



Students' Society of McGill University
Association étudiante de l'Université McGill

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Referendum Question Regarding CKUT Opt-Out

Whereas, Radio CKUT FM is licensed by the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission as a campus-community radio station to broadcast at 90.3 on the FM band to the greater Montreal area;

Whereas, CKUT provides McGill students with news and music programming, radio training, journalism experience, internships, employment, and more;

Whereas, McGill undergraduate students have supported CKUT with a fee of \$4.00 each semester for full time students, and \$2.00 per semester for part time students, since 1988, and any student who pays said fee is automatically a member of CKUT, with all the rights and privileges pursuant thereto;

Whereas, in 2007 the McGill Administration moved the opt out system online without consulting CKUT;

Whereas, unregulated campaigning during the opt-out period negatively impacts all student fee-levy groups, including CKUT;

Whereas, other media organizations on McGill campus, such as the McGill Daily and the McGill Tribune (renewable every five years), are non-opt-outable;

Whereas, radio is a public good and all members and non-members have access to the airwaves as listeners, and may attend events CKUT organizes on and off McGill campus, etc;

Whereas, the costs of running a radio station increase each year and online opt outs significantly reduce student fees to CKUT, jeopardizing the station's ability to maintain the same level of activity and services;

Whereas, CKUT is consistently voted as the #1 or #2 Radio Station in the Mirror's Best of Montreal Readers Poll;

Do you support Radio CKUT's undergraduate fee becoming non-opt-outable to support the operations of Radio CKUT?

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