

Youth Parliament of Manitoba – 2018 Year-In-Review



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Part 1: Executive Summary

The Youth Parliament of Manitoba Inc. (YPM) 2018 fiscal year was a great success.

This year, we not only held our annual Winter Session from December 26-31, we also held the Western Canadian Youth Parliament (WCYP) from May 18-21. WCYP brings together members and alumni of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba, Saskatchewan Youth Parliament, TUXIS Parliament of Alberta, and the British Columbia Youth Parliament. It is held on a rotating, biannual basis across these four parliaments. Members from the other parliaments enjoyed the organization and structure of YPM, while also engaging in some contentious debate. Particularly, they found a bill written about sustainable burial and cremation practices to be especially thought-provoking.

Speaker's Night, our annual fundraising gala dinner, was widely enjoyed by those in attendance. We were pleased to welcome Susan Thompson, the first female mayor of Winnipeg, as our keynote speaker. She spoke about her own journey through politics and encouraged those in the audience to fight through adversity. Our Director of Finance, Abigail Theano-Pudwill, acted as Master of Ceremonies.

As always, the height of our year came at the 97th Winter Session. This year, we had 74 members attend, filling all the Legislative chamber beyond capacity. Members engaged in lively, often touching, debate on subjects ranging from mental health to drug policy to advertising ethics. Notably, a Private Member's Bill regarding food security in Northern Canada passed with a unanimous vote in the House.

We were particularly proud to expand the Reconciliation Fund this year to fully fund nine Indigenous youth to attend Winter Session. This fund covered registration, travel, food, and clothing if needed. YPM is deeply committed to reconciliation, particularly Call To Action #66 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission that addresses youth programs. Indeed, this year our membership was nearly 20% Indigenous, almost reflecting the true demographics of Manitoba.

Dr. Aimée Craft, Professor of Law at the University of Ottawa, served as our Lieutenant Governor. Jerry Storrie, co-chair of the Association of Former Members of the Manitoba Legislation Assembly, served as our Honourary President. Throughout this year, we have also been proud to work with Elder Garry McLean. Garry served as our Elder Advisor, offering teachings to open and close the event, and a smudging to open the first day.

2018 was an excellent year for YPM Inc, and we hope to have many more in the future.



Deborah Tsao
Chairperson-elect, 98th Winter Session

Part 2: 2018 Fiscal Year Financial Statements

See attached at the end of this report

Part 3: Events

Western Canadian Youth Parliament: Hosted from May 18-21, 2018. There were 53 members in attendance, from Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia. Daytime debate occurred at the Manitoba Legislative Building, evening activities/overnights at the Best Western Hotel.

Cabinet Retreat: Held from July 6-8, 2018. We organized a weekend retreat at Rock Lake United Church Camp for our youth volunteer team (“Cabinet”) to learn some professional development skills, teamwork, and bonding.

Speaker’s Night: Hosted on August 15, 2018. The event was held at the Winnipeg Winter Club and featured former mayor Susan Thompson as our keynote speaker. We sold 66 tickets for the event.



Susan Thompson speaks at Speaker’s Night 2018



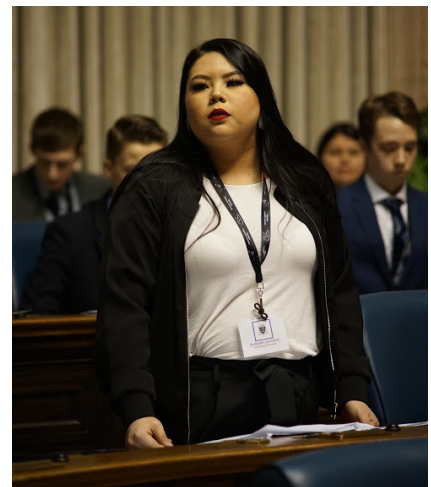
Cabinet Retreat 2018

Press Conference: Held on December 20, 2018 at the Manitoba Legislative Building in collaboration with the Hon. Speaker Myrna Driedger.

