



MOTION REGARDING THE SSMU DAYCARE FEE FOR FALL 2020 REFERENDUM 2020-10-08

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Issue

The SSMU Daycare was created in 1999 in order to support student parents at McGill University. The SSMU Daycare Fee of \$2.50 expires in Fall 2020 and shall be brought for renewal with an increase in order to ensure that we are able to provide a daycare service.

An increase of \$0.50 of the fee will cover any additional expenses as needed, in order for continuous operational capacity at the Daycare.

Background and Rationale

The SSMU Daycare gives priority to undergraduate student parents, but also serves other members of the McGill community, such as members of PGSS, as well as staff and faculty members of McGill University. The SSMU Daycare Fee was previously renewed at the Winter 2013 Referendum, at \$2.50 per semester per student. The SSMU Daycare is also partially funded by the government.

Alignment with Mission

As per SSMU's mission, the SSMU Daycare provides support and service to student parents and community members.



Consultations Completed

Consultations with the VP Student Life, VP University Affairs, General Manager and Governance Manager.

Further consultations took place with the Comptroller.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

In order to continue operation, the SSMU Daycare Fee will be able to provide exceptional service and resources to the children and parents of the daycare center. Additionally, this will ensure that the SSMU Daycare is able to fulfill its mission in providing the best education and care.

Should the fee not be approved at referendum, this will pose a significant challenge to the operations and existence of the SSMU Daycare and community members who utilize the service.

Sustainability Considerations

To ensure the sustainability of the family care and support in the community.

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should the SSMU Daycare Fee be approved at Fall 2020 Referendum, there will be no changes to the operations of the Daycare and its staff.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

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

Do you agree to the renewal and increase of the non-opt-outable SSMU Daycare Fee from \$2.50 to \$3.00 per term for all part-time and full-time Members of the SSMU, to start in Winter 2021 and be charged until Winter 2026 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will result in the SSMU Daycare being unable to operate at its current capacity?

Be it further resolved that the SSMU Legislative Council adopts the actionable aspects of this question and that any grammatical or legal changes necessary do not need the re-approval of the Legislative Council.



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**Results of the
Vote**

In favour (19)
Opposed (1)
Abstain (2)

APPROVED