Prof. Suzanne Fortier  
Principal  
McGill University  

Montreal, February 21, 2019

Dear Principal Fortier,

In response to your call for additional input from the McGill Community on the question of whether the University should change the name ‘Redmen’ for its male sports teams, the MAUT’s Council would like to inform you that it supports the request that the name be changed to something that is not experienced as hurtful by members of the Indigenous community. After due consideration of the arguments against and in favour of the proposed name change, the members of Council have concluded that such a name change would be entirely in keeping with the University’s commitment to inclusivity and diversity and a meaningful step forward in our efforts to create a more welcoming environment for members of the indigenous communities.

Members of MAUT’s Council would be happy to further discuss their reasons for taking this position with you if you feel that this would be useful.

On behalf of MAUT’s Council,

Axel van den Berg

President