McGILL UNIVERSITY **BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

Report of the Information Technology Committee
GD19-35

Board of Governors Meeting of February 13, 2020

The following items arise from the Information Technology (IT) Committee meeting of February 6, 2020. They are presented to the Board of Governors for information.

I.   FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

1.   Information Technology Committee Retreat

A Retreat of the IT Committee was held on Thursday, February 6, 2020 and was focused on McGill University's IT Strategic Plan and Data Infrastructure Systems (primarily on the Data Centres and Disaster Recovery Plan).

2.   Annual Report on Cyber Security   [IT19-08]

The Committee received the 2019 Report on Cyber Security. The report provided an overview of cyber security status and incidents and described improvements made by McGill Information Technology Services (ITS) to the University's IT security capabilities. It was noted that the trend of more sophisticated phishing attacks was growing, which was consistent with global cyber security trends in the public sector and private sector organizations.

The Committee also received a cyber security status update for the period from October 2019 to January 2020. The status update described ongoing initiatives to improve the University's cyber security, including a broader deployment of 2 factor authentication (2FA), the implementation of a phishing campaign and the launch of phase I of the Identity and Access Management Project.

The Committee also received the 5-year cyber security roadmap program, which was developed as a result of a maturity self-assessment on McGill's critical IT security core capabilities that ITS undertook in 2018.

3.   Report on IT Initiatives and Projects   [IT19-10]

The Committee received a Report on IT initiatives and projects, which included a status update of active initiatives and projects funded by proceeds of the Bond as well as a financial summary of both planned and ongoing bond-funded IT projects and initiatives.

The Committee was informed that the R2R Project is progressing on time and on budget as it is on target to be launched in the summer 2020.

As at December 31, 2019, the cumulative expenditure of bond proceeds on IT initiatives and projects was $58,906,563.

4.   **IT Unit Activity Report**   [IT19-09]

The Committee received a report on general IT-related activities, which included updates on:
- o The outcomes of the Chief Information Officer's (CIO) meetings with academic, administrative and research units.
- o The implementation of various information security initiatives in which McGill is participating with other universities and Canadian organizations.
- o The development of a new Data Governance Policy, which includes a Data Classification Standard.
- o Discussions and activities in the area of IT with the *Bureau de Coopération Interuniversitaire* (BCI) and provincial government ministries.

5.   **Information Technology Committee 2020-21 Meeting Dates**   [IT19-07]

The Committee received its meeting dates for the 2020-21 governance year.

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