

# 2020 Year-in-Review



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# Executive Summary

In the face of challenging circumstances, the Youth Parliament of Manitoba (YPM) celebrated a momentous and successful 2020 fiscal year.

In the lead-up to the organization's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, this year saw the continuation and fortification of our Capital Campaign, a drive to raise \$100,000 for our endowment fund. The interest generated will primarily go towards funding sustainable financial aid for Winter Session participants, but also towards new initiatives as the organization moves into its next 100 years. Since the launch of the campaign at our 2019 Speaker's Night, we have raised \$35,475, with \$19,250 of that donated in December 2020 alone.

Over the past year, we have been hard at work preparing for YPM 100. In particular, our Speaker, Deborah Tsao, has been reconnecting with alumni from across YPM's history to hear about their experiences and memories from their time in the organization. Through their reflections, we are currently writing a YPM 100 commemorative history book, which documents the evolution of the organization from its inception in 1922.

Most notably, we held our 99<sup>th</sup> Winter Session exclusively online this year, marking 99 consecutive years of holding an annual session. The event was extremely well-attended with a total of 65 members, making attendance on par with typical numbers. Members debated legislation on issues ranging from inclusionary housing to temporary foreign workers' rights to education concealment. The House also debated two Private Member's Bills on police reform and sustainable infrastructure.

Our Lieutenant Governor this year was Stu Olmstead, alumnus (1989–1996) and current Mayor of Carberry. Jerry Storie, former MLA for Flin Flon (1981–1994) and retired teacher and superintendent, served as our Honorary President for a fourth year. Clayton Sandy served as our Traditional Knowledge Keeper for a second year, offering teachings at the beginning and end of Winter Session.

Above all, the 99<sup>th</sup> Winter Session proved to us that the magic and value of YPM is not lost outside of the Manitoba Legislature. Rather, amidst unprecedented adaptations, the engagement at Winter Session also seemed to reach an unprecedented high. Indeed, we are thankful that 2020 has made our organization more robust, and we are optimistic that the foundational work of this year will make YPM 100 in 2021 truly historic.



Nina Lam, Chairperson of the 100<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament of Manitoba

# 2020 Fiscal Year Financials

See actuals attached at the end of this report.

The 2020 fiscal year ran a surplus of \$1,160.56. This was primarily due to lower expenses from not holding an in-person Winter Session.

Due to COVID-19, both our budgeted revenues and expenses were lower than projected. For an in-person Session, YPM earns revenue through registration fees (typically \$110–120) and selling merchandise at the event. However, since Session was moved online this year, we reduced the registration fee to \$30. Despite the reduced registration fee, the lower revenue was balanced by lower expenses since YPM consequently did not have to pay for a physical venue, transportation, food, printing, and other costs associated with an in-person Session.

This year, we also did not dispense the Garry McLean Scholarship Fund (GMSF), a fund which normally supports 10 Indigenous youth from across Manitoba to attend Winter Session free of charge – covering clothing, travel, and food costs. However, due to Session moving online and restrictions against travel, YPM decided it would be most effective to carry over the funds in the GMSF and offer the scholarship in the following year.

In addition, due to COVID-19 restrictions, YPM did not hold our annual fundraising gala – Speaker’s Night – this year, which is usually a key source of revenue.

Beyond COVID-related deviations, fundraising was a great success. As part of the Capital Campaign, we exceeded our expected donations by over \$10,000, raising over \$32,000 throughout the year. We hope that this number will only grow for the coming fiscal year as we work to raise the remaining \$64,525 to our \$100,000 goal.

All in all, the 2020 fiscal year was generally standard. With a growing endowment fund, YPM’s financial future is expected to be stable and sustainable.

# Events

Despite being unable to hold our usual in-person events, YPM nonetheless adapted our programming to continue fostering engagement, education, and a sense of community. This included many new initiatives that we plan to continue for years to come – whether online, in a hybrid format, or in-person!

We kicked off the year with our Annual General Meeting (AGM), which saw over 30 members in attendance – the highest-attended AGM in recent history.