97th Winter Session: Held from December 26-31, 2018. There were 74 members in attendance. Daytime debate occurred at the Manitoba Legislative Building, evening activities/overnights at Kelvin High School.

Mayoral Debate on Instagram: Posed questions via. email to mayoral candidates, posted responses on our Instagram page on October 19 and 21.

CKUW Radio Show: Aired a radio show on CKUW station on November 8, 2019. The show featured the Director of Finance of our Board of Directors and a youth volunteer member.

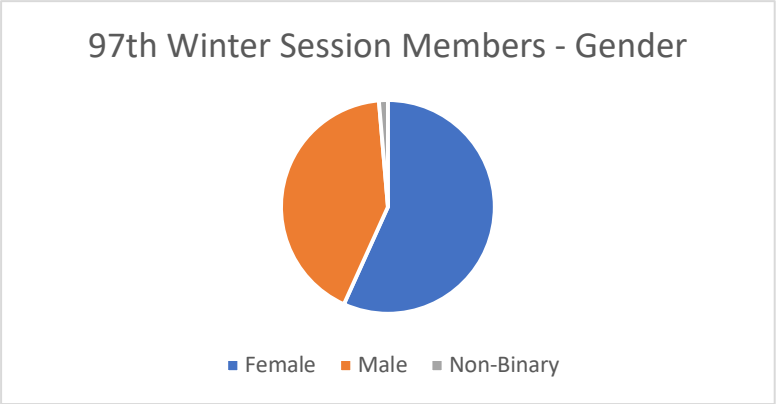


97th Winter Session

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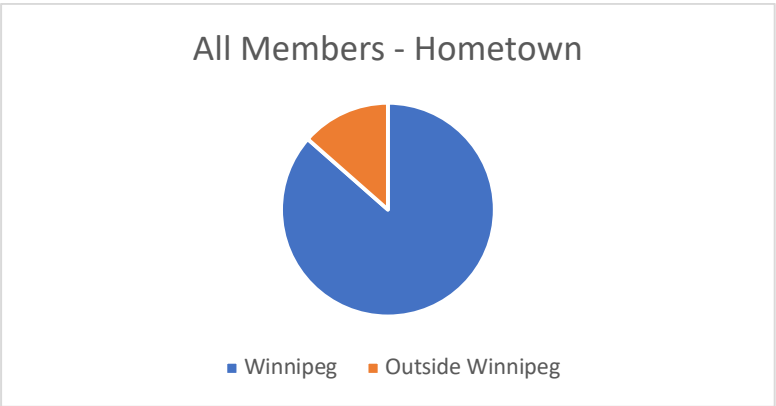
A: Attendee Information

