



REPORT OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

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COMMITTEE PURPOSE

- Educate the community on sustainable living and practices
- Engage in projects to advance sustainability on campus
- Coordinate groups within the sustainability community

PAST AND CURRENT PROJECTS

- **Zero-waste week**
 - We ran a number of events to encourage people to live waste-free
 - Make it yours → Nov 20th
 - DIY holiday knitting → Nov 22nd
 - Just eat-it movie screening → Nov 23rd
 - Zero-waste potluck and discussion with ECOLE → Nov 27th
- **“Intro to Sustainability at McGill” infographic**
 - We’re developing an infographic in collaboration with MOOS to give new students an immediate idea of the sustainability landscape on campus.
 - The idea is to give a broad overview of what’s possible. It’s organized as follows:
 - Connect → join one of 60+ student groups
 - Create → Resources + funding to get your project off the ground
 - Learn → Courses + Applied student research to enhance your understanding
 - This will be accompanied by an online resource that provides all the specific student groups, resources, or courses in complete detail
- **Garden project**
 - We submitted an SPF for 10K over the summer to create a garden in the courtyard behind the SSMU building by the office
 - Our proposal was formally accepted in October, and we’re now in the process of figuring out what to grow and how to grow it



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- We've consulted over 10 groups, including Santropol Roulant, campus crops, the Dawson College student garden and MSEG to get details on what has and has not been successful
- **Waste-reduction initiatives**
 - We're looking into ways of reducing coffee cup waste on campus, possibly by making compostable coffee cups more pervasive on campus or pushing for a reusable coffee-mug vending machine, similar to the green clam shells used by SHH, on a token system

FUTURE PROJECTS

- **SPOKES Conference**
 - This will be a conference held on February 4th to educate students on sustainability issues and to engage participants in ways they can help further sustainability goals on campus
 - It will be structured in the following way:
 - Breakfast & Networking
 - Keynote Speaker
 - Breakout small-group session #1
 - Breakout small-groups session #2
 - Workshops
- **Sustainability round table**
 - We're looking into reaching out to sustainability groups from across campus to hold round table meetings regularly. The goal would be to align our interests to pool resources when possible
 - We'd also like to host more networking sessions to encourage collaboration within the sustainability community
- **Greening-up the SSMU building**
 - I'm going to be working with members of the Environment committee to find ways that we can green-up the SSMU building
 - I'd like to look into having vines hang from the ceiling, buy plants for the windowsills, or other ways to bring more plants into the building

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sacha M." with a stylized flourish at the end.

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