MOTION REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF THE MUSICIAN’S COLLECTIVE FEE

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Current Status: ☑ APPROVED

Issue

This motion seeks to renew the $0.10 fee for the Musician’s Collective, a SSMU Service.

Background and Rationale

The Musician’s Collective fee was created in 2016 following its approval at the Fall 2016 Referendum. The Musicians Collective (MC) is a volunteer-run organization that has provided a public “jam space” within the SSMU building for all registered McGill students to book free of charge, provides a network of musicians to facilitate music making at all levels and offers instrument rentals. It also coordinates and promotes performance opportunities for bands and ensembles.

Alignment with Mission

The Musician’s Collective is a SSMU Service that provides valuable resources and a community for students who want to make music or are interested in music. The SSMU, as per its policy on “Clubs and Services as the Highest Priority”, should actively work towards improving the structure to support clubs and services.

Consultations Completed

Consultations were completed with the Vice-President (Student Life), the Vice-President (Finance) and the Musician’s Collective.
### Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If the motion does not pass, the Musician’s Collective will be left without a source of funding, which will cause financial strain for the Service.

### Sustainability Considerations

Approval of this fee will allow the Musician’s Collective to operate in a financially stable and sustainable way for the next four years.

### Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should the motion pass, the Musician’s Collective will continue to receive dedicated funding. If the motion does not pass, the Musician’s Collective will be unable to function at the same capacity.

### Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the SSMU Legislative Council approve the following question for the Fall 2020 referendum period:

> “Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable Musicians Collective Fee of $0.10 per student per semester, payable by all undergraduate students who are members of the Students’ Society of McGill University (SSMU), starting Winter 2021 and ending in Fall 2025 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority ‘no’ vote will result in the Musician’s Collective being unable to operate at its current capacity?”

### Results of the Vote

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