I. Gender



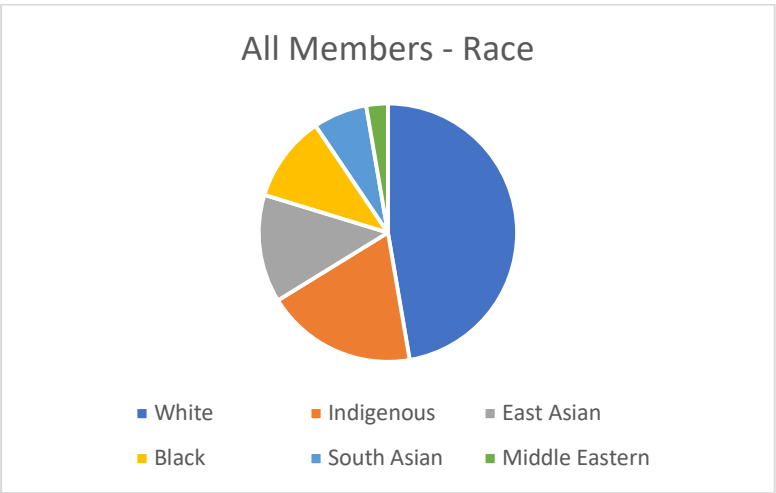
Female	42
Male	31
Non-Binary	1

II. Hometown



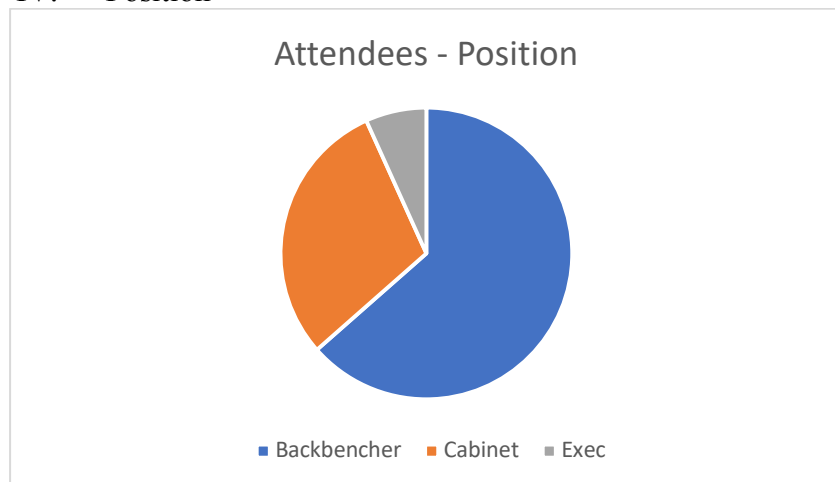
Winnipeg	64
Outside Winnipeg	10

III. Race



White	35
Indigenous	14
East Asian	10
Black	8
South Asian	5
Middle Eastern	2

IV. Position



Backbencher	47
Cabinet	22
Exec	5

B: Backbencher Feedback Responses

Questions on a scale from 1-10 (poor-excellent): Rating (Standard Deviation)

How did you feel about the quality and variety of legislation debated at Session? **8.1 (1.4)**

How confident did you feel about speaking in the House at the BEGINNING of Winter Session? **5.4**

How confident did you feel about speaking in the House at the END of Winter Session? **8.4**

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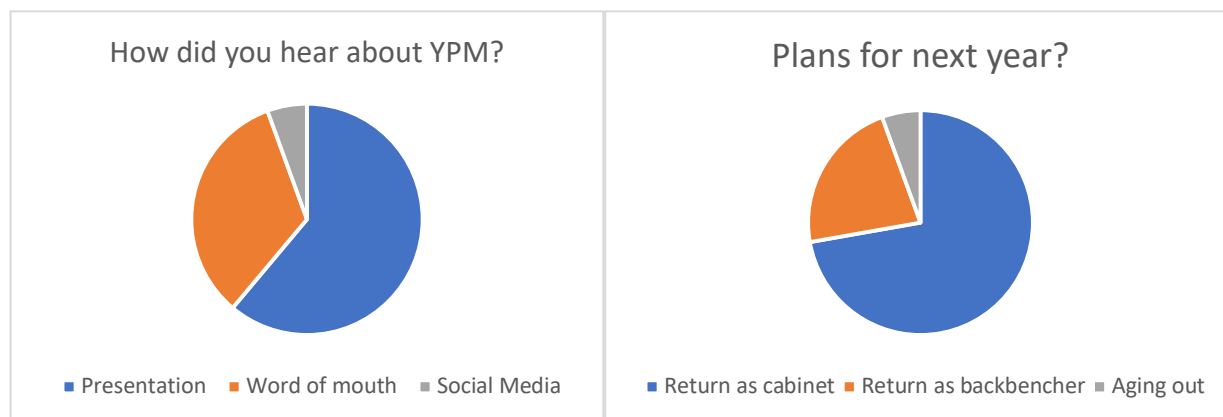
If you participated in writing Private Member's Bills, how accessible was the process? **7.7 (1.7)**

How effective was our communication (primarily by email) with you prior to Session? **7.8 (2.6)**

How did you feel about the political party luncheons (PC, NDP, Liberal) and the Q&A period following the food? **7.7 (1.3)**

