TO: Senate

QUESTION FROM: Madeline Wilson and Bryan Buraga (Senators, 2019-2020)

RESPONSE FROM: Senator Christopher Manfredi, Provost and Vice-Principal (Academic)

SUBJECT: Question Regarding Athletics Facility Improvement

MEETING DAT E: September 22, 2020 (deferred from March 2020)

PREAMBLE :   Athletics and Recreation are one of a handful of largely self-funded units
                       at McGill. Although these units do receive some direct financial support
                       from the University, a majority of their operating expenses must be
                       generated through profits from the sale of goods and services as well as
                       student fees.

                       As such, since Fall 2004[1], improvements to facilities in Athletics and
                       Recreation have been funded by the Althletics Facility Improvement
                       Fund. This fund is generated by a $10.00 ancillary fee charged to all
                       undergraduate students at McGill University. This fee is then fully
                       matched by the University, and the sum total is sent to Athletics and
                       Recreation. Previous projects funded by this fee include, but are not
                       limited to: the resurfacing of Molson Stadium and Forbes Field, the
                       creation of a gender neutral washroom, the   2w [(a)6 (n)2 (d)2 (w

primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels and pledges to refrain from investing in all companies whose primary business is the extraction, distribution, and/or sale of fossil fuels, and from all mutual funds that invest in such companies in the future." As such, the SSMU Legislative Council rejected to send the renewal of the Athletics Facility Improvement Fee to referendum in the fall.

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Recreation is funded through different sources, an important one being contributions from students. The level of operation and activity of the unit is determined by the level of revenues from these different sources, and the unit constantly adapts to this to ensure a safe and welcoming operation.