

Whereas there have been concerns about indigenous cultural practices within YPM but we currently have no mechanism in place to properly address those concerns; and

Whereas there is an increasing want amongst the cabinet and executive to make YPM more involved with “the indigenous community”; and

Whereas YPM has made commitments to become “Indigenized” but there has been no formal action to do so;

Be it resolved that the Youth Parliament of Manitoba adopt the proposed “Creation of the In House Elder”.

Creation of the In House Elder

This proposal strives to achieve three goals. The first is ensuring that indigenous culture and viewpoints will become an integral part of YPM. The second goal is making sure that YPM will always have a respectable individual from the Indigenous community to turn to whenever any concerns surrounding cultural practices, current level of representation or anything else related to indigenous peoples arise. The third goal is to solidify clauses from the previous proposal “Indigenization Action Plan”.

We propose that YPM implement the following:

1. That the Executive of Youth parliament of Manitoba (YPM) will implement a new honorary position named the “In House Elder” within YPM’s by-laws before YPM’s 97th Winter Session.
 - i) The “In House Elder” shall fulfill three main duties, including but not limited to:
 - a) Conducting an indigenous cultural ceremony and or educational session during YPM’s Winter Session Opening Ceremonies;
 - b) Giving counsel to YPM’s executives whenever any concerns regarding YPM’s relationship with Indigenous peoples or practices arise;
 - c) Helping to select candidates for the following term’s “In House Elder”.
 - ii) The “In House Elder” will serve a term of four years.
 - a) During the selection process for a new “In House Elder” the current “In House Elder” shall nominate people for the next “In House Elder”.
 - b) If a “In House Elder” is unable to retain the position, the Executive shall appoint a temporary “In House Elder” who will serve as the temporary “In House Elder” for the remainder of the year.

