



MOTION REGARDING THE SUPPORT OF THE SPF FOR THE BIKE CENTRE PROJECT OPERATIONS 2019-03-14

Submitted for: March 28, 2019

WHEREAS, in the Fall 2017 referendum period, the students voted on the creation of a Bike Centre in the Students' Society of McGill University ("the Society") building (the University Centre);

WHEREAS, currently the Bike Centre project is stalling due to operational concerns held by McGill administration;

WHEREAS, using the Sustainable Projects Funds (SPF) as collateral for operational deficits should mitigate any concerns held by administration;

WHEREAS, the annual projected operational costs for the facilities are in the range of \$40,000 to \$60,000;

BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Society's Legislative Council endorse the statement outlined in Appendix A and mandate the President send it to the Sustainable Projects Fund Governance Council on behalf of undergraduate students;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, THAT the Society extends the current agreement on the Bike Center Facility by one year, placing the new end date for construction of the Facility by December 31st, 2021.

Moved By:

Tre Mansdoerfer, *President*

Rebecca Scarra, *Arts Representative*

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APPENDIX A

To SPF Governance Council members,

As the President of the Students' Society of McGill University (the SSMU), and a strong supporter of the Bike Centre project, I believe that this initiative reflects the needs of our student body. This is based both on the overwhelming support we received during our Fall 2017 referendum (83.1% of eligible students voted Yes to the facility), and on the feedback we often receive that additional bike parking and showering facilities are sorely lacking on campus. I also see this project as an important representation of the University's commitment to sustainability, given that it is highly visible, and arose through collaboration between the SSMU and the McGill administration.

Despite my support for the project, I share the same concerns as the University administration concerning the financial risk associated with the operational costs of the Bike Centre. As with all pilot projects, there is inherent risk of deficits in the first few years of operation, that neither the SSMU nor the administration is able to shoulder at this point in time.

In order to move forward on this landmark initiative, we would be supportive of a scenario where the SPF covers the potential operating deficits for the period between the opening of the Bike Center until 2023. We see the SPF as an appropriate source of these potential funds as it is comprised of an equal split of student and administrative funding, and as such, would be representative of both major stakeholders invested in this project.

We also recognize the timeline of this project. The current agreement with the University has the project lasting until December 31st, 2020. Based off of the response from the student body, we would like to extend the project agreement until December 31st, 2021 to ensure that the construction of the facility will take place.

We hope that you will consider this request, as we feel this project would have a significant and visible impact on our campus sustainability.

Best regards,

Tre Mansdoerfer
President, Students' Society of McGill University