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AVP: Municipal Affairs

TO: Members of the Student Representative Assembly
FROM: Shemar Hackett, Associate Vice-President: Municipal Affairs
SUBJECT: SRA 18P Report
DATE: March 10th, 2019

PROGRESS ON YEAR PLAN

Presence at Community Meetings

Community meetings can be difficult to keep up with as the meetings don't always align with my schedule. Two noteworthy points that have come out of these meetings: the first being that the city has increased the amount of bus shelters being distributed across the city, so Ward 1 should hopefully see an increase in bus shelters. Also, the city has allegedly looked into lighting off-campus and we should be getting improved lighting in certain areas across Westdale and Ainslie Wood.

PAST EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Municipal Advocacy Week

Meetings have been going very well, all the stakeholders have been receptive of our asks for the most part. So far, my committee and I have met with the following stakeholders: Tom Jackson, Terry Cooke, Maureen Wilson, Easter Pauls, Hamilton Hive, Debbie Dalle Vedoe, Mike Zegarac, Sam Merulla and John Paul-Danko. I will be including meeting summaries for all of the meetings in my final report to the SRA.

Public Delegation

Public delegation went really well! Lots of engagement from councilors afterwards in-person and on social media. Looking forward to continuing our meetings and getting our asks into the next budget cycle.

Policy Con

Policy Con was last week and I'm an author on the *Student Housing in Near-Campus Neighborhoods* paper. Thank you to everyone who came out to our session and gave feedback! It was helpful, and we tried our best to incorporate all of the edits suggested and hope they get passed at today's meeting.

OUSA

OUSA was this past weekend I went to OUSA in Waterloo. It was a very productive weekend in which we passed the Student Financial Aid, LGBTQ+ students and Student Employment policy papers.

UPCOMING EVENTS, PROJECTS & ACTIVITIES

Rating System

I have gotten a graphic made for the Rating System and have made a few posts on the advocacy page. We will continuously promote throughout the semester, so please share the graphic when you get a chance and speak to the importance of having a rating system!

Your City Survey

The previous your city survey has yet to be released. We've been using it to influence our policy papers and advocacy meetings but haven't made an actual report as yet. I'll be working with Tereza, the Research Assistant for my committee, to hopefully get the report released by the end of the year.

Habitats Article

OUSA has a publication called habitats, which focuses on issues students face in their municipalities across the province. I'm currently writing a piece for the next publication on our recent municipal election and a few recommendations on how municipalities can get students to vote.

Best,

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