Sexual Assault Support Services Fund – Proposed Referendum

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Agenda

• Current Operations
• Proposed Budget 19/20
• Proposed referendum question
SASC
Sexual Assault Support Centre
Our programs and services

- Support and Advocacy Program
- Outreach and Volunteer Program
- Healthier Masculinities Program
SASC Support & Advocacy Program

How many appointments did we provide for survivors since September 2018?

- September 2018: 90
- October 2018: 90
- November 2018: 121
- December 2018: 35
- January 2019 (as of Jan 22): 63
# SASC Volunteer and Outreach Program

Our statistics since September 2018:

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SASC Healthier Masculinities

The following monthly statistics is individual interactions the Healthier Masculinities program reached since September 2018

- September 160
- October 288
- November 298
- December 8
- January 358

HM in the community established 30+ long-term and constant partnerships with IFC, UBC professors, deans and faculties, SVPRO, AMS Indigenous student council, AMS Student Services, CiTR, Neighborhood Houses in Vancouver, YWCA, VACFSS, BC Centre for Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse are few to mention.
Historical Context

- Regular annual SASC budget was $137,130 (budget 2016/17)
- Budget 2017/18 was for $285,178
- Budget 2018/19 is $340,000

- In April 2017, SASC hours were extended to [8am to 10pm 7 days a week], from the previous [Mon to Fri 9am – 4.30pm]
  - This extension was to accommodate hospital accompaniments with BC Womens’ Hospital
2019/20 and Beyond

- **Projected expenses**
  - Operational Expenses: approx. **$431,500**
  - At full operational capacity of Support & Advocacy, Outreach & Education, Healthier Masculinities programs within the SASC

- **Sources of funding:**
  - Current per student contribution: $3.63
  - Estimated members = 51,000
  - Total: ($3.63 multiplied by 51,000) = **$185,000**
  - Shortfall in funding = **$246,500**
Long-term projections

• Possible inflationary impacts on SASC budget
  • Labour costs - $20,000 to $30,000 over 5 years
  • Benefits
  • SASC Collective Agreement – still unsure re: monetary items

• SAIF Fund
  • Depleted over the last couple of years
  • Student led projects
  • Empowering communities to take action
History of SASF fee

- **Sexual Assault Support Services fund**
  - Designated by the referenda in February 2003, introduced $1 per AMS member
  - February 2005, increased to $3 per AMS member
  - March 2011, raised the fee to $3.25 and indexed it to inflation
  - Currently, the fee is at $3.63 per every AMS member
AMS members to decide on approval of an increase to the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund

Projected 2019/20 SASC Budget - $431,500

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Calls to action for AMS Council

- AMS Council will need to decide by its February 6 meeting:
  - Fee increase number
  - Placing the question on the ballot
  - Endorsing a Yes vote on the proposed referenda question
“**BIRT**, in accordance with Bylaw 4(1)(a), AMS Council direct the President to call a referendum to raise AMS fees in order to increase the funding for sexual assault support services.

**BIFRT** the referendum question read as follows:

_I support an increase in my AMS fee of $TBD a year, to increase the fee for the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund from $3.63 to $TBD, as of September 2019._

_Note 1: All money raised through this fee will be deposited in the Sexual Assault Support Services Fund and may be used only for sexual assault support services. Any money raised through this fee but not used in a given year shall remain in the fund for use in a subsequent year for sexual assault support services._

_Note 2: The $TBD fee will be indexed to inflation, increasing each year in accordance with any increase in BC CPI, beginning in September 2020._

And **BIFRT** that Council endorse a Yes campaign in favor of this question.”