In July 2020, we held a virtual Cabinet Retreat. Our newly-appointed Cabinet played icebreakers, got oriented to their roles and responsibilities, and helped Bill-Presenting Ministers brainstorm ideas for legislation. The weekend culminated in an energetic game of Kahoot based on YPM trivia.

This year, we also established our Cabinet mentorship program. 12 members were paired with a YPM alum mentor, meeting to discuss topics from learning about career fields to studying abroad to their time in YPM. The feedback was unanimously positive, and we plan to continue the mentorship program for future Cabinet cohorts.

Throughout the year, our Ministry of Internal Affairs hosted regular hang-out sessions within Cabinet. Some of the events organized include game nights, a poetry night, and study sessions. These informal gatherings were integral to allowing Cabinet members to get to know each other better outside of meetings and connect to the YPM community.

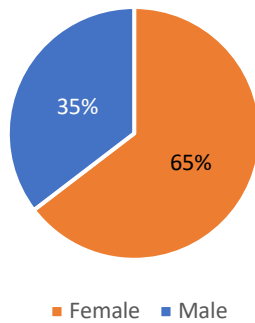
For Cabinet meetings, we formalized the inclusion of professional development modules, wherein Executive and Cabinet members presented on topics such as time management, Microsoft Word and Excel, writing a professional email, and social media graphic design. An alum and Cabinet mentor, Andrew Jones, also joined a meeting to present on tips for productivity and succeeding in school.

Finally, our Ministry of External Affairs and Ministry of Human Resources organized an information session for attendees to ask questions about Winter Session and become acquainted with each other prior to Session. The event was well-received and well-attended at 21 participants; given its success, this session is also an initiative YPM plans to keep for future years.

# 99<sup>th</sup> Winter Session

## Attendee Information

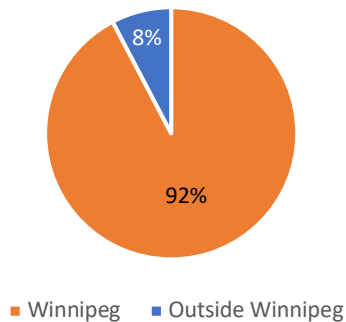
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Gender

Gender	
Female	42
Male	23

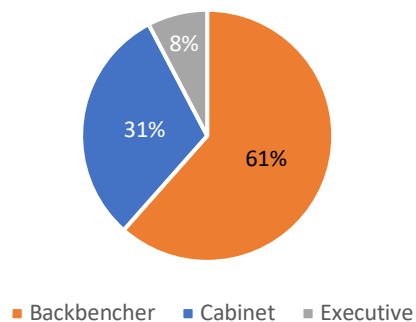
Hometown



Hometown

Hometown	
Winnipeg	60
Outside Winnipeg	5

Position



Position

Position	
Backbencher	40
Cabinet	20
Executive	5

## Backbencher Feedback

At the end of Winter Session, we distributed a survey to backbenchers (members not on our organizing committee, most of whom are first-year participants). The response rate was 24/40 (60%). The average is reported on a scale of 1–10 (poor–excellent).

- In general, how did you feel about the 99<sup>th</sup> Winter Session? **9.33**
  - How did you feel about the quality and variety of legislation debated at Session? **9.08**
  - How did you feel about the moderation and quality of debate at Session (being recognized when you wanted to speak, feeling engaged, hearing thought-provoking ideas)? **8.83**
  - How did you feel about the political party luncheons (PC, NDP, Liberal) and the Q&A period? **8.29**
  - How did you feel about the Bear Pit with former MLAs? **8.04**
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## Testimonials

“I really liked how educational and engaging the Winter Session was, **went above and beyond my expectations.**”

“Everyone was so kind and supportive. **I felt comfortable expressing my views and the debate was healthy and fun. I got to talk about complicated subjects with open-minded people which is an opportunity that we don’t often get in today’s day and age.** I really enjoy this and hope that I can make it just as good if not better next year as a member of Cabinet.”

“The legislation covered a wide variety of topics, ranging from the environment to prisons, and **it gave me deeper insight into topics I did not know a lot about.** It was evident that each BPM had put in an extensive amount of time and effort into preparing their bills, and because of that, the quality of the bills shone through too.”

“**YPM is one of the very rare good things that happened to me this year.** Very much grateful to be welcomed into a family filled with such amazing and inspiring people.”



## Cabinet Feedback

As with the backbencher survey, we distributed a survey to Cabinet members about their experience on the team. The response rate was 12/20 (60%). The average is reported on a scale of 1–10 (poor–excellent).

- Overall, how much did you enjoy your experience on Cabinet this year? **9.08**
- How well prepared did you feel to complete your tasks, and how well did you understand the tasks that you needed to complete? **8.75**
- How comfortable did you feel as being a leader to backbenchers at Session? **9.17**
- Overall, how cohesive and friendly did Cabinet seem to you this year? **8.92**

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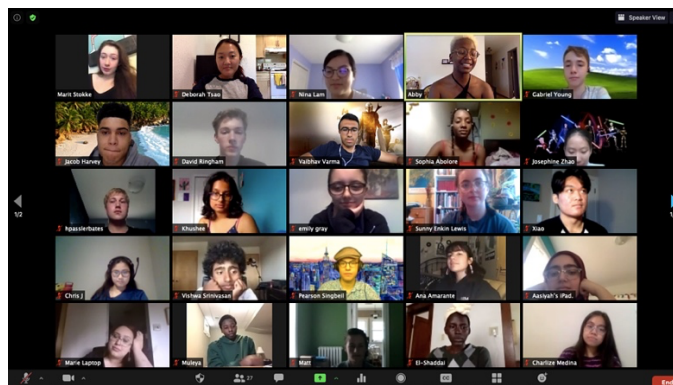
### “What did you learn as part of being on Cabinet this year?”

“Oh man, this box is not big enough to contain my full answer to this question. Foremost, **my communication skills were greatly improved, both within a team such as Cabinet, and more formally, with individuals outside the organization.** I also learned a great deal about time management and social skills.”

“I learned a lot about the inner workings of YP. **I enjoyed this session much more** because of the added knowledge that I had and the fact that I made a few friends before Session started.”

“This year's Cabinet taught me to **manage my time more effectively.** I knew that I would be exponentially more busy in the fall compared to the summer, and so I organized the breakdown of my tasks during the summer, and got as much of it out of the way as it possible when I had free time, and for this reason, I never felt daunted by the workload.”

“I learned how doable it is to make events happen if you have a good team to work with!”



**Youth Parliament of Manitoba**  
**Actuals - Feb. 1, 2020 to Jan. 31, 2021**

Account No.	Account Name	Amount
1100	Winter Session - Registration Fees	\$ 2,349.64
1105	Winter Session - Merchandise Revenue	\$ 444.00
1110	Winter Session - Canteen Revenue	\$ -
1115	Winter Session - Page Ticket Revenue	\$ -
	<b>Total Winter Session Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 2,793.64</b>
1300	Speaker's Night Revenue	\$ -
1305	Speakers Series	\$ -
	<b>Total Speaker's Night/Series Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
1400	Social Events Revenue	\$ -
1405	Interest Revenue	\$ -
1410	Fundraising - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ 2,300.00
1415	Fundraising - Bus Grant	\$ -
1420	Fundraising - Gifts in Kind	\$ -
1425	Fundraising - Special Projects	\$ -
1430	Fundraising - Website	\$ 149.20
1435	Fundraising - Donations	\$ 790.80
1440	GST Rebate	\$ -
1445	Fundraising - All Charities Campaign	\$ 80.55
	<b>Total General/Admin. Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 3,320.55</b>
1500	Rural Development - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ -
1505	Rural Development - Website	\$ -
1510	Rural Development - Other	\$ -
	<b>Total Rural Development Revenue</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
1600	Endowment - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ 28,050.00
1605	Endowment - Donations	\$ 4,340.04
1610	Endowment - Investment Income	\$ -
1615	Endowment - Membership Levy	\$ 325.00
	<b>Total Endowment Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 32,715.04</b>
1700	GMSF - Direct Mail Campaign	\$ -
1705	GMSF - Donations	\$ 284.50
1710	GMSF - Gifts in Kind	\$ -
1715	GMSF - Special Projects	\$ -
	<b>Total GMSF Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 284.50</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$ 39,113.73</b>



