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MOTION REGARDING RENEWAL OF THE INDIGENOUS EQUITY FEE

Submitted for: Winter 2025 Referendum

Submitted to:	SSMU Board of Directors	Document no.:	BOD-PUB-MOT-2025-02-10-002
Moved by:	Pauline Jolicoeur SSMU VP Finance	Current Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> FOR APPROVAL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> APPROVED <input type="checkbox"/> POSTPONED <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTED <input type="checkbox"/> NOT APPROVED
Seconded by:	Dymetri Taylor President		

Issue

The SSMU Indigenous Equity Fund Fee is set to expire in Winter of 2025, and therefore requires renewal.

Background and Rationale

The Indigenous Equity Fee serves three main purposes.

1. Funding the activities of the SSMU Indigenous Affairs Committee and the salary of the Indigenous Affairs Commissioner.
2. It is used to finance projects led by Indigenous student groups, or Indigenous equity-seeking groups on campus.
3. Thirdly, it is a source of financial support for Indigenous undergraduate students at McGill. Any Indigenous student would be able to apply to the fund for financial assistance for anything from groceries to tuition.

This fee is set to expire in Winter of 2025, and therefore requires renewal.

Alignment with Mission

The Indigenous Equity Fee aligns with the SSMU's mission of service, leadership, and representation, as it promotes indigenous representation in line with the SSMU's Indigenous Solidarity Policy.



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Consultations Completed

SSMU Vice-President (Finance)

SSMU Vice-President (External)

SSMU President

The motion was also sent to the SSMU Indigenous Affairs Commissioner for review.

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

Should the proposed renewal of the Indigenous Equity Fee fail to pass, there will no longer be a dedicated fund reserved for the purpose of supporting indigenous affairs.

This fee is non-opt-outable; however, the rate of \$1.50 per student per semester does not pose a significant risk of financial strain for students.

Sustainability Considerations

N/A

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Impact of Decision

Should this motion and the subsequent referendum question be adopted, the Indigenous Equity Fund Fee would continue being billed at \$1.50 per semester for full-time and part-time students (excluding the Summer semester).

Next Steps:

If approved by the Legislative Council, the referendum question will be forwarded to Elections SSMU to be included in the Winter 2025 Referendum.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2025 referendum period:

“Do you agree to the renewal of the non-opt-outable Indigenous Equity Fee at \$1.50 per semester for full-time and part-time students, beginning in Fall 2025 and ending in Winter 2030 (inclusive and excluding the



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Summer semester), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will result in the discontinuation of the fee?"

Results of the Vote

In favour	(7)
Opposed	()
Abstain	()

APPROVED