities