



Welcome

Welcome to this issue of the Youth Parliamentarian - your alumni newsletter for updates about the Youth Parliament of Manitoba. In this month's issue, you will find a recap of our recent **98th Winter Session**, updates about **YPM 100**, and information about **how you can stay involved**.

Thank you for staying engaged with this special community. YPM has a rich legacy, due largely to our incredible alumni base. We hope to continue building this community for the years to come.



98th Winter Session

This past Winter Break, YPM held our 98th Winter Session from December 26-31. We welcomed **81 members** from all backgrounds and corners of the province. Notably, 12 youth attended on full financial aid, 8 of whom received the Garry McLean Scholarship Fund (GMSF). The GMSF is a scholarship for Indigenous and Métis youth to attend Session, and covers the cost of registration, food, travel, and purchasing parliamentary attire.

We had lively debate on issues ranging from Universal Basic Income, to Pharmacare, to privacy rights. This was also a historic Session for being run by the **first all-female Executive in YPM's history**. During Opening Ceremonies, we were lucky enough to be joined by YPM's first female Premier, **Ann Thompson** (Premier, 58th Session). **Amy Dhillon** (Premier, 87th Session) served as our Lieutenant Governor.

For photos of Session, please see our [complete album on Facebook](#).



YPM 100

YPM will celebrate our 100th Anniversary in 2021. Excitingly, we have recently secured approval to hang a **plaque commemorating this milestone in the Manitoba Legislative Building**. The plaque unveiling, along with other celebrations, will occur in December 2021.

As we celebrate the past, we also keep an eye towards the future. Thus, we are also holding a **Capital Campaign to raise the value of our Endowment Fund to \$100,000 by YPM100**. The Endowment Fund, held at the Winnipeg Foundation, significantly improves YPM's long-term financial stability, and expands our ability to provide financial aid to members in need.

If you would like to donate, you may mail a cheque to
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Winnipeg, MB, R3C 2J3
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Stay involved!

We would love to keep you involved in the community! Here are three ways:

1. **Share your YPM experience.** Over the past year, I've started looking into YPM's history and began asking tons of questions. Did members ever *not* sleep on the floor of Kelvin High? What, exactly, did the Minister Without A Portfolio do? Where was Cabinet Retreat held before Rock Lake? Please share your own YPM experience and help us piece together a comprehensive history of this great organization.
2. **Become a mentor.** Mentorship is one of the most valuable experiences a young person can receive. YPM is privileged to have such a diverse and illustrious alumni network, encompassing hundreds of different career paths and life experiences. If you are interested in being paired with a current YPM member to mentor, let us know what you're up to now and you may be connected!
3. **Stay connected.** Follow us on Instagram and Twitter, Like our page on Facebook! If you are receiving this email, you are on the Youth Parliamentarian email list. However, if you know someone who is an alum of YPM but *isn't* receiving these emails, please encourage them to join the mailing list!

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Cheers,

Deborah Tsao
Speaker, 99th Session of the Youth Parliament of Manitoba