In general, how did you feel about the 97th Winter Session? **9.5 (0.7)**

Other questions:



C: Cabinet Feedback Responses

Questions on a scale from 1-10: Rating (Standard Deviation)

How well prepared did you feel to complete your tasks, and how well did you understand the tasks that you needed to complete? **8.2 (0.9)**

How effective was your Team Leader at answering any questions you had about your tasks? **9.6 (0.7)**

Regular meetings: How useful and enjoyable were the separate team meetings for you? **7.3 (1.6)**

Overall, how cohesive and friendly did Cabinet seem to you this year? **8.7 (1.7)**

How did you feel about communication with your team leader this year? **9.6 (0.5)**

How comfortable did you feel as being a leader to backbenchers at Session? **8.9 (1.4)**

How comfortable did you feel participating in chamber activities at Session (debate, QP, etc)? **9.6 (0.7)**

Overall, how much did you enjoy your experience on Cabinet this year? **8.3 (1.0)**



Newly elected Board of Directors for the 2019
Fiscal Year, 98th Winter Session

Part 5: Testimonials:

On Winter Session...

I've never thought of being a politician and this may have brought up a new chapter in my life.

I became **more comfortable with the group** but mostly because I realized that I was in an **environment where nobody was going to judge me** for my speaking ability and people were actually listening.

I really liked talking to people who are like minded and have similar interests. I think **it can be very hard to find people as smart and as insightful as the people at Youth Parliament in the general populace**. Youth Parliament creates a concentration of young intelligent people who can express and share ideas, while I may disagree with the positions of some, I respect every single person at session deeply.

My first Winter Session was **legit a life-changing experience for me!** This event has done so much for me in just one week. The people, the location, the environment, and the nature of the event were just such a great fit for me. I can really see **session being one of the most meaningful things I ever do with my life**. I am so grateful to have had the opportunity to attend!

On learning from Cabinet...

I learned that it's **important for all members of a team to complete their tasks on time**.

I learned that dividing work between you and your ministry partner makes everything so much easier. Being able to stand behind the work that you do and **admitting your mistakes** is very important.

I learned a whole lot about myself. I was able to understand what I can and cannot handle. It made things easier, not only for myself but for my Ministry partner as we could then assign tasks to each other easier.

I learned to write **professional press releases** and formally communicate with the media

I learned management and **importance of adherence to a schedule**



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Actuals - Feb. 1, 2018 to Jan. 31, 2019

Account Number	Account Name	Amount
1100	Winter Session Registration Fees	\$5,470.00
1105	Winter Session Merchandise Revenue	\$1,160.00
1110	Winter Session Canteen Revenue	\$15.00
1115	Winter Session Page Ticket Revenue	\$217.25
	Total Winter Session Revenue	\$6,862.25
1300	Speaker's Night Revenue	\$6,220.00
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1400	Social Events Revenue	\$0.00
1405	Interest Revenue	\$0.00
1410	Fundraising - Direct Mail Campaign	\$2,950.00
1415	Fundraising - Bus Grant	\$2,728.00
1420	Fundraising - Gifts in Kind	\$0.00
1425	Fundraising - Special Projects	\$500.00
1430	Fundraising - Website	\$0.00
1435	Fundraising - Donations	\$549.06
1440	GST Rebate	\$0.00
1445	Fundraising - All Charities Campaign	\$0.00
1450	WCYP	\$10,200.00
	Total General/Admin. Revenue	\$16,927.06
1500	Travel Fund - Direct Mail Campaign	\$0.00
1505	Travel Fund - Website	\$0.00
1510	Travel Fund - Other	\$0.00
	Total Travel Fund Revenue	\$0.00
1600	Endowment - Direct Mail Campaign	\$1,083.19
1605	Endowment - Website	\$0.00
1610	Endowment - Investment Income	\$870.00
1615	Endowment - Membership Levy	\$360.00
	Total Endowment Fund Revenue	\$2,313.19
1700	Rec Fund - Direct Mail Campaign	\$4,000.00
1705	Rec Fund - Gifts in Kind	\$2,528.64
1710	Rec Fund - Special Projects	\$0.00
1715	Rec Fund - Canada Helps	\$790.30
	Total Rec Fund Revenue	\$7,318.94
	Total Revenue	\$39,641.44

