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The following items arise from the Committee to Advise on Matters of Social Responsibility (CAMSR) meeting of December 3, 2018. They are presented to the Board of Governors for information.

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS**

**1. Background and Comments from the Community**

A motion concerning divestment from the fossil fuel industry was approved by the Senate and presented to the Board for information at its meeting of October 4, 2018. The Board agreed to refer the matter for further study to CAMSR. At its meeting on October 22, 2018, CAMSR determined that it should review the issue, including the current context and recent developments regarding climate change and socially responsible investments (SRI), as related to University endowment investments.

The Committee's work includes consultations with members of the community and subject-matter experts, and consideration of best practices in responsible investment. It will culminate in the submission of a report to the Board, which it expects would be submitted during the next academic year.

The Committee was informed that a communication and a reminder were issued on November 1 and November 22 respectively through the [what'snew@mcgill](mailto:what'snew@mcgill) bulletin inviting written comments from members of the McGill community in the context of CAMSR's activities. No comments were submitted for the December 3 meeting.

**2. Representations by Community Members**

At its December 3 meeting, the Committee held consultation sessions with:

- Representatives of Senate
- Representatives of the Investment Committee of the Board of Governors, and Office of Investments
- Representatives of Student Associations (SSMU, PGSS and MCSS)
- Members of the Board of Governors who requested to meet with CAMSR
- Representatives of Divest McGill

The consultation session provided the Committee with an opportunity to listen to the views of, and exchange with members of the McGill community on the motion approved at Senate on September 12, 2018. Additional consultation sessions will be scheduled for the Committee's meeting of February 18, 2019.

**3. CAMSR Meeting Dates**

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The Committee received a list of meeting dates scheduled until May 2019. Additional meetings may be added, as needed.

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