Whereas the City of Winnipeg recently amended the 2020-2023 budget to include the U-Pass program at a cost of $200.00 per term in 2020, and tied to 50% of the full fare amount up until 2023,

Whereas the UMSU act states that an increase above inflation on 'student organization' fees necessitates a referendum, UMSU's board retains the authority to approve fee increases on services facilitated via UMSU but paid to another entity, e.g. Winnipeg Transit,

Whereas UMSU's Board of Directors has the authority to approve of a contract of the terms proposed in the City of Winnipeg's budget, reject such a contract outright, or direct a referendum to determine its action on such a contract,

Whereas UMSU previously initiated a referendum on the UPass program which found overwhelming student support,

Whereas holding a second referendum prior to the end of the term given the timeline, and COVID-19 precautions would be exceedingly difficult,

Be it Resolved that UMSU's Board of Directors grant preliminary approval over a U-Pass contract for up to four years in length at a cost $200.00 per term in 2020, and a rate that is tied to 50% of the full fare amount up until 2023,

Be it Further Resolved that the Executive Committee be directed to negotiate that contract, providing an emphasis on expanded opt-outs for all students outside the transit service area, and attempting to tie the U-Pass rate to the low-income pass rate should it ever fall below 50% of the full fare amount,

Be it Further Resolved that the Executive Committee bring the completed contract back to UMSU's Board of Directors for final approval no later than May 31st of 2020.