

Canada Youth Parliament Act Backgrounder

How will CYP function?

- CYP will be run on the same model as the Western Canada Youth Parliament. CYP will be held biannually and will be hosted on rotation by youth parliaments who are members of the CYP board. The host parliament will be responsible for the running of the Canada Youth Parliament, which includes responsibilities outlined in the CYP Act (location, registration, finances, etc). The host parliament will also be responsible for chairing the CYP board and informing the other board members of updates and information regarding the upcoming session of CYP

What exactly is different?

- By changing the Western Canada Youth Parliament into the Canada Youth Parliament, we are now inviting members from Youth Parliaments across Canada to take part in our event. The format of the event is exactly the same, with the host and location of each event changing through rotation (as outlined in the CYP Act), however we are expanding the opportunity to youth across Canada.

What is the difference between a host parliament and a member parliament?

- A **member parliament** is any youth parliament, (as defined in the CYP Act) who has participated in a previous session of CYP or intends to send members to a future session of CYP
- A **host parliament** is a youth parliament that has attended CYP in the past and is a part of the rotation to host CYP. Host parliaments are members of the CYP board and are allowed 2 representatives and a maximum of 1 vote/parliament.

How do you become a host parliament?

- The addition of a new host parliament is done by a vote of the CYP board

Why are only host parliaments members of the CYP Board?

- We feel it is important that member parliaments have a stake in running CYP in order to vote on CYP Board matters. Agreeing to host CYP ensures that member parliaments are committed to the running and long term welfare of CYP

How will you ensure continuity for the event going forward?

- Besides documentation of timelines, tasks, etc, BCYP is working to build relationships with other youth parliaments and similar organizations and will be keeping a database of contact information, in order to ensure that the host parliament for CYP in 2022 will be able to recruit easier.

What is the timeline and process of making the change from WCYP to CYP?

- The CYP Act is passed by the WCYP board, by the end of November (2018)

- Each of the current 4 member parliaments must pass/ratify the new CYP Act within the next year (2019)
- If it is adopted by each of the 4 current member parliaments then the CYP Act comes into effect
- If it is not, then nothing happens, the WCYP Act remains and WCYP is hosted in 2020