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Account Number	Account Name	Amount
2100	Winter Session Mega Feast	\$734.50
2105	Winter Session Food Expenses	\$904.79
2110	Winter Session Dietary Needs	\$56.05
2115	Winter Session Merchandise	\$1,047.51
2120	Winter Session Canteen	\$22.60
2125	Winter Session Honour Guard	\$200.00
2130	Winter Session Folders/Pens	\$0.00
2135	Winter Session Nametags	\$0.00
2140	Winter Session Opening Banquet	\$1,680.01
2145	Winter Session Pages	\$517.25
2150	Winter Session Picture	\$0.00
2155	Winter Session Pipers	\$100.00
2160	Winter Session Accomodations	\$3,733.50
2165	Winter Session Transportation	\$5,456.00
2170	Winter Session Publications	\$578.56
2175	Winter Session Cabinet and Exec Rebate	\$500.00
2180	Winter Session Recruitment Costs	\$0.00
2185	Winter Session Take Over	\$0.00
2190	Winter Session Registration	\$498.11
2195	Winter Session Refunds	\$0.00
2200	Winter Session Bear Pit	\$0.00
2205	Winter Session Gifts	\$0.00
2210	Winter Session Advertising Costs	\$40.00
2215	Winter Session Elder	\$150.00
	Total Winter Session Expenses	<u>-\$16,218.88</u>
2400	Speaker's Night - Meals	\$2,670.40
2405	Speaker's Night - Complimentary	\$0.00
2410	Speaker's Night - Invites	\$0.00
2415	Speaker's Night - Postage	\$0.00
2420	Speaker's Night - Flight	\$0.00
2425	Speaker's Night - Accomodations	\$0.00
2430	Speaker's Night - Tickets	\$0.00
2435	Speaker's Night - Gifts	\$0.00
2440	Speaker's Night - Printing	\$0.00
	Total Speaker's Night Expenses	<u>-\$2,670.40</u>
2500	Reconciliation Fund - Food	\$496.66
2505	Reconciliation Fund - Clothes	\$2,072.57
2510	Reconciliation Fund - Travel	\$4,420.17
2515	Reconciliation Fund - Promotion	\$0.00

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Account Number	Account Name	Amount
2520	Reconciliation Fund - Discretionary	\$58.86
	Total Reconciliation Fund Expenses	<u>-\$7,048.26</u>
2600	WCYP - General	\$9,336.76
2605	Office Supplies	\$124.27
2610	Bank Charges	\$0.00
2615	Social Events	\$0.00
2620	Printing	\$0.00
2625	Discretionary	\$75.90
2630	Alumni Award	\$0.00
2635	Executive Retreat	\$651.02
2640	Cabinet Retreat	\$1,553.00
2645	Newsletter	\$0.00
2650	Corporation Fee	\$25.00
2655	PO Box	\$199.50
2660	Postage	\$0.00
2665	Thank You Cards/Sponsor Cards	\$0.00
2670	Insurance	\$0.00
2675	Website	\$145.81
2680	Rural Caucus	\$0.00
2685	Fundraising - Special Projects Exp.	\$0.00
2690	AGM Weekend	\$0.00
2695	Cabinet Appreciation	\$173.00
2700	Backbencher Appreciation	\$0.00
2705	Endowment Fund	\$1,443.19
2710	Savings Account Contribution	\$0.00
2715	Community Events	\$0.00
2720	AFMMLA Luncheons	\$0.00
	Total General/Admin. Expenses	<u>-\$13,727.45</u>
2800	Monsanto Rural Development Fund Disbursement	\$0.00
	Total Travel Fund Expenses	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Expenses		<u><u>-\$39,664.99</u></u>
Net Income		<u><u>-\$23.55</u></u>