



Submitted for: October 11th, 2018

Motion Regarding the Plate Club Fee Referendum Question

WHEREAS, the Plate Club is the Student Society of McGill University (SSMU)'s free dishware rental service, which allows users to reduce their environmental footprint by eliminating single-use serving containers at meetings and events, and promotes a culture of sustainability on campus;

WHEREAS, the Plate Club has been completely volunteer run, which makes consistent operations challenging, limits our ability to expand our service provision, and places an undue burden of time and responsibility on our coordinators;

WHEREAS, the Plate Club manages an inventory of over 800 plates, over 750 glasses and mugs, as well as bowls, platters, serving utensils, and compost bins; and circulated over 10 000 items last semester which would have otherwise been thrown out;

WHEREAS, the Plate Club currently receives no funding to support its operations, and a \$0.14 opt-outable fee would generate a sustainable source of income such that the Plate Club can continue providing sustainable dishware for campus events for free, improve the functioning of the service to meet reasonable standards, expand its role on campus to provide resources and education to the wider student body, and reduce the environmental footprint of the McGill community to a greater extent;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following questions for the Fall 2018 Referendum:

“Do you agree to the creation of a new opt-outable fee of \$0.14 called the "Plate Club Fee", to be charged to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU starting in Winter 2019 and ending in Winter 2020 (inclusive), at which time it will be brought back to the membership for renewal?”

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT Appendix A be included on the ballot.

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Appendix A

Estimated breakdown of fee revenue (per semester):

General Coordinator position	\$1537.20
Incremental Inventory Expansion	\$100.00
Volunteer Support	\$300.00
Materials and Supplies	\$150.00
Project / Improvement Initiative budget	\$600.00
Projected Revenue	(\$75.00)
Total funding required:	\$2612.20

For detailed information on how the fee is to be used and how this fits in with the Plate Club's plans to improve and expand the service, please consult the Plate Club Strategic Plan 2019-20, <http://bit.ly/2QAg76d>.

For the General Coordinator job description, please see <http://bit.ly/2QuVE2z>.