

REPORT

Municipal Affairs Committee

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TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly

FROM: AVP Municipal Affairs Kerry Yang

SUBJECT: SRA 24H Report
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Dear members of the SRA,

I trust you are all surviving. I for one, am holding on. I'm sorry that I can't be with you for this SRA meeting. I am back home in Sudbury, Ontario (nowhere I'd rather be), but thankfully I will be headed back by the time this meeting is happening. Here's an update on the MA committee.

Past Events, Projects, & Activities

MA Committee has been meeting biweekly since the start of the school semester but met monthly over the summer. Over the summer, the committee completed the Explore Hamilton Guide which was distributed during Clubsfest. The guide aims to connect students with the Hamilton community, showcasing locally owned businesses, restaurants, cafes, trails, activities, and more. It's linked here if anyone's interested!

Upcoming Events, Projects, & Activities

The committee is still working on the Explore Hamilton Campaign in collaboration with The Silhouette to start a video series. CMFU has also reached out with interest in collaborating.

The current projects in the portfolio are the Your City Survey and the Pre-Budget Submission in collaboration with Mohawk's Student Association. The survey is being developed in collaboration with the committee to gain insight into the student experience and perceptions of living in Hamilton. We are hoping to learn and gain data on housing, transit, food security, policing, municipal engagement, and more. The information from the Your City Survey will be used in meetings with City staff and councillors to support our priorities. The pre-budget submission has 3 shared priorities with the MSA: housing, transit, and food security. We will also include other priorities in our pre-budget submission.

The committee will be helping at the HamONTyouth Model City Hall event in October to facilitate discussions.

Successes

The Explore Hamilton guide was very well received and the product of countless hours of work from the committee! I'm lucky to have a committee that is very engaged and

incredibly resourceful. A committee member also brought their corgi to a meeting which was so awesome.

Current Challenges

None to date.

Thanks for tuning in!

Best, Kerry Yang AVP Municipal Affairs McMaster Students Union avpmunicipal@msu.mcmaster.ca