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# MOTION REGARDING PLATE CLUB FEE RENEWAL REFERENDUM QUESTION 2023-02-09

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<b>Moved by:</b>	Marco Pizarro VP Finance	<b>Current Status:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
<b>Seconded by:</b>	Amelia Whitcomb Science Representative		

**Issue** The plate club is a service that rents out dishware to McGill students to improve sustainability at campus events. The fee is up for renewal this year.

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**Background and Rationale** The Plate Club is a SSMU Service that rents out dishware, including plates, bowls, wine glasses, cups, cutlery and much more, to any group or individual on campus who's hosting an event of any size. Groups make requests through the online portal or email, and then come and pick up the equipment from the location in the SSMU building. This initiative improves sustainability on campus, because it means groups don't have to purchase disposable plates etc. for their events.

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**Alignment with Mission** This motion aligns with SSMU as the Plate Club provides a valuable service for SSMU members, and allows them to host sustainable events. Climate change affects everyone, but has a larger impact on those from less advantaged backgrounds, so efforts that support sustainability also support SSMU's commitment to equity. The plate club also supports SSMU's commitment to sustainability.

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## Consultations Completed

The VP Finance, VP Student Life, and services coordinator have all been consulted.

## Risk Factors and Resource Implications

If this motion passes, the question of the Plate Club renewal will be presented in the Winter 2023 Referendum. The fee is only \$0.14 cents, so the risk is limited in terms of financial loss for students. However, a loss of this service on campus will result in a loss in sustainability across all campus events. McGill University is one of the few university campuses with a service similar to this, and it demonstrates that sustainability is an important value to SSMU.

## Sustainability Considerations

This motion significantly impacts SSMU's sustainability efforts. Its efforts will be significantly undermined if the Plate Club fee is not renewed, or not sent to referendum for renewal, as it represents a sustainable option for students that would otherwise need to use disposable options for their events. If students don't have this option, it will be harder for them to have events that meet SSMU's sustainability requirements.

## Impact of Decision and Next Steps

If the motion is approved, the question will be sent to referendum and the students will vote on it.

## Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2023 referendum period:

*Do you agree to the renewal of the opt-outable Plate Club Fee of \$0.14, to be charged per semester to all undergraduate students who are members of the SSMU in Winter 2023 and ending in Winter 2027 (inclusive), with the understanding that a "no" vote will result in the discontinuation of the fee?*

Be it further resolved, a budget be provided on the final ballot

## Results of the Vote

In favour	(UNANIMOUSLY)
Opposed	( )
Abstain	( )



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