

MOTION REGARDING THE SSMU DAYCARE FEE FOR WINTER 2026 REFERENDUM 2026-02-12

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Seconded by:	Meghan Lai <i>Senate Caucus Representative</i>		

Issue The SSMU Daycare was established in 1999 to support student parents at McGill University. The SSMU Daycare Fee of \$3.00 expires in Winter 2026 and is now up for renewal.

Background and Rationale The SSMU Daycare gives priority to undergraduate student parents but also serves other members of the McGill community, including PGSS members, as well as staff and faculty members of McGill University. The SSMU Daycare Fee was previously renewed at the Winter 2020 Referendum at \$3.00 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 Vice-President (Clubs & Services), President, SSMU Daycare Director, VP Finance

Risk Factors and Resource Implications

This fee allows the Daycare to continue its operations and provide exceptional service and resources to the children and parents of the daycare centre. Additionally, this ensures that the SSMU Daycare can fulfill its mission of providing the best education and care.

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

Impact of Decision and Next Steps

Should the SSMU Daycare Fee be approved at the Winter 2026 Referendum, there will be no changes to the Daycare's operations or its staff.

Should the fee not be approved by referendum or the Legislative Council, the SSMU Daycare will be without funds and unable to continue operations, leading to its shutdown.

Motion or Resolution for Approval

Be it resolved that the Legislative Council approve the following question for the Winter 2026 referendum period:

Do you agree to the renewal of the non-opt-outable SSMU Daycare Fee from \$3.00 per term for all part-time and full-time Members of the SSMU, to start in Fall 2026 and be charged until Fall 2031 (inclusive), with the understanding that a majority 'no' vote will result in the SSMU Daycare having to discontinue its operations?

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.

Results of the Vote

In favour (26)
Opposed (0)
Abstain (0)

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