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## Carleton University Ancillary Fee Referenda – Writ of Election (2025)

**Issued by:** Melanie Chapman, University Ombudsperson and Chief Electoral Officer (CEO)

**Important note:** this question is being posed to graduate students.

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Mike's Place Pub has been an important historic and cultural hub for graduate students and the Carleton community since its founding in 1972. Although the Graduate Students Association (GSA) provides various services, it currently does not have a levy specifically for Mike's Place. This lack of funding has affected the overall GSA operational budget, making the existence of Mike's Place precarious.

This levy fee will enable the GSA to operate the pub at full capacity, ensuring it remains accessible to all community members. The GSA is dedicated to enhancing graduate student engagement on campus and improving the services offered by Mike's Place.

**Question:**

**Do you support a \$7 per term fee, indexed to the Consumer Price Index, for the GSA to fund Mike's Place, starting in Fall 2025?**

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| Graduate Students   |
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| <p><b>YES and NO vote:</b></p> <p>A YES vote <u>supports</u> the introduction of a levy specifically for Mike's Place, starting in fall of 2025.</p> <p>A NO vote <u>does not support</u> the introduction of a levy specifically for Mike's Place, starting in fall of 2025.</p> <p><b>Budget:</b></p> <p>Per the University's referendum protocol, there shall be only one YES committee and one NO committee. The CEO will grant each committee a credit allowance up to the maximum of \$400.</p> |

Each committee must prepare a final, complete, and accurate report of all expenditures made, including all receipts, and other evidence of expenditures to be submitted to the CEO before the polls close on February 12, 2025.

**Campaign Period:**

The campaign period will begin on Monday, February 24, 2025 at noon (12:00pm), with the last day of campaigning ending on Monday, March 10, 2025 at 11:59pm.

**Voting Days:**

Voting days will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2025, and Wednesday, March 12, 2025.

**Polling:**

Voting will be held online. All ballots will be conducted electronically and sent to students' University-issued email account.

**Further Information:**

All enquiries or concerns regarding the referendum, campaigning, polling process, and conduct should be referred to the CEO via e-mail: [melaniechapman@cunet.carleton.ca](mailto:melaniechapman@cunet.carleton.ca).

Campaign rules and referendum protocol will be posted on the website (see below) prior to the commencement of the campaign period.

**Website:**

Please visit the referendum website for additional information. The site will be updated with details as they become available.

<https://students.carleton.ca/referendum>