

**Results of Carleton PIRG Levy Fee Referendum**

**From date** 8:00 AM on Tuesday, March 10, 2026  
**To date** 10:01 PM on Wednesday, March 11, 2026

**Number of invitees** 5,392  
**Number of valid responses** 805  
**Invitee response rate** 14.9%

Carleton Public Interest Research Group (Carleton PIRG) is a student-funded non-profit organization that has operated at Carleton University through a referendum-approved levy since 1981. In 2024, Carleton PIRG formally defederated from the Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) provincial network and now operates as an independent organization.

According to their website, Carleton PIRG is a student-led, student-funded non-profit based at Carleton University. They aim to research, educate, and provide action on social and environmental justice using a non-hierarchical and consensus-based space for students to organize.

At present, Carleton PIRG receives a levy of \$4.54 per semester for full-time graduate students and \$1.36 per semester for part-time graduate students. This referendum asks graduate students to decide whether Carleton PIRG should continue to receive this levy funding as an independent organization following its defederation from the OPIRG.

Do you support maintaining the Carleton PIRG levy fee of \$4.54 per term, pro-rated for part-time students, as of May 2026, now that Carleton PIRG is an independent organization, following its defederation from the OPIRG?

<b>Response</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>	<b>% of Valid Votes</b>
Yes, I support maintaining the Carleton PIRG levy fee as of May 2026.	382	50.4%
No, I do not support maintaining the Carleton PIRG levy fee as of May 2026.	376	49.6%
Abstain	47	N/A

March 12, 2026

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