



MOTION REGARDING ENDORSEMENT OF A YES VOTE ON THE LEGAL INFORMATION CLINIC MCGILL (LICM) EXISTENCE REFERENDUM 2019-03-19

Submitted for: March 19, 2019 (electronic)

WHEREAS, the Legal Information Clinic at McGill / La Clinique d'information juridique à McGill ("the LICM") is a self-governing and self-managing organization, independent of McGill University;

WHEREAS, the LICM and the University signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) in 2015 that established the relationship between both parties;

WHEREAS, according to the MoA, the LICM, as a student-run activity supported by student fees, must confirm that it continues to be supported by students and its existence referendum is currently underway with the Campaigning period: March 13 (9h00) to 24 (23h59) and the Voting period: March 25 (9h00) to 29 (17h00);

WHEREAS, the LICM must confirm that it continues to be supported by students in Winter 2019 or Fall 2019 and it would be impossible for the LICM to continue to exist without a yes vote that confirms student support;

WHEREAS, the LICM is a nonprofit, student-run, bilingual, and free legal information service;

WHEREAS, the LICM mandate is to provide legal information, referral, and community services to the McGill and Montréal communities, with a continuing commitment to meeting the needs of marginalized groups;

WHEREAS, the Student Advocacy service offers free advice and representation to students within the McGill University context;

WHEREAS, Student Advocacy often assists students who have been accused of a disciplinary offences or who are dealing with a dispute within the University;



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WHEREAS, a yes vote would allow LICM to keep their current levels of funding from undergraduate and graduate students (\$4.50 per semester), which is used to build important services, such as the free court accompaniment program and legal information workshops;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Students' Society of McGill University ("the SSMU") Legislative Council endorse a "yes" vote to the LICM question in the Winter 2019 Referendum.

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the SSMU publicizes this decision on all relevant platforms.

Moved by,
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APPROVED