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Account No.	Account Name	Amount
2100	Winter Session - Mega Feast	\$ -
2105	Winter Session - Food Expenses	\$ -
2110	Winter Session - Dietary Needs	\$ 208.95
2115	Winter Session - Merchandise	\$ 857.92
2120	Winter Session - Canteen	\$ -
2125	Winter Session - Honour Guard	\$ -
2130	Winter Session - Welcome Packages	\$ -
2135	Winter Session - Name Tags	\$ -
2140	Winter Session - Opening Banquet	\$ -
2145	Winter Session - Pages	\$ -
2150	Winter Session - Photography	\$ -
2155	Winter Session - Pipers	\$ -
2160	Winter Session - Accommodations	\$ -
2165	Winter Session - Transportation	\$ -
2170	Winter Session - Publications	\$ -
2175	Winter Session - Cabinet and Exec Rebate	\$ -
2180	Winter Session - Recruitment Costs	\$ -
2185	Winter Session - Takeover Sitting	\$ -
2190	Winter Session - Registration	\$ 105.94
2195	Winter Session - Refunds	\$ 956.24
2200	Winter Session - Bear Pit	\$ -
2205	Winter Session - Gifts	\$ 112.00
2210	Winter Session - Advertising Costs	\$ -
2215	Winter Session - Elder	\$ -
	<b>Total Winter Session Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (2,241.05)</b>
2400	Speaker's Night - Meals	\$ -
2405	Speaker's Night - Complementary	\$ -
2410	Speaker's Night - Invites	\$ -
2415	Speaker's Night - Postage	\$ -
2420	Speaker's Night - Flight	\$ -
2425	Speaker's Night - Accommodations	\$ -
2430	Speaker's Night - Tickets	\$ -
2435	Speaker's Night - Gifts	\$ -
2440	Speaker's Night - Printing	\$ -
2445	Speakers Series	\$ -
	<b>Total Speaker's Night Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
2500	GMSF - Food	\$ -
2505	GMSF - Clothes	\$ -
2510	GMSF - Travel	\$ -
2515	GMSF - Promotion	\$ -
2520	GMSF - Discretionary	\$ -
	<b>Total GMSF Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

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Account No.	Account Name	Amount
2605	Office Supplies	\$ 27.15
2610	Bank Charges	\$ -
2615	Social Events	\$ -
2620	Printing	\$ -
2625	Discretionary	\$ 1,971.43
2630	Alumni Award	\$ -
2635	Executive Retreat	\$ 203.14
2640	Cabinet Retreat	\$ 87.50
2645	Newsletter	\$ -
2650	Corporation Fee	\$ 40.00
2655	PO Box	\$ 204.75
2660	Postage	\$ -
2665	Donor Appreciation	\$ -
2670	Insurance	\$ -
2675	Website	\$ 161.26
2685	Fundraising - Special Projects	\$ 241.85
2690	AGM Weekend	\$ -
2695	Cabinet Appreciation	\$ -
2700	Backbencher Appreciation	\$ -
2705	Endowment Fund	\$ 32,715.04
2710	Savings Account Contribution	\$ -
2715	Community Events	\$ 35.00
2720	AFMMLA Luncheons	\$ 25.00
	<b>Total General/Admin. Expenses</b>	<b>\$ (35,712.12)</b>
2800	Rural Development - Disbursement	\$ -
	<b>Total Rural Development Expenses</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$ (37,953.17)</b>
<b>Net Income</b>		<b>\$ 1,160.56</b>